



Communication Thursday

Thursday 8th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Thursday newsletter. We regularly update our school Facebook page and Twitter account with all of our most recent news and our class pages are filled with wonderful examples of school life! Please follow us on social media for all of our latest news. We also hope you are finding our recently updated school website more user friendly.

HARVEST



We have been talking about Harvest this week and how lucky we are to have food all year round. Years ago when most food was locally produced farmers and communities relied on the harvest to ensure families had food. As we have done at Highfields for a number of years, we would like to support our local foodbank, they are always there for any of our families who need help during challenging times. Alsager Foodbank are always so grateful for any donations. We asked if they would like any particular items at the moment to support our local families. They would really appreciate;

- **Tinned vegetables - Carrots, Peas, Green Beans, Ratatouille, Potatoes (we don't really need tomatoes thank you)**
- **Jars of sandwich paste - Chicken, Beef, Fish flavours**
- **Tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce**
- **Baked Beans**
- **Jam**

If you are able to donate a food item for our Harvest collection then please send it in with your child into school before Friday next week where there will be a boxed area for them to place it to be quarantined. Miss Keatman's class have been learning about Harvest and they have written and are performing a poem that will be posted on their class page next week.

We will post photos of all of our donations and the trip to the foodbank on Facebook and Twitter and these will be shared in assembly next week with our children.

For a referral to the foodbank or to discuss any support you might need please email:
admin@alsagerhighfields.cheshire.sch.uk

What's happening in our school?

- We have had some very wet weather recently so please ensure your child has a coat at school every day. Also a change of shoes in a named carrier bag to be hung on your child's peg means that if they get wet feet they can change their shoes. We try to spend some time outside each day as it is so important for children to get fresh air and to expend some of their energy so they can feel comfortable in class and ready to learn.
- Thank you to all of our parents who are now using the Asda/Council car park to drop off and collect their children. This means the lane is much safer alongside the annexe for our children and families.
- Our Senior Leadership Team have been spending time in lessons this week and it has been wonderful to see all of our children engaged in their learning throughout the school. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff and children who are so happy and ready to learn. We have felt very proud of our whole school this week.
- Uniform standards—please check our uniform policy on our website. Children should wear black shoes for school (not boots or trainers). On the days they have PE children should wear school PE kit; badged yellow t-shirt and black badged jogging bottoms or plain black jogging bottoms, not labelled or designer sportswear.

Wet playtimes and lunchtimes

At this time of year we find that the weather begins to change and we have more wet play/lunchtimes when the children stay in class. The children love to play board games, top trumps and make jigsaws when they stay in and Mrs Frost has ordered each class a new box for a selection of games and activities to be stored for wet plays. Also at this time of year many of our families are beginning to think about having a clear out of older toys and games to make space for Christmas. If possible please can you consider donating some of your games and activities to your child's class where they will be quarantined in their new boxes ready for our next wet play. Thank you.



Highfields Celebrations!

Stars of the week for this week are...

- Mrs Millichap: **Jack B** for following our Golden Rule 'We look after property' He has really thought about taking care of what he has been playing with this week!
- Mrs Harry: **Aaron G** for listening carefully, following instructions and being great at following our Golden Rules 'We listen' and 'We work hard'
- Miss Keatman: **Amy T** for following our Golden Rule 'We work hard' and joining in brilliantly in every lesson
- Mrs Lindblad: **Lilia C** for following our Golden Rule 'We work hard' and showing great determination in maths
- Mr Golds: **Molly H** for following our Golden Rules 'We work hard' and writing an amazing story
- Mrs Windel: **Matilda G** for following our Golden Rules 'We work hard' even at home with her Stone Age learning!
- Miss Crowther Green: **Issac L** for following our Golden Rules 'We work hard' and 'We listen' every day!
- Mrs Dyde: **George R** for following our Golden Rules 'We work hard' and showing great determination
- Mrs Walker: **Finlay K** for following our Golden Rule 'We work hard'



Punctuality and Attendance

Thank you for ensuring your children arrive at their allotted time each day. However, one or two children are persistently late. In these cases a call will be made from school. Punctuality is very important.

Attendance is very good, which means that our children are accessing their education and not missing out on valuable learning experiences to help them achieve their best.

Thank you for ensuring your child attends school ready to learn. A good routine with a healthy breakfast gives your child the very best chance to achieve their potential.

Dates for your calendar

- Monday 12th October 2020 at 6:30pm PFA AGM Zoom meeting
- Wednesday 14th October 2020 Tempest - individual photographs for every child in school
- Tuesday 3rd November 2020 FLUENZ immunisations for every year group

Elm (green) : 161

Maple (red) : 176

Beech (yellow) : 137

Ash (blue) : 194

The winning house this week is...

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Congratulations to everyone who followed our Golden Rules and tried their very best this week!



If you any questions, concerns or praise about any aspect of our return to school please do not hesitate to email admin@alsagerhighfields.cheshire.sch.uk

Thank you,

Senior Leadership Team.