



Alsager Highfields Community Primary School

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Monthly Newsletter – November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you and your families had an enjoyable and restful half term, despite the national and international situation that we all find ourselves in. Now it is more important than ever, that we as adults, role model calmness and reassure our young people. Yes, there is great uncertainty and cause for worry, but imagine hearing and seeing all this through the ears and eyes of a child? We must 'carry on as normal', keep routines, not alarm or frighten our children. Young people look to us as adults for guidance and reassurance and this is what we must provide through our words and actions. Despite the national lockdown, government guidance is that all schools remain open and continue as previously and children must attend school as normal. Nothing has changed for us as a school, our procedures and risk assessments are robust and we expect all children to be attending school as normal.

As you know, it is my intention every month to provide you with an update on the school's path to improvement. I would like to thank you as parents / carers for the support you are providing us as a school, especially when it comes to supporting reading at home. Reading is vital, it will mean your son / daughter will be able to access the full school curriculum and by listening to them read, reading with them and filling in their reading diary, it will make a huge positive difference to their life. I would also like to publically thank all the brilliant staff here at Highfields who are working incredibly hard every day to support your child and improve our school, despite the difficult circumstances we are having to work under.

In terms of school improvement actions, the following have taken place since my last update to you in October;

- A robust monitoring and evaluation process has begun, this includes lesson observations of all teachers by senior staff, book sampling of all classes by subject leaders and senior staff to monitor the quality of work being produced and learning walks in all classes focusing on the key areas of reading, writing and maths, again conducted by senior staff and subject leaders. This process will run throughout the year and the findings so far have been very positive indeed.
- An in depth assessment and progress analysis in the areas of reading, writing and maths has been conducted for every child with every class teacher and Mr Leech, to identify where intervention and further actions are needed. Actions are being put in place where needed.
- Subject Leaders have been given both time and support in their role. Thus ensuring there is a clear and sequential structure for each subject across the school, there is a consistency in approach for each subject area and an insistence on high standards.
- All staff are receiving ongoing high quality professional development in the core areas of reading, writing and maths.
- All the above is being closely monitored by the specialist Interim Governing Board who are having regular link meetings to monitor and challenge the key areas for school improvement.
- We have updated our school website so it is more user friendly and informative.



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I am very confident that we are making real improvements and I hope you are seeing that in the work your son / daughter is producing, the progress they are making and the feedback they are giving you. Please remember, if you have any feedback on the school and want to submit any comments about the progress made since we returned in September, please visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk There is also a link to this page on our school website under the 'About Us' tab.

Key dates and reminders coming up

- A reminder that **Elm House** were awarded the most house points last half term and their reward is to wear non-school uniform on **Monday 9th November**. Congratulations once again Elm House and this half term's house points tally has already started.
- Poppy collections as part of **Remembrance Day** are on a rota for each class this year. If your child would like to contribute to this year's poppy appeal, please make sure they have some money with them on the following days;
Miss Crowther Green's class – Friday 6th November
Mrs Windel's class – Monday 9th November
Mr Golds' class and Mrs Lindblad's class – Tuesday 10th November
Miss Keatman's class – Wednesday 11th November
- Next week we have **Parents Evenings** – as you know these are being conducted over the phone for obvious reasons and you will be given a specific time slot for your appointment. If you have any questions or concerns about this please contact admin@alsagerhighfields.cheshire.sch.uk
Year 5 Mrs Dyde – Monday 9th November
Reception Mrs Millichap and Mrs Henshall - Monday 9th November
Year 2 Miss Keatman – Monday 9th November
Year 1 Mrs Harry – Tuesday 10th November
Year 3/4 Mr Golds– Wednesday 11th November
Year 5 Miss Crowther Green – Wednesday 11th November
Year 3 Mrs Lindblad – Thursday 12th November
Year 4 Mrs Windel - Thursday 12th November and Friday 13th November
- There are no 'Stars of the Week' this week due to the Inset day on Monday and no assembly. Stars of the week will resume next week.

Best wishes and many thanks for your continued support

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