

Highlees News



March 2023

Dear All,

It has been an eventful half term. There have been many highs; parents meeting with staff to discuss their children's learning and progress, parents coming in to school and reading with their children, children in Years 3 and 4 visiting the local Church and the Police car visiting Early Years. We have also seen the chicks come and hatch and lots of learning going on round the school. We love welcoming parents in to school and seeing all of the great work the children and staff do each day. The school is looking very bright and colourful and there is a real love for learning that can be seen.

We are all looking forward to having the first, of many, discos this week, where we have a resident DJ in the house to entertain your little ones and let them dance away. It is great that we can start to have parents back in to school to join and celebrate with us and we do hope that you enjoy it too. Have a restful Easter break- spent with families and friends. See you next term.

Mrs Melissa Albert

Behaviour

As a school we constantly review our policies and protocols on behaviour, unfortunately recently, we have seen some very anti-social behaviours displayed and a lack of respect for our staff from the children within our care. This poor behaviour is unacceptable and will no longer be tolerated. A letter regarding behaviour changes, will be sent out in the new term so that all are aware of any changes that might be happening.

Conduct

Please may I remind parents and carers that my staff work hard trying to deal with all of your concerns and queries. They go above and beyond and do not deserve to be spoken to rudely. Letters will be sent out warning parents and carers if they continue to behave in a manner, which is unacceptable and goes against our school values and policies. We are working with the Police to tackle abuse and some of the Policing team will be joining us after Easter on the school playground, before and after school.

Happy Lunchtimes

Miss Cooper is currently working with the school council to make sure that lunchtime is a happier place for the children, spent carrying out activities that are fun and engaging. Please ask your children about the changes we have started working on.



Parking

May I remind parents and carers that, if at all possible, you walk to and from school with/without your child/ren. This will reduce the amount of cars, both in the morning and at the end of the day, outside of school.

The school is currently working with the council to support with managing this.

We do not want a serious accident to happen, before this is rectified and so we would really appreciate your support in this.



Food Bank

If you need any support with food then please contact school. We are now lucky enough to have the Foodbank with us every **Monday**.



Parents Evening

Thank you to all those parents who booked and attended parents evening this half term. It is great to be able to talk about our wonderful children with yourselves. Please remember that you can pop in and speak with staff at any time if you have any concerns or worries. We are here to help!

Comic Relief



Thank you to everyone who donated for Comic Relief this year. We raised a total of £19

School Grid for school meals

As you may be aware we are now up and running with our new catering company Dolce. Dolce use School Grid for you to book your child's meal and if applicable make payment.

All meals **MUST** now be pre booked by 9am every morning or you can book for the entire week in one go!

Thank you to everyone who has activated their child's dinner account already.

If you are having difficulties then please pop into the school office and speak to one of the ladies who will be more than happy to help you get set up.



Key dates

30th March	Break up for Easter holidays
17th April	Back to School
27th April	Spring Bingo!
26th May	Break up for half term
5th June	Back to School
9th June	Class photos
6th July	Year 5 - Royal Opera House trip

Celebration assemblies will take place every Friday at 2.45pm.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Good attendance means being in school at least 97% of the time or 180 to 190 days.

Regular attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life.

In order to support parents and promote good attendance we will be notifying parents if your child's attendance falls below 97%.. It may be required that we arrange for you and your child to attend a meeting if their attendance continues to be of concern, this way we can work together to identify any issues and move forward in the right direction.

Social Media

We have updated our Facebook page, so don't forget to find us and click follow to keep up to date with all that is Highlees!



You can now keep up to date with all things Highlees on Instagram too!



Follow us on

Twitter - @Highlees

Facebook - @highleesprimaryschool

Instagram - highlees.primary.school

Important reminder

We are a nut free school and this includes all types of spreads that contain nuts.

Please do **NOT** send your child in with sandwiches which may contains nuts such as Nutella or similar brands.

Thank you for your continuing support with this matter.