



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

## Headteacher's update

I trust that you were able to enjoy a rather strange and different Easter this year. At least the weather has been good. I hope that you are managing to **stick to the guidance** about social distancing and staying at home and most importantly that you are all well. **Highfield continues to remain closed** except for children of critical workers and those that are classed as vulnerable and will do so until scientific advice indicates it is safe to reopen. I am aware that there is ongoing speculation as to when and how schools will eventually do this. Be assured that as soon as we know anything we will communicate it to you through the usual channels. In the meantime continue to follow advice and help protect the NHS and save lives.

## Home learning

We have reviewed the home learning activities that are being provided for children. As stated previously you cannot recreate school nor should you be trying to do so at home. The most important thing is that your child is **happy and safe** during this time. However, your child does need to access some learning over the time when they are off. Teachers have been adding activities for the children to do on **Purple Mash** and **Active Learn**. We feel that the BBC bitesize daily resources are also good. The most important thing is for them to **read, be read to and to practice basic maths skills** like counting, times tables and number facts. If your child completes any work that is not on one of our online platforms feel free to take a picture or video and email it to your child's teacher. Remember teachers will continue to pick a **learner of the week** based on work that your child completes.

## Facebook

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page as this is where we will be keeping you **up to date** with information and ideas of things to do with your children.

## Free school meals

This has been an absolute nightmare to sort out but I finally think that we have a workable and reliable system. Parents will receive **£30 of Asda vouchers** every fortnight **for each child** eligible for income related free school meals. These will be **emailed** to you unless you have requested another method. Please make sure that we have your up to date email address. We are aware that due to the current economic situation more people may end up out of work and claiming benefits. If you are in this position then please contact school and we can help you to apply online.

## Here to Help

Even though we are currently closed we are always here to help in anyway we can. This week we have been giving out packages of books and toys to some of our families. Next week we will be giving out **breakfast parcels provided by Magic Breakfast**. If you feel you would benefit from these or you are struggling in any way, please give us a ring either at school or you can text or ring Mr Proctor on 07810384793 or Miss Jolly on 07494695917

**STAY AT HOME** 

**PROTECT THE NHS**

 **save lives**



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## Staff email addresses

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher whilst we are closed. Mrs Smethurst is back at work so I have added her contact details to those of the other staff.

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## Forest School

This week the children and staff have taken advantage of the good weather to take part in Forest School (observing social distancing of course).

## Values Star of the week

The following children have been nominated by their families for demonstrating politeness at home: **Daro Sharif, Alice Hunter, Abigail Foster, Chloe Durnan, Phoebe Wallbank, Chrystal Pardon, Leila Mellett, Zara Parker, Sienna Moroney**

## Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to **Dylan White, Elisha Taylor, Sienna Moroney, Blake Focske, Chloe Durnan, Lily-Mai Russell, Ethan Buck, Abdur-Rahemm Hanif, Rhys Leniewski, Ayaan Naveed, Izzy Hussain, Wasiq Ghufuran**

## Learners of the Week

The following children have been awarded learner of the week for the learning they have completed at home: **India Mellett, Fatima Ghufuran, Damson Bond, Ruby Davies, Joshua Hart, Abigail Foster, Surrayah Mohammad, Sophia Hall, Joe Hunter, Balazs Vardai, Zara Muirhead, Connor Riley**

## Care club pupils of the week

The following have been selected for their good behaviour and attitude in school this week: **Billy Bennett, Teisha Keig, Tolu Oyekoya**

## Guidance for parents and carers

The DfE have published information, guidance and support for parents and carers of children who are learning at home during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Guidance on helping primary school aged children learn at home can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Guidance on helping children with special educational needs and disabilities learn at home can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>



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