



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

## Headteacher's update

This week we have seen a number of pupils sent home because they are displaying covid-19 symptoms particularly coughs and temperatures. In these situations, the guidance clearly states that children need to be tested. It is therefore disappointing that parents have been unable to get tests due to a lack of availability. However, without a negative test we are unable to let a child with symptoms or their siblings return to school. At the time of writing, all children who have managed to get test results have been negative and I hope that this continues. We have been looking at ways of continuing to teach pupil at home in the event of a positive test and a class bubble having to self-isolate for 2 weeks. We will be using resources from Oak Academy and posting work on our class dojo stories.

## Face Masks

A reminder that all adults who enter the school buildings **MUST** wear a face mask. This includes when dropping children off at breakfast club and when going to the school office.



## Value of the Month

Our value of the month for September is helpfulness. We are lucky that we have lots of helpful children at Highfield and we have also been reflecting on people in our communities who help us.



## Water bottles

Children can bring water bottles into school. These should be named and have a sports cap to avoid spillages. Please make sure they only contain **WATER**. Juice is not permitted and will be poured away and replaced if brought to school.



## PE kits

Please bring a named PE kit into school which will be left here until October half-term. Children will get changed for their lesson and then put their uniform back on afterwards. We have now allocated houses for our new children so PE t-shirts will be sent out early next week.

## Class Dojo

Yesterday we sent home invites to class dojo. It is important that at least one parent connects to the system as we will be using this to send home learning if classes have to shut in the future. It also allows parents to see how well a child is doing in class.



## Forest school

Classes will be coming off the field at a similar time to when parents are arriving at 3:15. If you are waiting to collect your child and you see a class returning to school please make sure that you leave enough room to allow them to pass maintaining social distancing.



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## Hands, Face, Space campaign

A new public information campaign has been launched ahead of winter to highlight how everyone can help to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

On Wednesday the Prime Minister launched the '[Hands, Face, Space](#)' campaign urging the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak. Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an easy virus to kill when it is on skin. It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. In school we ensure that staff and pupils clean their hands regularly, including when they arrive, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating.

## Learners of the Week

Well done to the following for working hard in their class this week: **Byron Kay, Sophia Dee-Walker, Darius Pascalau, Nikita Overell, Alayah White, Lucas Bullen, Bella Kay, Harley Cottam, Eddie Maher, Fatinah Akram**

## Stars of the Week

The following children have been awarded star of the week for being helpful: **Tia Stevens, Oscar Liles, Rowan Futter, Daisy Burke, Bella McGovern, Angel Delaney, Mohammed Usman, Omobola Oyekoya, Libby Davies,**

## Happy Birthday

We wished a happy birthday today to **Cameron Bayman, Rowan Futter, Zayn Khan, Saskia West, Eddie Melling and Mohammad Hussain**

## Class Dojo points

Sycamore class earned the most Dojo points this week. They earned 456 positive points and no negative points. They will receive a class reward next week.