



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th November

Headteacher's update

Unfortunately, this week we were faced with the news that a visitor who had been in school had tested positive for Covid. This meant that the 5 children she had worked with are now at home self-isolating which is extremely frustrating. However, because of the precautions we have in school this has not impacted on more of the school community. We need to continue to allow essential workers into school in order to ensure that children are well supported but with that brings risks. We will continue to do all we can to keep the school safe. Thanks for helping us by wearing masks on the playground, limiting your interaction in person with staff, for collecting children promptly when they have to be sent home and getting them tested when asked. The news about vaccines is encouraging and gives us a way out of this but for now we need to continue to follow the rules set out by the government to help stop the spread of the virus.



[NHS.UK/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

Christmas hampers

We have teamed up with St Josephs to support families from both schools during this difficult time at Christmas. We are looking at producing a number of food and gift hampers and are looking for **donations of NEW toys and gifts**. If you can afford to buy an extra gift when Christmas shopping these can be dropped off at the office reception any time before 7th December.



School office

Please can you try and make sure that your child remembers to bring everything they need for the day, thus avoiding unnecessary trips to the office. We need to limit the number of people who come into the school entrance each day.

100 club

A reminder that we have launched our own school lottery where you will have the chance to win substantial cash prizes each half term. If you wish to enter, please complete the form that was sent out before half-term. If you need another one, please send a message via Class Dojo



Bikeability

Children in Y5 took part in Bikeability this week. They have gained practical skills and understanding on how to cycle on today's roads, whilst developing their confidence for all kinds of cycling.



SEAL

We have noticed that some pupils are beginning to show signs that the lockdown has had an effect on their mental health. From next week your child will be taking part in **SEAL** (Social, Emotional Aspects of Learning) lessons on top of their usual PSHE lessons to help them learn key skills like empathy, resilience, problem solving and how to manage their feelings. The theme for this half term is 'getting on and falling out'. In this theme children will learn and practice the strategies for problem solving (including the crucial first step of calming down) and identifying their feelings

Xmas raffle

Children will be bringing home raffle tickets next week for you to buy or sell to friends and relatives (once lockdown is lifted) They are 50p each and we have loads of prizes to be won.

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Highfield Standard

The following children have shown excellent presentation this week: **Cameron Bayman, Sophia Dee Walker, Amelia White, Katie Forshaw, Inaaya Ahmed, Surrayah Mohammed, Fatimah Akram, Ava Gardner, Ellenor Clark, Megan Belsevica**

Phonics superhero

Miss Mulla is our new intervention teacher who is working with children across school helping them to catch up with their phonics. She has chosen **Jacob Bowker** as her superhero this week for always being focused and ready to learn. He is able to blend many unfamiliar words.

Learners of the Week

Well done to the following for working hard in their class this week: **Elliott Westby, Asmara Aslam, Jacob Catterall, Poppy Southward, Sam Milmine, Coby Nield, Lucy Holding, Larisa Varga, Ava Gardner, Ali Patel**

Stars of the Week

The following children have been awarded star of the week for showing honesty: **Jayden Delaney, Eshan Hussain, Ayeza Amir, Noah Griffiths, Keira Grindley, Joshua Hart, Ruben Dyer, Phoebe Wallbank, Isabella Milmine, Owen Bargh**

Happy Birthday

We wished a happy birthday today to **Abdulbari Bazza and Harley Cottam**



Class Dojo points

Well done to the following for earning the most dojos in their class this week: **Oscar Liles, Mohammed Usman, Nimra Shah, Omobola Oyekoya, Darius Pascalu, Ethan Lancaster, Rolands Brant, Harrison Kay, Haider Ali**



Attendance Matters - Whole School Target 96%+ Well Done											
	Ash	Elm	Hazel	Beech	Maple	Pine	Cherry	Rowan	Syc	Willow	Overall
Week	98.2	100	98.9	97.8	98.7	97.7	99.2	98.8	98	95.4	98.2
Term	96.3	98.7	98	95.9	97.2	96.2	97.5	98.4	97.3	97.3	97.5
Year	96.3	98.7	98	95.9	97.2	96.2	97.5	98.4	97.3	97.3	97.5

Well done to Elm class who had 100 % attendance this week and retain the overall lead for the term. It is lovely to see 9 out of 10 classes with attendance above our target of 96%

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