



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th January

Headteacher's update

I have been really impressed with the way that all of the school community has embraced our new remote learning. It has been lovely to see the majority of the pupils joining together for the live sessions and completing other tasks set on Class Dojo. The fact that the children can be together and see their teacher whether they are in school or at home will help lessen the impact during this lockdown. I would urge those few who haven't joined in yet to do so, as the opportunity to see their friends has put a smile on the children's faces. For the teachers this has been a completely new way of working but they have done an amazing job quickly getting up to speed using the technology. As always we will look to get feedback from you as parents, so will be producing a survey on the school app next week which we would like you to complete.

Microsoft TEAMS

If your child forgets their password for TEAMS it has to be reset in school. The quickest way to get this done is to email covidteam@highfield-pri.lancs.sch.uk. We will always reset the password back to School123 and then you can put in your own.

School lunches

Since children returned to school in September we have been operating a hot and cold packed lunch menu. This was because the classes have been eating in the classrooms. However, the vast majority have been choosing a cold sandwich. We think it is important that children have the choice of hot food so now we have less pupils in school we are able to do this. Meals will include pasta, sausage and mash, jacket potatoes, pizza and fish fingers. The cost is £2.30 as normal.

Value of the Month

Our value of the month for January is optimism. This is something we all need right now as we have had a very challenging 12 months. We are looking for pupils who show that they are hopeful and confident about the future.

Celebration assembly

From next week I will attempt to do a celebration for all pupils on TEAMS on Friday afternoons at 2:45pm. During this time, I will announce learners and stars of the week as well as birthdays. I will forward a link to all pupils next week and put instructions on Class Dojo.

Free School Meals

Another week seems to have brought another change in policy regarding free school meal provision. The government have now stated that they will be providing vouchers worth £15 a week for those children unable to attend school. This will take effect from week commencing the 25th January.

Food bank

Remember that Highfield Food bank is available to anyone who may be struggling. If you need anything at any time please email covidteam@highfield-pri.lancs.sch.uk or phone school during office hours or 07810384793 / 07494695917 at any other time.

Punctuality and attendance

If your child is in school, they must be in on time everyday so that they are ready for the class learning.

Warm clothing

Please make sure you send children in warm outdoor clothing as windows need to be open in school and they will be playing out.

Masks

Please make sure that you are wearing face coverings when dropping off or collecting children until you leave the school site.

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