



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February

## Headteacher's update

Unfortunately, during our bi-weekly lateral flow testing, one of the staff members from Ash class tested positive and we had to close the class. However, the follow up PCR test was negative. Although it was frustrating to have to close the class for 2 days it meant that any potential infection was identified to prevent any possible spread. The LFT tests are 95% accurate so we will continue to do these and close the class bubble if the member of staff testing positive has been in school. As we move towards half term, we are keen for pupils to continue to engage with the lessons that are being provided. We know that as parents you may be struggling to combine supporting your children with your everyday activities but all you can do is the best that you can. What we are trying to do is avoid pupils from falling behind like some did in the last lockdown. Hopefully during the next half term, we will see all pupils return to school.



## Captain Tom

We have decided that as a school we would like to challenge each and every one of you to do your own 100 challenge throughout the month of February in memory of Captain Tom. We have compiled a little list of ideas but you can choose to do anything you like - be as creative as you can! Just as Captain Sir Tom Moore did, we are going to do some fundraising for this to see if we can raise a few pennies for the fabulous NHS to help to support them further in their efforts against COVID-19 and help us to get one step closer to being back together again. We will share the link to our JustGiving page on Facebook and ClassDojo. We can't wait to see what you come up with! Please share photos of all your efforts on ClassDojo with your class teacher. Here are some suggestions of what you could do:

- 100 laps of anything! You could do this by walking, running, cycling or scooting.
- Bake 100 cookies/biscuits/cakes and share them with people in your local area (socially distanced of course).
- 100 minutes of exercising
- Carry out 100 acts of kindness
- Build 100 different Lego models.
- Create a piece of art that incorporates the number 100.
- Create your own family/friend zoom quiz with 100 questions.
- Score 100 goals or shoot 100 baskets.

## Parent/Teacher conference

A reminder that next week we will be holding our parent/teacher conference. If you haven't already, please book a time on the school app. All teachers are holding theirs on Wednesday with the exception of Sycamore (Tuesday) and Maple (Thursday).

## Half Term

We finish for half-term next Friday (12<sup>th</sup> Feb) and those pupils who have been in school will return on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Hopefully on that day we will find out when the rest of the children can return to school.

## Attendance

Attendance is still compulsory despite the different ways in which we are teaching. Pupils who have accepted a place in school need to be in every day. Those working at home need to be sending the work set to the class teacher each day.

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## Safer Internet Day 2021

On **Tuesday, 9 February 2021**, we will celebrate the 18th edition of **Safer Internet Day** with actions taking place right across the globe. With a theme once again of **"Together for a better internet"**, the day calls upon all stakeholders to join together to make the internet a safer and better place for all, and especially for children and young people. Teachers will be doing activities with their classes as part of their PSHE lessons next week and you can find lots of resources at [UK Safer Internet Centre - Online Safety Tips, Advice and Resources | Safer Internet Centre](#) or [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com) that you can use with your child.



## Contact tracing at half term

For any pupil who tests positive having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, we are still being asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Should this apply to your son or daughter, it remains important to let us know by emailing [covidteam@highfield-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:covidteam@highfield-pri.lancs.sch.uk). This will ensure we can take the necessary precautions in relation to track and trace, contacting other pupils as necessary before they return to school.

## Learners of the Week

Well done to the following for working hard this week: **Tommy Lowe, Isabel Davies, Bella Kay, Katie Forshaw, Imogen Highton, Rowan Futter, Jasmine Ahmed, Sebastian Kolasinski, Ammad Anwar, Leila Mellett**

## Stars of the Week

The following children have been awarded star of the week for showing the value of belonging: **Sultan Ahmed, Asmara Aslam, Tolu Oyekoya, Kayla Allen-Worgan, Ezmay Russell, Coby Little, Sara Rozek, Ellenor Clark, Martyna Piorkowska, Archie Abram**

## Home learning survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey. If you still wish to do so, please can these be done before Monday so we can collate the results.

## Happy Birthday

We wished a happy birthday today to **Lucy Holding, Mia Devlin & Jamie Ireland**



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