



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January

## Headteacher's update

Having spoken and written about Covid-19 for the past two years, this week I got to experience it for myself. With so much in school I guess it was inevitable but it still comes as a shock when you get those 2 lines on the LFD test. I have therefore spent the week at home, working but unable to come into school. My symptoms have been mild, feeling like I have had a cold but I am so glad that I have been vaccinated. I am hoping to be back in school on Monday. We have had a really difficult week with 13 members of staff unable to come into school on Monday. However, we have managed to keep the majority of the school open. Elm class reopened today as soon as staff got negative results and were able to come back to work. Thank you to all the staff who have stepped up and covered in different roles to ensure that pupils learning has not been negatively affected. The view from Public Health is that this will burn out quite quickly so hopefully next week will be a quieter one. Please continue to test pupils daily if possible. If children have cold like symptoms or vomiting, we have been advised by Public Health to recommend you get a PCR test. The LFD tests are not as sensitive and we are finding that they are not picking up positive cases early enough. When booking a test, you need to select 'I've been told to get a test by my local council, health protection team or healthcare professional'.

## Parents Evening

Thank you to parents and staff who ensured that our first online parents evening ran so smoothly on Wednesday. We hope that you will be able to come into school to speak to the teachers in person next term.

## Home Learning

A reminder that if your child is at home isolating and are well they should be completing home learning. The tasks are on Class Dojo each day and will enable your child to keep up with their peers that are in school. If they are struggling to access this or you need any support please do not hesitate to get in touch with school.

## Swimming

Next Thursday Year 4 need to bring shorts and a t-shirt to swim in along with their normal swimming costume. They are currently learning life-saving skills.

## Homework

Homework at Highfield is focussed on the key skills of reading, grammar & punctuation and practice and retention of spellings, number facts and arithmetic. We try and ensure that we make it as fun as we can using online learning platforms such as Active Learn, School Jam, Purple Mash and Times Tables Rock Stars. It is important that you ensure that children complete this.

**Spellings** - these are given out on a Friday and children will be tested the following Friday. Please help your child learn these each week.

**Reading** - children have their physical reading book and books allocated on Bug Club. Please try and listen to your child read daily even if it is just for a few minutes.

**Number Facts** - Children have continuous access to TT Rock Stars which they can use to practice their times tables daily.

**If you have any questions about homework please do not hesitate to message your child's teacher on Dojo.**

Headteacher: Andrew Proctor

[head@highfield-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@highfield-pri.lancs.sch.uk)

[www.highfield-pri.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.highfield-pri.lancs.sch.uk)



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January

## Stars of the Week

The following children have been awarded star of the week for going above and beyond: **Freddie Austin, Ruben Dyer, Zain Afzal, Eddie Melling, Scarlet Heptinstall, Alayah White, Brooke Roworth, Isaac Cooper & Ozan Mustafa.**



## Skill of the Week

During the afternoons all the pupils have been working on a different sports skill each week. This week the skill has been rolling a ball. **Ali Akman, Lily Peters, Byron Kay & Jack Whitehead** have received certificates for excellent demonstration of the skill.

## TT Rockstars

Well done to **Martyna Piorkowska** who had the highest overall score of 11,625 and **Omobola Oyekoya** for her fantastic progress, averaging over 14 mins a day.



## Happy Birthday

We wished a happy birthday today to **Ada Hitchen, Lucas Riley, Callum Jolly, Kydan Russell, Abdulbasit Umair & India Mellett.**



## House Points

House points this week:

- Astley** 5pt
- Crosse** 2pt
- Duxbury** 3pt
- Gillibrand** 1pt

Overall for the term

- Astley** 12pt
- Crosse** 12pt
- Duxbury** 13pt
- Gillibrand** 7pt



## Learning Superhero

Miss Mulla has chosen **Amelia White** for her amazing hard work on column method of addition and subtraction with exchanging. She has persevered and tried so hard even when she found it tricky.



Attendance Matters - Whole School Target <b>96%+ Well Done</b>										
	Elm	Hazel	Beech	Maple	Pine	Cherry	Rowan	Syc	Willow	Overall
Week	59.3	88.8	93.2	98.7	96.9	88.4	87.1	97.6	94.6	93
Term	92.5	94.1	92.7	97.5	97.7	92.8	91.8	96	96.3	94.8
Year	92.9	93	93.5	96.8	95.6	95.3	91.3	96.2	95	94.5

Maple had the best attendance again this week and got two moves on the Classopoly board. Pine get a bonus move for having the best attendance for the term. Hazel class had the fewest number of lates.

Headteacher: Andrew Proctor  
[head@highfield-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@highfield-pri.lancs.sch.uk)  
[www.highfield-pri.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.highfield-pri.lancs.sch.uk)