

## **HIGHFIELD UPDATE Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **COVID 19 UPDATE**

So far this week all our class bubbles have remained intact. Attendance has been very good and parents are sensibly keeping children with COVID symptoms off school and taking them for tests. All tests for children are coming back negative at the moment which is a good sign. We have a small number of children waiting for tests or self-isolating due to family members testing positive. These children all have work which they can access on Seesaw. Our new chair of governors, Oliver Thorne, visited the school yesterday morning and was able to see the children in their class bubbles and playtime bubbles. He was very impressed with how calm and happy everyone is in school and how well everyone is following all our safety measures. He was also very impressed with the staggered start and end of day times and how well parents are keeping to these times.

### **HARVEST 2020**

This morning in our school Microsoft Teams Assembly we talked about the joy of sharing a meal with our families. It is such a simple event shared across all cultures, religions and countries around the world. In the middle of a pandemic we probably all appreciate the joy of eating a meal with our loved ones more than we have ever done. Usually at this time of year, as part of our Harvest celebrations, we collect tins and packets of dried foods for donation to local foodbanks in the area. Rather than bring tins to school, I have asked the children this year to maybe donate a tin of food to the collection points we see in most supermarkets. I shared with the children the work of The Trussell Trust who provide support to a nationwide network of food banks and provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty. They also campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK.



### **PARENTS' EVENING**

Your booking window closes today Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Your class teacher will send you a Microsoft Teams invitation to join the meeting next week. Please remember to RSVP to the meeting when you receive the invitation. We have only a small handful of parents who have not yet signed up for a meeting and I am sure that by the end of today we will have everyone signed up.

### **OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW PARENTS**

For obvious reasons we will not be holding an Open Morning this November. Please ask any friends and neighbours you know whose child will be starting school in September 2021 to visit our very comprehensive website where they will also be able to watch a promotional video of the school [www.highfield-primary.co.uk](http://www.highfield-primary.co.uk)

## **ZOOM PHONICS**

Reception parents please don't forget it is the phonics meeting on Tuesday

## **INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPH DAY**

Arts Photography will be attending school on the **14/10/2020** to take the individual school portraits of your child. Please pre-register before the date above. This is important as it enables you to gain quick access to your child's photographs and the opportunity to purchase them.

Please go to <https://order.artsphotography.co.uk> and enter the following code:

**JR9ZUAP**

You will then be asked to pre-register and create an account using your email address and your **child's full name**. By pre-registering you will receive an automatic email notification to inform you when your child's photos are ready to be viewed and purchased. All orders will be sent to your home address **free of charge for a 2-week window**.

We will be unable to take sibling family photographs this year.

Kind regards

Julie Colley