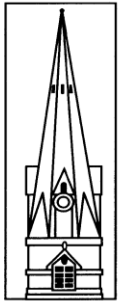




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Friday 6th September 2024

Head Teacher's Message

Good afternoon and I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday. The children have returned to school and settled in quickly to their new classes and routines. Can I take this opportunity to thank you for how smart the children look in their uniforms – they are all very proud of how they look and the addition of new items such as cardigans, PE hoodies and the new embroidered motif have certainly made a difference. We kicked off our whole school worship with thinking about dreams and aspirations and what we would like our school to be like. This is what the children came up with...

We have a dream...

**That we work together in peace and harmony.
That school is a healthy and happy place to be.
Everyone tries their best.
We work hard to face challenges.
We live out our school values every day.
We are kind.**

This is our dream but, as we also discussed, our reality and what we can achieve every single day in school if we all play our part.

Welcome back to school and myself and the staff team at Higher Walton look forward to a fantastic new school year working together to provide the very best education and support for your children.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs. Clarke ☺

Attendance

As you will now be aware, the government introduced new guidelines for school attendance. The main impact of this are the changes to leave requests from the 19th August. We have updated our information leaflet for parents and this has been sent with the newsletter. A copy is also on our website.

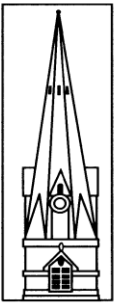
Uniform

Again, thank you for how wonderful the children look in their school uniforms. Please make sure that all items are clearly labelled as we wouldn't want items to go missing so early into the school year and names do really help identify the right owners. As a school we will be doing regular checks and if you have any concerns about uniform please come in and speak to us. We have a 'pre-loved' rail of wonderful items in the school entrance and would encourage anyone to come and have a look. Thank you to Mrs. Rourke for keeping it well stocked, washing items when needed and also sorting out the donations that we receive in school.

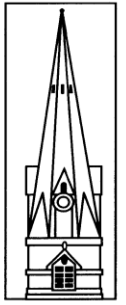
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Healthy schools

Please can we ask that lunch boxes and playtime snacks are as healthy as possible? We are noticing a few chocolate items, sweets and drinks that contain a lot of sugar. We do try to encourage the children to select healthy foods to eat and your support would be much appreciated. Drinks bottles brought to school should only contain water and we do have cups in school should children need to drink water during the day.

Homework

Homework in the junior classes - Pathfinders, Navigators and Adventurers will be sent out tonight. Infant classes - Discoverers and Explorers will be sent out on Fridays from next week. We have new homework grids and books as part of our new home learning offer and hope that the children and you enjoy the tasks that have been chosen. Books will be given out each Friday and are expected back in school on the following Wednesday.

Fair trade Fridays

We are going to continue selling 'fair-trade' treats on a Friday in school and ask for a donation of 50p. We use only fair-trade products in the making of these snacks and the children really enjoy seeing what is on offer each week. Please continue to support us as much as you can and we thank our wonderful member of staff Ms. Marsden for making the treats each week in after school club so that the children are also involved in the process too!

PTFA

The first PTFA meeting of the year is going to be held on Tuesday 15th October at 3.30pm in school. Please get in touch with school at the office if you would like further information and we can direct you to our wonderful team. We have lots of events planned for this year and are in need of support for them to take place and run smoothly. Any help you can offer is always much appreciated, even if it's just an extra pair of eyes to supervise or an extra pair of hands to help tidy up afterwards. We are also sending out a poster with the newsletter giving details of the upcoming events.

PE days

This term's PE days are as follows:-

Explorers (N/R)	Monday and Thursday
Discoverers (Y1/2)	Thursday and Friday
Adventurers (Y3/4)	Wednesday and Friday
Navigators (Y5)	Tuesday and Wednesday (swimming)
Pathfinders (Y6)	Tuesday and Wednesday (swimming)

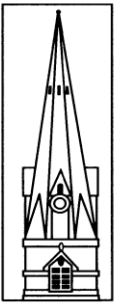
Active travel sessions for this term are as follows:-

Explorers (N/R)	Monday 9 th September, Monday 16 th September, Monday 23 rd September - Tots on Tyres (balance bikes). See flyer sent with the newsletter.
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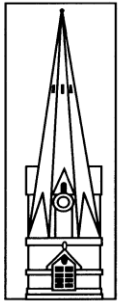
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- Adventurers (Y3/4)** Monday 16th September – Year 3 scootsafe – if your child has their own helmet and scooter, please bring these to school. See flyer sent with newsletter. A paper copy of the permission form has been sent home. Please return this on Monday 9th September.
- Pathfinders (Y6)** Monday 23rd September - Bike fix (learning how to fix and maintain their bike. No bikes needed). A paper copy of the permission form has been sent home. Please return this on Monday 9th September.
- Monday 30th September, Monday 7th October – Bikeability. Bikes and helmets needed. See flyer sent with newsletter. A paper copy of the permission form has been sent home. Please return this on Monday 9th September.
- All** Monday 9th September - Dr Bike. If you would like your child's bike to be checked over by one of the Active Travel bike mechanics, please bring the bike to school. See flyer sent with the newsletter.

Nursery, Primary and secondary admissions

If your child is due to start primary or secondary school in September 2025, or nursery in either January 2025 or April 2025, now is the time to be applying for a place. Details of the admission process are on the posters sent with the newsletter. To apply for nursery places, please call into the office.

Weekly awards

Week ending 6 th September 2024		
	Star of the Week	VIP
Explorers	Bobbie	Jack
Discoverers	Isaac	Louie
Adventurers	Max	Oliver
Navigators	Reeva	Bella H
Pathfinders	Riley	Rhiona

Attendance

Week ending 6 th September	Explorers 12 on roll	Discovers 21 on roll	Adventurers 26 on roll	Navigators 20 on roll	Pathfinders 17 on roll
Attendance	92.31%	99.40%	94.23%	100%	94.12%
Lates	8%	2%	3%	0	0

Well done Navigators class with the highest percentage attendance this week!

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Diary dates to the end of term

You can now find all the diary dates and holiday lists on our website. Here is a reminder of the diary for the next few weeks:

Sunday 8 th September	Welcome back to school picnic – details sent home this week
Thursday 26 th September	Parents phonics workshop – details to follow
Tuesday 1 st October	Open day/evening for prospective parents
Wednesday 16 th October	Parents reading workshop – details to follow
Thursday 17 th October	Year 3/4 class worship
Friday 18 th October	School closes for the half term break
Monday 28 th October	School re-opens
Wednesday 30 th October	PFTA autumn disco – details to follow

This week's reminder

On each newsletter we will now focus on a specific reminder which is having an impact on school or our children, and would ask for your support in helping with the smooth running of our school.

Telephone numbers and ParentMail. Please ensure that if you update your telephone numbers at the office, then please remember to make changes on ParentMail or accept change notifications on ParentMail. If this step is missed, you may not receive communications from school.

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