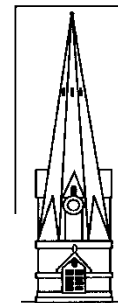


Higher Walton C.E. Primary School

'Life in all its fullness'



Friendship ● Forgiveness ● Creativity ● Courage ● Respect ● Responsibility ● Trust ● Tenacity

Friday 6th June 2025

Head Teacher's Message

Welcome back to school and I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half-term break. It is going to be another busy term, as we look forward to celebrating everything that we have achieved this year. We celebrate our wonderful Year 6 children, who we are preparing to take their next step in education – they have been amazing this year and we make the most of the time that we have left with them in our school! We also look forward to welcoming our new children and families, as part of their transition to joining our school family. In worship we are looking at the Christian values of honesty and truthfulness and have enjoyed a game of 'call my bluff' about some interesting facts – did you know that butterflies taste with their feet? We will continue to look at these two values of honesty and truthfulness as the term goes on.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday, Mrs. Clarke ☺

Class News

Explorers: Explorers have been thinking about special times in our lives for our new RE unit. We enjoyed painting fire pictures in Art. In PSHE, we have been developing perseverance to complete fun challenges.

Let's talk: Look at pictures of celebrations in your family (weddings, birthdays, christenings, etc). Talk about what was happening, what people were doing, saying, wearing, eating

Discoverers: We have looked forward to starting all our new topics in Discoverers class. We have been curious to find out more about our new text '*Lizzy and the cloud*'. We look forward to learning more about how to use materials more responsibly in our Science. In maths we have focussed on telling the time and have loved learning about the times of our class routines.

Let's Talk: what time is it now?

Adventurers: It has been great to see Adventurers return after the holiday so full of enthusiasm. This week we have started our new class read '*The BFG*'. Children have done some great written descriptive work on the Giant's cave. They also worked on the computer to produce a biography on Roald Dahl. We enjoyed a break in the rain yesterday and the children are developing their skills nicely in rounders.

Let's Talk: Ask your child about their disgusting vegetable they created inspired by the BFG's snozzcumber.

Navigators: This week, Navigators have been busy planning their own exciting sci-fi stories and are looking forward to bringing them to life in their writing next week. In maths, we've been tackling long division and practicing formal methods of multiplication. We've also started learning songs for our upcoming performance—enthusiasm is already running high! In PSHE, we've had thoughtful discussions around self-image, exploring how we can build confidence and see the best in ourselves and others.

Let's talk: What is 325×23 ?

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Pathfinders: This week in Pathfinders we have started to read '*High Rise Mystery*' which is a detective story set on a housing estate in London. The children are really enjoying the suspense and characters they have met so far. We are also reading '*Incredible Journey's*' by Levison Wood which is all about famous explorers and their exploits. We have also started planning for our end of term production which is '*Pirates of the Curry Bean!*' Details to follow....

Let's talk: Ask your child to tell you about the plot in '*High Rise Mystery*'. Who do they think is the guilty person?

Father's Day Breakfast

We would like to welcome our school 'Dads' into Breakfast club for tea and toast on Friday 13th June at 8.30am – 9.00am in the school hall. We appreciate that this can be a challenging time for some families so we would welcome any male relatives to join us in the school hall with your children if Dads are not available at that time. A contribution of £1 would be welcomed but come and join us for a chat, a brew, some toast and a few games! If you would like to join us, please fill in the ParentMail form by Wednesday 11th June, so we can cater for numbers.

School forms

Your child will have brought home today a set of forms that we would like parents to check/complete to ensure that we have up to date records for your child ready for September. Please could these be returned no later than 9am on Monday 30th June. Please remember to let us know if, during the school year, there are any changes to addresses, telephone numbers, family details or medical history.

Sports Day

A chilly start for our KS2 athletes on sports day, but the sun was out by the afternoon ready for our younger children to compete in their races. Everyone showed great sportsmanship and fun was had by all. Thank you to our families for showing your support and particularly those who braved the parents race to score house points for their children! The overall winning house team was 'Squirrels' who are currently in the lead on the leader board!

Leavers Hoodies

Our Year 6 children look bright and colourful in their new 'Leavers' hoodies! There was a slight change this year and the children have been able to choose their own coloured hoodie as a memory of their time at Higher Walton. Thank you to everyone for your contributions to our school PTFA events, these enable us to pay for such gifts.

Navigators and Pathfinders geography field trip

On Friday 23rd May, Y5/6 enjoyed their geography visit to Bamber Bridge where they completed a traffic survey comparing a sparsely populated locality with a densely populated locality. Using Microbits, they also monitored the degree of sound created in each locality. We then walked to the park where we had a picnic and fun on the play equipment. Luckily the sun was shining for us!

PTFA non-uniform day

Thank you for all of your contributions of bottles and tombola prizes that were brought into school today. These will be used in our upcoming Summer Fair which is to be held on Thursday 26th June – more information to follow.

School Uniform

The transition to our new branded school uniform will come to an end when we finish for the summer break. Any branded school uniform from September should be of the new design (new smaller embroidered school badge on the left hand side of school uniform items). Polo shirts should now be light yellow and a plain white polo shirt or crew neck t-shirt for PE. Full school uniform is now to be worn in Reception apart from on PE days when PE uniform can be worn.

Adventurers class river study visit

Thank you to everyone who has completed the trip form on ParentMail and made payment. The deadline for completion and payment is Friday 13th June. Please help us with the administration of this visit by meeting this deadline.

School Meal arrangements in September

Thank you to those parents who have already completed their child's meal arrangements form on ParentMail. Please help us with the administration of this by meeting the deadline of 9am on Monday 30th June.

Weekly awards

Week ending 23.5.25		
Sports Day Awards		
Explorers	Louie	Lena
Discoverers	Isaac	Filip
Adventurers	Evie	Theon
Navigators	Lillith	George
Pathfinders	Mia	Max

Week ending 6.6.25		
	Star of the Week	VIP
Explorers	Noah	Olivia
Discoverers	Imogen	Teddy
Adventurers	Skylar	Lochlan
Navigators	Bella-Mae	Willow
Pathfinders	Coby	Isaac

Attendance

Good school attendance is of vital importance in order for children to be able to thrive and flourish in school. Good school attendance is **96%** and above and our school policy is in line with government guidance to help us achieve this target for our children at Higher Walton. If your child is struggling to come to school for any reason please do speak to us in school and we will do what we can to help and assist.

Week ending 23.5.25	Explorers 12 on roll	Discovers 19 on roll	Adventurers 27 on roll	Navigators 20 on roll	Pathfinders 17 on roll
Attendance	91%	90%	78%	88%	93%
Lates	6%	4%	2%	0%	0%
Well done Pathfinders class with the highest percentage attendance this week!					

Week ending 6.6.25	Explorers 12 on roll	Discovers 19 on roll	Adventurers 27 on roll	Navigators 20 on roll	Pathfinders 17 on roll
Attendance	92%	91%	94%	97%	95%
Lates	0%	0%	2.3%	0%	0.7%
Well done Navigators class with the highest percentage attendance this week!					

This week's reminders

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.

Payments

As we are now in our last half term before the summer, please could we ask that all payments for breakfast club, after school club, school meals and nursery fees are kept up to date and any arrears addressed. It is important that we start the new school year with no arrears to carry forward.

Payments should also be made on a Friday ready for the week ahead. Please ensure that payments for the first week back are made no later than 9am on Friday 29th August.

Diary dates to the end of the year

You can now find all the diary dates and holiday lists on our website. Reminders and updates are as follows:-

DIARY DATES TO THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR Updated 6.6.25	
Monday 9 th June 2025	Tempest – class photos (full, smart uniform please) If it is your child's PE day, please send their uniform to change into after the photographs have been taken.
Thursday 12 th June 2025	Year 1/2 class worship – parents welcome
Friday 13 th June 2025	Fathers' Day breakfast
Friday 13th June 2025	Reception class vision tests
Monday 16 th – Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Borwick Hall residential – children not taking part should attend school as normal
Monday 16 th June 2025	Infants tennis roadshow (in school, children to wear PE kits)
Tuesday 17 th June 2025	New intake parents meeting (Nursery and Reception) – 4pm
Friday 20 th June 2025	PTFA funky hair day – please donate a bottle for tombola prizes – details to follow
Thursday 26 th June 2025	PTFA Summer Fair – details to follow
Friday 27 th June 2025	Dance from the Heart roadshow – details to follow
Monday 30 th June to Friday 4 th July 2025	New intake pre-school sessions (Reception) 1.30pm to 3.25pm
Tuesday 1 st July 2025	Year 3/4 Cuerden Valley river studies visit
Wednesday 2 nd July 2025	Parents' lunch – details to follow
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	School reports sent home
Thursday 10 th July 2025	Year 5/6 performance – details to follow
NEW – 15 th July 2025	Drop in parents evening (report discussions only) 3.45pm-4.15pm
Thursday 17 th July 2025	EYFS class worship – parents welcome
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Rocksteady summer concert 2.45pm – parents welcome
Friday 18 th July 2025	Year 6 leavers service 9.30am All Saints Church - details to follow
Friday 18th July 2025	School closes for the summer break
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	Autumn term 1 begins