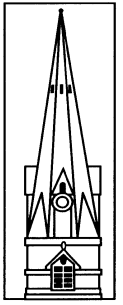


# Higher Walton C.E. Primary School



**'Life in all its fullness'**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

## Head Teacher's Message

I'm here! It is with great pleasure that I am writing my first 'Head Teacher's message' and what a first week it has been. Thank you so much for the kind welcome and I have really enjoyed greeting both the children and parents before and after school. It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces. As you know on Wednesday and Thursday this week we welcomed Ofsted inspectors into school and more information on this will follow in the coming weeks. The children, staff and whole school community should be recognised for their hard work over the past few days. I look forward to getting to know you in the near future and letting you know how the school is going to continue to move forwards, building on the strengths that I have already seen in my short time at Higher Walton. Our value in Worship this week has been 'Tenacity' and I'm sure the children would love to talk to you about the ways that they are learning to 'never give up!' Have a lovely weekend, Mrs. Clarke ☺

## Learning in school

### Explorers

This week the children in Explorers have been introduced to a new text in literacy called "I am Henry Finch". We found the main character (a bird called Henry Finch) sat by himself on a branch in the classroom looking for the rest of his flock. In maths, Explorers have been introduced to the number five. We sang many rhymes with the number 5 in such as "Five Little Speckled Frogs" "Five Little Ducks" and "5 Little Peas".

Let's talk! Ask your child what type of animal 'Henry Finch' was.

### Pathfinders

This week in Pathfinders we have had an exciting trip to space! We have learnt some interesting facts about Neil Armstrong and even found some aliens. As it is coming up to the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, we have also learnt about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire night.

Let's talk! Ask your child about who was the first man on the moon?

### Discoverers

In Discoverers this week we have been reading the BFG by Roald Dahl and have really enjoyed creating exciting sentences using adjectives. In maths, we have been using strategies to add and subtract 1s and 10s. In science, we looked at the Arctic Circle and carried out an investigation to help us understand how people keep warm in colder climates!

Let's talk! Ask your child to tell you how many countries are inside the Arctic Circle?



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### Adventurers

In Adventurers class this week we have started to read 'The lion, the witch and the wardrobe' as part of our English and guided reading lessons. The children have been very engaged with the start of the story and are excited to find out more about the main characters.

Let's talk! Ask your child at home about the book so far and talk to them about the situation Mr Tumnus found himself in. Also, why they think the wardrobe didn't work when Lucy told her siblings about Narnia.

### Navigators

This week in Navigators, we have started a new English unit based on the Three Little Pigs, with a twist! We have really enjoyed being 'defence attorneys', providing motives for the pigs who admitted to arson. We have also learnt how to do long multiplication and we know what to do when multiplying with a tens number. In history we became historians, researching 'Sutton Hoo' and the importance of this magnificent find.

Let's talk! Ask your child what Sutton Hoo is and why it is important?

### Parent's evening

Please note the new date of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Booking forms will be sent via ParentMail about this early next week.

### Weekly awards

	Star of the Week	VIP
<b>Explorers</b>	Whole class	Zander
<b>Pathfinders</b>	Jamie	Blake
<b>Discoverers</b>	Charlie	Erin A
<b>Adventurers</b>		
<b>Navigators</b>	Bobby, Cameron, Elizabeth and Daisy	Teddy, Aleesha and Emily-Sue
		Mrs Clarke

### Weekly Reminders

#### Attendance

Well done to Adventurers Class, with the highest percentage attendance this week!

	Explorers 8 on roll	Pathfinders 15 on roll	Discoverers 25 on roll	Adventurers 26 on roll	Navigators 30 on roll
Attendance	92%	91%	93%	98%	93%
Lates	1%	0%	3%	2%	0%

#### Late arrivals

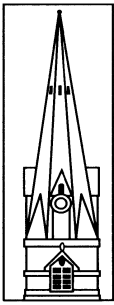
A polite reminder that our gates close promptly each morning at 9am. If your child is late, please bring them in via the main entrance and record the reason in the late book, this is very important. Being late does affect your child's attendance and we are trying to instil the importance of being on time in school.

#### Car park

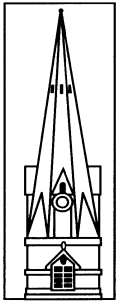
Please ensure that at drop off and pick up times, parking is appropriate and that the yellow accessibility spaces are kept clear for users that need them.

#### Mobile phones

We have noticed more mobile phones being brought into school to be kept in the school office. Mobile phones are kept in school for those children in Years 5 and 6 who need them when walking home from school. Please do not send mobile phones in with children other than for this reason.



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## **DIARY DATES**

### **November**

Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Dodgeball competition – invited children
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am Remembrance Service @ church – all welcome
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Reception Vision Screening
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception and Y6 Height & Weight Check & Health Questionnaires
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga workshops – all classes
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Nasal flu vaccinations

### **December**

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	All Saints Church live Nativity
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	School nurse visit – Y6 questionnaire follow-ups
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity performance by EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 - 2pm and 6pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas craft afternoon – all classes
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas party afternoon – all classes
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle service at All Saints Church 1.30pm – all welcome
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Games day – all classes
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	School closes for the Christmas break

### **January**

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens for the spring term
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