

Newsletter Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hot Off The Press

This week Reception have been exploring the story of Elmer and talking about how we are all different and special in our own way.

We have enjoyed drawing self-portraits and using a variety of colours to create our own Elmer.



Year 3 have been developing their reading skills this week; asking questions to explore the story of the Iron Man. We are even going to interview an 'Iron Man Expert' next week!



Twitter/Instagram

Please follow us by searching @hiwjstaffs it's just for parents of our children and we only use it to highlight children's achievements and successes during the school day.

COVID Guidance

As we border Birmingham, which is currently a high risk COVID area, can I please ask parents not to break the two metre social distancing rules whilst dropping off and collecting children from school. We have had a number of parents expressing concerns about walking past groups of people talking.

Thank you for your help with keeping our school community safe.

Parent/Teacher Communication

We have noticed we are getting several emails late at night. Please note we will only reply during the office working hours (8.30am-3.45pm). Teachers cannot reply to emails during the school day as they are teaching. Any isolation work queries can still be sent to the year group emails.

Free School Meals Entitlement

Heathfields children are entitled to free meals under the 'Universal Free School Meals' initiative however, an application for 'Pupil Premium' which if successful, gives the school extra funding; provided by the Government this supports us with teaching and learning. As a school this could help us to provide more Teaching Assistants and carry out intervention programmes. To check eligibility for 'pupil premium' free school meals and apply, go online to: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals If you already qualify you DO NOT need to apply again. We are just aware circumstances have changed for some parents/carers.



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Halloween and Pumpkin Trail

On Friday 23rd October 2020, the school will be having a Halloween themed day with a special lunch where children can dress up for Halloween; this is so that children can enjoy Halloween and still maintain the school COVID restrictions.



The PTFA are also organising a Pumpkin Trail.

If you would like to take part, please carve a pumpkin for your garden or create a Halloween window display in your front garden for a chance to win a prize!

The walk will take place over the week, to ensure social distancing can take place: Friday 23rd October - Saturday 31st October 2020.



**£1 for dress up, or
£2 to dress up and receive our Pumpkin trail map.**

Please can we remind you to remain in your own family bubbles if you are taking part and to adhere to the rule of 6 people. We will provide different maps to reduce social contact happening. Please remember not to go onto properties or touch the displays to ensure you and your families remain safe.



Food Bank Donations

Unfortunately, as a school, we are unable to collect donations this year. However, if you would still like to donate, please support your local supermarket and give your donations to their charities. Thank you



Parking Notice

There are concerns with where and how parents/carers are parking both at the Infants and the Juniors. Can we please ask you not to block driveways or garages. Pavements should be left clear, to keep our children, parents and the community safe. We have had to inform the local Police of some recent unsafe situations.



Requests for Absence

As a school we cannot authorise holidays; penalty notices/fines are issued when 10 or more sessions are recorded as unauthorised in a 12 week period. Our policy can be found on the website

Please remember to complete a 'request for leave' form and return to the school office.

Dates for your Diary

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| W/c 19 th October | Science Week |
| 23 rd October | Last Day of Term |



26th October - 30th October Half Term

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| W/c 2 nd November | School Re-opens |
| 31 st October | Deadline for High School Applications |



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