



High Legh Primary School

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If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with either your child's teacher or myself.

New Parent App

You will have been sent information regarding our new parent App which runs both our messaging, trips and dinner money. The App is called Teacher2parents and should, when you fill in the information, go directly to your child and from that point on always bring up your child/ren. Once you have got used to how it works- it is quite straight forward, though with dinners it took me a while to move the green lozenge (it is just pressing the option you want: packed, none or meal). With dinners you need to book ahead otherwise it will come up with an arrears, it does give you the choice of which days you want to book meals.

We cannot accommodate families being in arrears therefore we have a cap of three weeks which is £34.50. This means that if you cannot pay the arrears then your child will have to be on packed lunch provided from home.

Messages come up and stay on the front page – so it is easy to look back at information.

We are still ironing out a few issues, but so far this system looks better than our previous one.

Staff

This week we welcomed back Sue Richards, our Reception Teaching Assistant, who is recovering from knee surgery. She is working mornings only and Oliver Platt who has been working with Reception is working in the afternoons.

After School Clubs

We were very much hoping to start after school clubs this week; however, we are waiting for them to be set up on the teacher2parent system. When this is done they will start and will run and continue after the half term holiday.

Recycling

This week we celebrated recycling week in assembly. The children watched a video about how important it is to recycle batteries and how their components are precious and can be broken down and used in other electrical items.

We have set up a recycle bin for batteries in school, if you have any at home -rather than put them in the bin please bring them in.

We accept- button, 9V, AAA, AA, C, D and 6V

European Sports Day

Jo Price (Deputy head) organized events for children to celebrate European Sports Day. We had a great start with Becky from Livewire leading a keep fit session at 9am. Thank you to all the staff and parents as well as children for joining in. Children had a great 'wheelie' session outside – though some had to cope with rain.

PGL Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 and 6 had a very adventurous week in Boreatton Park, Shropshire, for their residential trip.

The children were a joy to take and all of them conquered personal targets and pushed themselves to try new things.

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff who gave up their time for children to have this wonderful opportunity.

Miss Saddler, Miss Rowlands, Mrs Procter and Mrs Price.

Uniform

As we are coming to the winter months- it is cold and very wet today, please can you ensure your child has a coat every day. We do go out in the rain for fresh air. Also, we continue to have a window open or open windows and doors during break times to let in fresh air – Covid prevention.

School can be cold at times, feel free to ensure your child is wearing a vest – we are happy to allow children to wear a gilet in class over their jumper/hoodie.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all the parents who came for coffee and cake. Our Y6 families made delicious cakes – (I particularly enjoyed the lemon cheese cake and also have a chocolate fairy cake, marble cake and chocolate brownie to take home- not all for me!)

Mrs Sue Harold, who used to work in our office won the Colin the caterpillar- guess how many sprinkles are on the cake and very generously donated the £25 winnings back into the donation pot. The children raised £462 in the morning and we are selling a few more cakes after school today. Thank you very much for your generosity- a great amount raised for a very worthy charity.



Wrap Around Care Club

Thank you to the families that filled in the Wrap Around Care questionnaire – that is a vital piece of information regarding the needs of a club to run at our school.

I have been in touch with S4YC; currently it is looking unlikely that they will reopen. I have met with a number of companies all of which say the numbers are too small for them to run a club. I will continue pursuing other clubs that parents have put me in contact with.

Some clubs have only offered sports and others finish at 5pm. I am not happy to accept this and want a good club that fulfills parents needs and keeps children entertained.

I have been in touch with High Legh Pre-school as it seems many local schools use pre-schools as their care. I know that High Legh Pre-school are taking it to their committee to discuss.

I have spoken to a few local Headteachers and discussed with our Governors about setting up our own school club. I have worked on the numbers given in the questionnaire and think this could be an option. I will be putting out an advert next week to see if I can employ staff to fulfill the role as manager and assistants. I will make sure the links are sent out as soon as the advert is live. I am hoping that care will be set up for after the half term holiday.

Message from UK Health Security

Currently the North West of England is seeing a higher rate of cases of Scarlet Fever and iGAS -an infection caused by the same bacteria as Scarlet Fever- but can lead to more serious illness. Cases are rising in children aged under 10 years.

Symptoms include: sore throat, headache, fever, nausea- maybe vomiting. After 12- 48 hours a rash appears- pinhead, red rash on the chest and stomach and then spreading to other parts of the body- the rash may have a 'sandpaper' like feel. Child often has flushed cheeks and may have a 'strawberry' tongue.

Infections are spread through contact and contact of surfaces. As from next week we start our hand sanitizing measures in and out of classrooms as well as into school. This had become lax with better weather, but illnesses are entering school. We have had a Covid case and flu is also on the rise.

If you suspect your child has Scarlet Fever please take them to the doctor. If it is a positive case then your child can come back to school 24 hours after they have started antibiotic treatment.