



Alsager Highfields Community Primary School

Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Now that I have learnt how to use Parent pay to send emails I can finally say.....

Welcome back!

It has been so lovely to welcome you and your children back to school and I have had so many positive comments about how smart all the children look from both staff, parents and members of the community. I've also had a number of parents, worrying that they have been unable to get items of PE kit for PE days. Please don't worry. We have a year to phase out the old uniform and I know supply has been disrupted due to changes as we've left the EU. It's also been brought to my attention that several children have bought a PE t-shirt in a house colour only to be informed by their child that their house has changed. Please, if this is the case, do not change or buy another t-shirt. We will work with what we have. Going forward there is now a school overview of children, families and house teams. We will endeavour, where numbers allow, to place siblings in the same house teams so that t-shirts can be passed down if you so wish.

Finally a plea—PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD'S JUMPERS AND CARDIGANS. Every day, several jumpers and cardigans are left out on the field and almost all are un-named. This makes it nearly impossible to match lost property to pupils and I'm very conscious that most of this uniform is brand new.

Dropping off and picking up

Many thanks for your patience and understanding regarding drop off and collection points. As previously mentioned, arrangements will be reviewed regularly and changed if we feel current procedures aren't working.

New Parent pay system

Over the summer we have had a number of upgrades and changes in school, namely: a new school cook, a new server installed and a new Parent communication system. Unfortunately, the timing of these changes has meant that many parents haven't had all the information needed, particularly parents new to the school. It has also meant that communication for many areas has been last minute. I can only apologise for the lack of communication when it mattered most, but am pleased to announce we are almost there! Almost! If you are yet to activate your Parent pay account, please do so ASAP. This will then allow you to top up your child's account for lunches etc. I can report that our new cook is superb, having had to quality assure the standards of food!

Building Work

Over the next few weeks we will be having contractors on site in order to have a new flat roof and new skylights fitted. This essential work is long overdue as the roof leaks in many parts of the building and areas are being continually damaged. Secondly, we are having the fire safety in school improved with the installation of fire doors throughout and the painting of the internal wooden cladding with fire retardant paint. Again this work will drastically improve the safety of the school, as well as change the aesthetics of the middle area. The work will not disrupt learning, with much being undertaken at weekends and evenings. Many thanks to Mrs Frost the school bursar, who successfully campaigned for these improvements.

Breakfast Club

Now that we can mix bubbles, the breakfast club open to pupils who receive pupils premium funding, will now operate solely from the main building starting on Monday (13th). This will make it easier to staff and provide hot breakfasts. All pupils attending the breakfast club should come to the main gate. Pupils from the annexe will be taken across for the start of the school day by a staff member.

Clubs

We are delighted to announce the return of some after school clubs this term. The list is not as extensive as it has been in the past, as we are being mindful that in the event of staff needing to isolate, the club can still run. After school clubs will start w/ b 13th September until Friday 15th of October and resume Monday 8th of November until Friday 10th of December. This is a block of 10 weeks, with the exception of Crewe Alex which is a block of 6. A change in our clubs is that we are charging £1 a session (£10 for the block) and this is to cover the cost of materials. Some clubs have limited spaces available and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If your child would like to join a club, you should email the office on admin@alsagerhighfields.cheshire.sch.uk Once your initial interest has been registered, you will be notified whether your child has a place or not. If your child has a place the £10 charge should be paid using Parent pay. It is expected that children attend all 10 sessions. This helps the staff plan for large ongoing projects rather than 'one off' weekly ones. If your child qualifies for pupil premium, then the cost of one club will be covered by school funds. Any child not getting in a club due to spaces allocated will be put on the waiting list for the following term's sessions.

Day	Monday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
Club	Book Club	Crewe Alex	Choir	Eco club	Art	Cooking
Time	3-3.45	3.05-4.05	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4
Adult in charge	Mrs Walker	Crewe coach	Mrs Dyde	Miss Keatman	Mrs Windel	Mrs Harry
Year groups	3,4,5,& 6	4,5 & 6	2,3,4,5,& 6	3,4,5,& 6	3,4,5,& 6	2,3,4,5 & 6
Number of places	unlimited	24	unlimited	15	12	8
Number of sessions	10	6	10	10	10	10

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Meet the teacher sessions for all classes except Reception, will go ahead next week via zoom. These sessions will focus on how to navigate the class website page as well as providing an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. The sessions will last no longer than 40 minutes and links will be sent out via Parent pay prior to the meeting. Following on from Mrs Walker's and Mrs Dyde's meeting, there will be a jointly hosted SATs meeting for the year 6 parents.

The schedule is as follows:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 5/6	Year 6
Thurs 16th @ 4.30pm	Wed 15th @ 4.30pm	Tues 14th @ 5.15pm	Tues 14th @ 4.45pm	Mon 13th @ 4.30pm	Wed 15th @ 4.30pm	Wed 15th @ 4.45pm
					SATS meeting	SATS meeting

Enjoy the rest of the sunshine whilst it lasts!

Rachel Woollam