

Alsager Highfields Primary School Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to watch Opal Play in full swing over recent days as the weather has been unusually kind. Let's hope this is the start of the better weather and that we can utilise our amazing school grounds more and more throughout the day. The daily mile track continues to give our pupils a much needed 'brain break' and it has been lovely to see how much the fitness levels of pupils have improved since we started this daily initiative.

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to Parents' Evening last week. I hope you got to see first-hand just how hard your child (and the staff) are working. It is always lovely to welcome parents into school and to see those who I often miss on drop offs.

I am very excited to announce that more changes are coming to the annex building shortly, with a school-led pre-school opening in September 2025. The ambition to have a one drop-off and pick-up early years hub has been an ambition of mine and Elaine Martin's from Hoppers for a while, and this expansion of early years provision is very much a joint venture. Please do read the information below and spread the word about this new provision. Flyers will be available shortly.

Have a great weekend,

Rachel Woollam

Parent Survey

Many thanks to the parents who have already filled in the parent survey. As I stated in the correspondence via Parentpay, this is your opportunity to anonymously voice your opinion on Highfields; the good and the areas in which we can improve. Please do take time to complete it. It shouldn't take longer than 10 minutes. Thank you for your anticipated support. www.surveymonkey.com/r/AlsagerHighfieldsParentSurvey2024-25

Pre-school

Our ambition to open our own school-led pre-school will be realised in September 2025. The modifications needed to the annex building to accommodate 3 year olds are scheduled in between now and the summer and we are all very excited about our new venture. Anyone requiring more information, please contact the school via the methods advertised below.



So long, farewell.

It is with great pride, but also immense sadness that I inform you that our wonderful Miss Hook is leaving post at Easter.

Miss Hook has been instrumental in raising standards at Highfields; particularly in the area of early reading. Miss Hook has led our phonic scheme Read, Write Inc with diligence and passion over the past two years and this has been reflected in our phonics screening results of 97% and 96% during that time.

I always believe my role as Head is to develop staff as much as pupils and seeing individuals fulfil their own ambitions and potential is tremendously rewarding if always tinged with some sadness.

Miss Hook's new role is working for the Local Authority in the 'Start for Life' department. This role involves working with families and leading training to ensure our youngest children get the best start in life. I'm sure you'll agree that this role couldn't have gone to anyone more suited. We wish her the very best in her new venture.

Science Week

The whole school got involved in science activities last week and visiting scientist 'Sublime Science' had the pleasure of making slime with over 150 children! Thankfully there were few spillages. Classes also conducted experiments based on the Gingerbread Man story and Year 2 and 3 can tell you with certainty, which biscuit lasts the longest when immersed in water! Thank you to the PFA for funding 'Sublime Science.'





Scholastic Book Fair

A huge thank you to all who came and bought books from our book fair during Parents' Eve-

nings. We were so close to meeting the maximum commission that staff also generously bought books to help us meet that target and we are staggered to tell you that we raised an incredible £919 to spend on non-fiction books for school. A huge thank you also to Mrs Ryde, Mrs Ellis, Mr Hocknell and Mrs Flood who manned the fair and enabled it to happen. We couldn't have done it without them.

Jewellery Club

Our jewellery club have been selling items made during our after school club, in order to raise money for our local food bank. Watch this space to find out how much they raised.

PFA Events

The ever-popular 'Adult Quiz Night' is back next Friday with refreshments provided. Please support this popular event by scanning the QR code on the flyer below.







The PFA will be selling small gifts (flowers and chocolates), next Thursday and Friday lunchtime for Mothers' Day. Gifts will be priced at £2.50. If your child would like to buy, please send them in with cash on the relevant day. Thank you

Bronze Awards

It has been lovely to start awarding bronze awards to our reception pupils this term. Congratulations to:

YR—Sebastian H-M, Hazel M, Violet B, Benjamin H and Everleigh P

Y4— Alfie H

Y5—Shaylee P-J, Archie M, William E, Elodie W, Heidi P, Aaron G

Silver Award

Y1- Joshua O, Emilia C and Lennox C

Y2—Gregory M, Louie B, Isobel M, Hendrix W and Jenson F

Y5—Jakob D, Henry M, Holly R and Jago J

Y6—Thomas W,

Word Millionaire

Millionaires are coming in thick and fast now and we are already up to 11. Congratulations to our latest two millionaires:

Shadrach A, in Y6 and Harmonie S in Y5.

Class Visits

Reception visited Apple Tree Town last week, where they got to play in the various role play areas and try their hand at various careers. The children came back so eager to share their experience with adults and I know all the staff involved were proud of the behaviour of all pupils. Year 1 also were out at Brampton Museum learning about toys from the past. Again the behaviour of our children was said to be exemplary; proud teachers and Headteacher.





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