



Alsager Highfields Primary School

Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Dear Parents & Carers,

So much has taken place over the last few weeks that it's hard to fit it all in!

Year 3 had a fantastic day out at *Park in the Past* in Caergwre as part of their history topic on the Romans. The children got hands-on with history—building a Roman road, learning battle formations and survival skills, and even trying their hand at spear throwing! A big thank you to Mrs Wynne, who researched and arranged this brilliant experience. It was an unforgettable day for all involved.

We were lucky to complete both of our sports' days while the weather was on our side. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers, and friends joining us to cheer on the children. At Highfields, our focus is always on teamwork and having fun, and it was clear at both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 events that we achieved just that!

Looking ahead, Town Sports will take a more competitive turn. Children will be selected by Mr Hocknell and class teachers to represent Highfields at the event, which is scheduled for Monday 16th June (*weather permitting*). We wish all our athletes the best of luck!

We're proud of how busy, active, and positive the last few weeks have been. Thank you to all staff, parents, and carers for your continued support!

Rachel Woollam



The bread and butter thing.

Your local hub:
ALSAGER
every Monday 12pm
at Alsager Cricket Club, Fairview Avenue,
Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 2NW

- Get around £35 worth of food for £8.50
- Includes fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.
- Open every Monday at 12pm.
- You need to become a member to use the hub but it's free to sign-up and book a slot - just follow these steps.
- There is no commitment and it's free to join.

It's really easy to sign-up:

- 1 Text 07860 063 304 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: "ALSAGER"
- 2 Select the size of order you want to receive: Family £8.50, individual £5 or Large Family £17. There is a Vegetarian option available too.
- 3 You'll get a text every Saturday to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10am the next day. Your order will be delivered to the ALSAGER hub on Monday at 12pm.
- 4 Collect and pay for your goods from the ALSAGER hub. (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and Healthy Start Vouchers are also accepted).

A surplus food project that helps reduce the cost of food for families, as well as reduces waste. Genius!

We need your help!

To help unload the van and pack food into bags. We need about 4 hours of your time on a Monday from 10am until around 2pm - as often as you can spare the time.

By joining our volunteer team you'll make new friends and you'll be supporting your community - we need you!

Contact Lucie at
Lucie.Ferneyhough@cheshireeast.gov.uk to find out more.

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The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service
The 2019 for volunteer groups



Exciting News – The Bread & Butter Thing Is Coming to Alsager!

I'm so excited to share that *The Bread & Butter Thing* will soon be launching in **Alsager**!

Highfields was initially approached several months ago to run this fantastic initiative from our school site. Unfortunately, due to the layout of our building, it wasn't feasible. However, alternative venues were explored—and we're delighted to announce that Alsager Cricket Club will be the official hub for the project. A huge thank you goes to Alan Stancliffe (Chair of Governors at Highfields and Chairman of the Cricket Club), as well as Lucie Ferneyhough (Cheshire East Council). Without their support and dedication, this project simply wouldn't have got off the ground.

Having recently seen *The Bread & Butter Thing* in action, I was truly struck by the incredible sense of community it creates—both among those receiving support and those volunteering to help. Whether unpacking food, sorting items, or distributing them into bags, everyone involved plays a valuable role. Please do take a moment to read more about this important project on page 3 of the newsletter. If you're able to volunteer some time to help with food distribution, your support would be hugely appreciated. It really is a worthwhile cause and a brilliant opportunity to strengthen community spirit here in Alsager.

Calling All Highfields Families – Help Us Explore Our School’s History!

As part of our history curriculum, the children are undertaking a local study, and we’ve chosen a place close to all our hearts – Highfields School.

We’re lucky to have access to old school log books and registers, which provide a fascinating glimpse into the past. However, we currently do not have any photographs of the school from before it moved to its current site – including any of the original annex buildings or school grounds.

We know that many of our parents – and even some grandparents – attended Highfields, and we’d love your help. If you or a family member have old photographs of the school or its grounds (no matter how small or informal), we would be incredibly grateful if you could get in touch.

Our goal is to create a school-wide display so that the children can see how Highfields has changed and evolved over time – helping them connect their own experiences to the

Alsager Carnival

....is tomorrow! Highfields will have a float and huge thanks to the parents and PFA for making the decorations for this. Any child wishing to come on the float needs to be on the Asda carpark at 11.15am, dressed as a children’s TV character. Pupils must also be accompanied by an adult.



Music Festival

I can’t quite believe we managed to dodge the rain this afternoon!

What a wonderful way to spend a Friday afternoon, watching and listening to children sing, play and dance. There is something very special about hearing lots of children singing. I hope those of you who were able to attend this afternoon concur that it was a rather special event. What really shone through was how much the children enjoyed themselves and how much fun they were having. Thank you to all who helped make this event happen.



Begging Box!

We are currently after: coloured plastic bottle tops, pallets, scarves, handbags and coats for our outdoor stage and art areas if you can help. Thank you

Bronze Awards

Our children new to Highfields are quickly earning their stars. Huge congratulations to:

Y1—Ruby E-M

Y2—Samuel and Niamh P

Y4—Texas S



Silver Awards

Huge well done to our silver award winners.

Y4—Clara L

Y5—Emily T, Ivy J, Elodie W, Amber W, Sophia S, Ben M lyla G, Harmonie S, Albert R, Archie M, Evie R and Jakob D



‘Gold Award’

Another four gold award winners!! Huge congratulations to:

Y2—Emilia C, Mabel W, Louie B, Isobel and Jessica S



Y6—Noah L

Diamond Award

Y2—Finn M

Y5—Henry M

Word Millionaire

The word millionaires keep coming and we are particularly proud of how many of our word millionaires are ‘first timers.’ Year 6 in particular have had an incredible surge with almost half the class now at ‘millionaire status.’



Well done Heidi F Y6 -and Cleo A Y4- our latest millionaires

Book Amnesty

As we head towards the end of the academic year, please can you check at home (under the bed, behind the sofa) for any reading resources that you may have belonging to school. We are missing many Read, Write Inc books and cards as well as Accelerated Reader books and every year we do spend a large percentage of the book budget on making up sets due to resources not being returned. Thank you for your anticipated help.



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Where does our food come from?



Our weekly bags are made up of surplus food from supermarkets, food manufacturers and farmers. We never know what we're going to get from day to day, which means each week your bag of food will be different.

But it is always quality, fresh produce. You will probably need to top up from the shops as well, but our food will go a long way to helping you feed your family affordably.

Surplus food happens for lots of reasons – sometimes there is a fault with the packaging or there may just be too much of it for the supermarkets to handle.

Some of our food is beyond its BEST BEFORE date BUT that doesn't mean that you can't eat it. With proper storage - for instance in its original packaging and sealed with a clip or in an airtight container - lots of foodstuffs can be eaten long after their best before date, including: Crisps can still be edible for a good month after their best before deadline date, including:

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- Biscuits and cereals can last for another six months.
- Baked beans and other tinned goods can last in your store cupboard for a whole year, as can sweets and bottled pasta sauce.
- And don't throw away that packet of dried pasta that you've found at the back of a cupboard. If stored correctly, it should still be safe to eat around three years after its best before date has expired.

We will never provide food that is after its USE BY date because this is about food safety, not food quality. You can eat food on its USE BY date or, if you have a freezer, pop it in. Just make sure you make a note of how long it will be freezer safe and how long it takes to defrost.

You can find out more about our food and our work on our website:

www.breadandbutterthing.org

or at

@teamtbbt