



Alsager Highfields Primary School

Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It always surprises me how quickly the children settle back into the school routine and adapt to their new year groups. The school has a real 'buzz' about it at the moment and it has been lovely to see our older pupils looking after our newest 'recruits' at lunchtime.

Our reception children have already started our phonic scheme 'Read, Write Inc' and Mrs Lindblad will hold a meeting for reception parents on Wednesday the 15th October at 5.30pm so that you can see exactly how we teach your child to read. Support from home with early reading is vital and we hope to see as many of you at this event as possible.

Finally, with the weather being very mixed at the moment, please ensure your child has a coat with them every day. We do go outside to play, even on rainy days and it's a shame when pupils who only have jumpers on have to remain under the shelter.

Rachel Woollam

One World Festival

This year's One World Festival will take place on Saturday October 4th at Alsager Civic from 9.30-12.30pm. Our school choir are singing at 10am and this free event is a fantastic way to sample new foods and find out more about the way of life for many different cultures and nationalities. We hope to see you there.



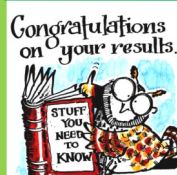
Rachel Kelly

Our Mental Health Support Team worker, Rachel Kelly will be in school most Tuesday afternoons from 1pm going forward. Rachel's role is to offer support for pupils and parents who are experiencing low mood, worries or dealing with challenging behaviours. If anyone would like to use Rachel's services please contact:

senco@alsagerhighfields.cheshire.sch.uk



Alternatively, you can pop in on a Tuesday afternoon for an informal chat if Rachel is free.



Congratulations on your results. We are absolutely delighted with all last year's statutory test results, which saw all areas of achievement come in above the national average – a fantastic reflection of the hard work of our pupils and staff. We are especially proud of the results in reading, where all our children from the youngest to the oldest, really excelled. While these outcomes are something to celebrate, we also recognise that SATs and tests are just one part of a much bigger picture. At Highfields, we value the whole child, and we remain committed to providing a rich, balanced education that nurtures every learner's strengths, interests, and wellbeing.

Statutory Tests 2025

	Highfields	National
EYFS		
Word Reading	83%	76%
Writing	70%	71%
Number	78%	78%
Phonics	92%	82%
Key Stage 2 SATs		
Reading expected standard	83%	73%
Reading higher standard	45%	28%
Writing expected standard	78%	71%
Maths expected standard	79%	73%
Maths higher standard	22%	24%

World Record Holders

Mrs Harry and the last year's year 2 have helped break the world record for the largest ever cookery class.

The class joined a live online session led by chef Jamie Oliver, as he taught 10,515 how to cook fresh pasta and tomato sauce. The Guinness World Record attempt was confirmed to have beaten the 2015 previous record of 6,778 people.

Mrs Harry said the class thoroughly enjoyed making the dish, especially making their own pasta. The World Record certificate hangs proudly in Mrs Harry's classroom.

Football Success

Huge congratulations to Mr Hocknell and his Y5/6 football team who have won 2/3 of their matches so far this term in the Alsager Primary School tournament. Whilst we like a trophy, our main objective is always for our pupils to display sportsmanlike behaviour and have fun. I have it on good authority that behaviour was impeccable and good fun had by all.



PFA Events

Our wonderful PFA had a really positive meeting with many parents, carers and grandparents attending to offer support and ideas. We have a full calendar of events for your children to enjoy. Here are a couple of dates for your diaries:

Thursday October 23rd—Halloween disco

Friday 21st December—bad hair day

December—Christmas Fair (TBC)

Bronze Award

Unbelievably, we already have our first bronze award. Huge congratulations to:

Riley H in Y4 who got his tenth star for reading every night but once since returning back to school.

Most pupils have made a great start with their reading this year and here are the top 3 for word count in each year from y2 upwards.

Y2—Arthur H (61,499), Claudia O (18,055) and Ava R (12,056)

Y3—Ali A (125,786), Jessica S (111,202) and Samuel P (88,677)

Y4—Nora O (261,446), Shalom A (205,568) and Max G (159,694)

Y5—Jack B (191,584), Cleo A (111,794) and Joseph J (110,640)

Y6—Grace B (387,471), Rosie c (215,507) and Heidi P (193,973)



Well done also to Mrs Harrison who is storming ahead in the teacher's challenge on 776,795.

Big shout out to Mr Hocknell also who asked to go on Accelerated Reader in order to read more; he's already on 216,558.