

Highgate Primary School Newsletter



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It has been a very strange start to 2021 for all of us but I wanted to thank you all for the positive messages of support. I would like this opportunity to welcome Mr Pearce and Mr Hackett who join our team to work in Year 4 and Year 2. *Mr Jenkinson*

Residential trip refunds: We had hoped there may be a possibility that we could re-book the residential trip that was postponed in September. As this is not now an option, we are starting the process of issuing Parent Pay refunds.

Forest School: Thank you for the positive responses to the Forest School Questionnaire. We are now looking at how we can roll this provision out upon our return from this recent national lockdown.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week (1st-5th Feb): We will be taking part in this national initiative (and have regularly been thinking about "being kind to ourselves" as part of our Zoom Assemblies).

Well-Being Wednesdays:

Look out for a list of well-being activities you can do with your child at home to help them "Express Themselves." This is more about giving you and your children some time to do activities together to boost well-being (for you and your child).

Feel Good Friday—Friday 5th February:

This Friday (5th Feb) we want you to get dressed up in something that makes you feel good. Come along to the assembly in fancy dress or something that makes you feel good about yourself; a party dress, suited and booted or your fav fancy dress!

Parent Questionnaire re Remote Learning: Now we are well established with our remote learning, we want to invite parents to give feedback to let us know how we are doing and if there is anything else we can do to help. A link to the questionnaire will be sent via Parent Pay and should take no more than a few minutes to complete. Please respond by **Wednesday 10th February**.

DfE/Government updates: We are often asked about when and how school will begin to re-open following this lockdown period. The government inform us of their decisions at the same time as you. We intend to make sure we give as much notice of any changes as possible and thank you for your patience while we look at putting in protective measures to run the school safely.

Relationships & Sex Education Consultation: Consultation opened in November and closed on 11th December for you to give feedback on our RSE Policy. No significant issues were raised so it has been agreed by staff and governors.

Academy Update: Following my email to you in November sharing the good news of plans for us to join Bradgate Education Partnership Trust, I can inform you that processes are well underway with a view to the school joining the Trust on 1st April. Though this process should be seamless and children should see no differences, we hope to have more information to share with you in the not too distant future.

Dates for your Diary

FEBRUARY

1st—5th - Children's Mental Health Awareness Week—Theme Express Yourself

5th—Feel Good Friday (Assembly)

10th—Deadline for responses to home learning questionnaire.

15th—19th Half Term—school closed to all pupils

MARCH

4th—World Book Day—watch this space!

8th—provisional date for children to begin returning (**pending government decisions**)

26th—School Closes for Easter

APRIL

1st—Join Bradgate Education Trust

12th—School Opens after Easter

More dates will follow...

Internet Safety

With more reliance on the internet during this period of remote learning, we prioritised an Internet Safety Assembly on 29th January. If your child missed this assembly, the presentation is available for you to look through (along with the associated videos for each year) on the whole school Class Dojo page.

Please ensure you regularly check your children's devices and monitor their use (including social media and messaging apps such as Whatsapp).

If you need any support with this, please do not hesitate to contact school, or check out our webpage dedicated to safeguarding

<https://www.highgate.leics.sch.uk/safeguarding-including-e-safety/>