

# High Bank Weekly Express

## This Weeks Letters

The following letters have been sent home this week and are available on the website

- Consent for collection. (All Children)
  - Flu Vaccination (All Children)
  - Walk home alone. (Y5 & Y6)
  - Transfer to High School (Y6)
  - Curriculum support questionnaire
- Please Return forms/ permission slips ASAP

Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to school. The children have been a credit to you and have come back smart and ready to learn.

As we move throughout the term, there are a few new things for you to note. "Mrs Chubb -Head teacher "

## What have the children been up to this week...

**Nursery:** We have had a fantastic first week in nursery. We have explored our new environment and are getting to know all our new friends. We enjoyed listening to the story 'Our Family' and discussing who lives in our house. We then took part in a group mark making session, drawing who lived in our house. Mrs Meek and Mrs Inman are super proud of our creations.

We are also learning to count to five and have enjoyed sing '5 Little Ducks' and '5 Little Speckled Frogs' "Mrs Meek"

**Reception:** They have all settled in brilliantly and have loved exploring their new classroom and provision. We have started learning our Phase 2- set 1 sounds and they have all tried really hard with these and have been very engaged. The sounds are s, a, t, and p. We have been up to the willow area this week too. The children enjoyed climbing the trees and running through the bamboo arch. Our book this week was "My world, Your world". We spoke about our similarities and differences "Mrs Kear-Smith"

**Year 1:** They have had a lovely first full week back. We have settled in really well and we are having a blast! We have been busy this week learning about Picasso and we painted our own self-portraits, we've also been on a mini-beast hunt and we have been training to be superheroes in PE! "Mrs Summerscales"

**Year 2:** What a fantastic week we have had in year 2. We have started learning about the Great Fire of London and already we know so many facts. We are all very enthusiastic about this topic! In topic we have looked at what London was like in 1666 and compared the images to what London looks like now. "Miss Thomas"

**Year 3:** The children have been busy learning about the Stone Age. We have enjoyed reading 'Stone Age Boy' in our English lessons, and investigating rocks and soils in Science. We've been creating our own cave paintings too - Mrs Bottomley told us to screw them up but it wasn't because they were rubbish - we were trying to make them look more authentic! "Mrs Bottomley"

**Year 4** Year 4 have really enjoyed exploring what it looked like in Ancient Egypt and what it looks like in modern day Egypt. They have created some fantastic maps. Within Science we have been learning more about where electricity is created and how it is created. "Mrs Johnson"

**Year 5** Year 5 have had an extremely busy week! We have enjoyed reading Skellig and finding out more about the mysterious creature in the garage. We've also enjoyed our PE fitness and football sessions. In science we are starting to explore forces and look forward to carrying out an investigation into mass and weight. "Mrs Murphy"

**Year 6** have been enjoying reading our new novel Letters from the Lighthouse. We have been 'hot seating' our main character Olive and asking her why she ran into an air raid to find her sister Sukie. "Mrs Boyden"



## Dates for your diary

### School closed to Pupils

Friday 23rd October

Teacher training day

### October Half Term

Monday 26th October

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Friday 30th October

### Year 6 Parents

Transfer to High School

Deadline 31st October  
2020

### Flu Vaccination

Friday 27th

November 2020

## Reminders

Children are required to come to school in their correct PE kit on the day(s) your child(ren) have PE.

If you require support with PE Kit Please contact

Mrs Stebbings  
On 01274 875330

Please make sure that the school office has all your current contact details, especially your current mobile phone number and email.



## What's New?

### Lunch time

The children at High bank are currently eating lunch in the class rooms, those who have school dinners select from a choice of 4 sandwiches each morning. They are then provided with a sandwich, fruit drink and a sweet treat biscuit/bun each lunch time. The new system is working well at the moment and we are switching to a warm option from next week!

### Lets get virtual!

Mrs. Chubb meets with the children twice a week via live stream video messaging (Microsoft Teams) , in order to provide a weekly assembly on Mondays and a celebration assembly on Fridays. This is a great way to communicate with our children at High Bank whilst keeping everyone safe within our bubbles.

We hope to still offer parents evening this term, it is likely to be via video messaging details will go home with your children in a letter in the coming weeks.

### Communication

At the moment we are working towards all letters being online:  
What does this mean for you?

All letters/newsletters will be will accessed through the school website and will be sent through email. Reminders of letters that have gone out will be posted on Facebook and Twitter

Day to day notices will be put out on Facebook and Twitter  
Parents and carers will have easy access to relevant information which means no more letters lost or lying in the bottom of a school bag

### Change to timings

We have been evaluating our start and finish times. From Monday 21st September, please ensure that you bring your child to school between **8.40-8.50am** doors will then close.

Breakfast club times remain the same, 8.00-8.20. Doors **have to close at 8.20am** so unfortunately any late comers will not be able to attend. If your child is in year 5 and 6 and you have completed the consent form for them to walk home alone, they will be sent home at 3.15pm.

### Guidance

We have recently posted guidance relating to symptoms which can be found on Facebook, Twitter and on the school website. Please ensure that you read this carefully.

### Reading

Children need to read twice a week and have their reading record book signed. The children have already made a great start with this, thank you to parents for supporting us with this.

### A Special Thank you

We are very proud of how well our pupils are adjusting to the new changes in school. We would like to thank both parents and pupils for following the one way system and morning routine. We all have a part to play in keeping our pupils and staff safe, So keep up the good work!



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