



Monthly Newsletter

25 April 2023

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School will be closed on Monday 1 May 2023 for May Day and Monday 8 May 2023 for the Coronation Day.

School will close on Friday 26 May 2023 for the Spring Bank Holiday and open again on Monday 5 June 2023.

ATTENDANCE FROM 1 FEBRUARY 2023

TO 28 FEBRUARY 2023



Miss Abbott's Class 95.1%



Mrs Allsop's Class 94.9%



Mrs Riley's Class 94.7%

The whole school attendance from 2 September 2022 to 31 March 2023 is 92.7%. Persistent absence is classed as under 90% attendance. As a school we are aiming for at least 96%.

KEY STAGE 2 SATS WEEK

Tuesday 9 May 2023 to Friday 11 May 2023 is SATs test week for all Year 6 children. As the 8th May is now a bank holiday for the King's coronation we are now waiting to hear how this will affect the tests. However please could we emphasise to all Year 6 parents the importance of your child's attendance that week.

ATTENDANCE—96% WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET

Thank you very much to all of you who made sure your children arrive in school and on time.

Unfortunately we still had a small number of children who are regularly late.

It is very important that children are on time at the beginning of the school day. When children are late it can be very disruptive to both the latecomers and their classes—missing **10 minutes** every day adds up to missing **A WHOLE WEEK** over the course of a year.



WINDING WHEEL VISIT

A group of Y3 and 4 girls took part in The Primary Dance Platform at The Winding Wheel - the theme of their dance was Beautiful People, celebrating all cultures.

We are very proud of the dance group representing our school and performing to a large audience. Well done!



FOOTBALL KITS

If you have any football kits, boots and especially shin pads which would be suitable for children in Year 5 and 6, that you no longer need, could you please leave them at the school office.



Thank you.

BROWNIES / GIRL GUIDES

The Brownies and Girl Guides are looking to increase the number of members across Chesterfield.

There are units in Wingerworth, Ashgate, Loundsley Green and Holme Hall.

More information is available on girlguiding.org.uk





CRAZY HAIR DAY



Tiah Downing, in Mr Gruffydd's class, is having her hair cut in aid of The Princess Trust.

To support Tiah we will be having a Crazy Hair Day in school on Thursday 4 May 2023. We would like children to come to school with crazy hair and bring in a donation of 50p.

There are also sponsor forms available in the school office if you would like to sponsor her.

Tiah has also helped to organise a Family Fun Day at the Holmehall Pub on Sunday 1 May 2023 from 12.00 o'clock. She will have her hair cut on this day and there will also be live bands, raffles and more activities.

Well done Tiah—we are very proud of you!

SNACKS AND LUNCH BOXES

Please remember not to pack snacks that contain nuts or that carry a nut allergy warning, **this also includes using Nutella on sandwiches.**

We have children in school who have nut allergies. Coming into contact with food that contains nuts could be very detrimental to their health.

Thank you.

ROYAL EXTRAVAGANZA

To celebrate the King's Coronation we invite you to bring an afternoon tea to share with your child, on Friday 5 May. If you can attend, please collect your child where you normally would at 2:15 and then head to the field with your picnic blanket and snacks! As well as the picnic there will be bouncy castles, tea and coffee for sale, an ice cream van and Tiah will be selling raffle tickets for the Princess Trust. If you cannot attend your child will still join in, looked after by school staff, and their end of the day routine will be as normal.

We would also like everyone to come to school dressed in red, white and blue or as Kings and Queens, Prince or Princess or your best royal attire!

As homework children will be asked to design a crown. This will be judged during lunchtime and prizes given. There will be a separate competition for Nursery.

We hope you can all join us!





Highfield Hall Primary School would like to invite
all our families to join us in celebrating the

King's Coronation

Friday 5th May 2023

Please join your child at 2.15pm

Bring a picnic blanket, an 'Afternoon Tea'
style picnic, your favourite lawn game and
join us on the school field for a
'Royal Garden Party'

*Tea & coffee for sale *Ice cream van on site *Music