



Newsletter: Monday 16th September 2024

Welcome Back

Welcome to the start of a new school year! It is with great excitement that I greet you all as we embark on another journey of growth, learning, and discovery together. Whether you are new to our school or have been a part of our community for years, I want to extend a warm welcome to you and your family.

At our school, we are deeply committed to fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child can thrive. We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is key to ensuring your child's success, and we look forward to working closely with you to support their academic, emotional, and social development.

This year promises to be filled with opportunities for children to explore new ideas, build meaningful friendships, and achieve their full potential. Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare engaging lessons and enriching experiences that will challenge and inspire your children.

As we move forward, communication will remain a top priority. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have throughout the year. We are here to support both you and your child every step of the way.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Together, we will make this school year a rewarding and successful one.

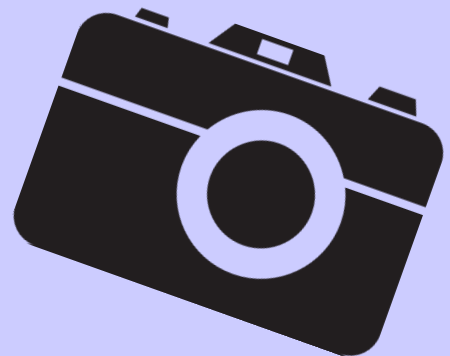
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Individual School Photos

The school photographer will be visiting on Friday 25th October to take individual portraits.

Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we will no longer be able to invite younger siblings into school for group photographs.

However, we will still take sibling groups who are all in school. Please get in touch with the office if you want your child/children to have a sibling photograph.





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MacMillan Coffee Morning

We'll be supporting Macmillan again this year with a fabulous Coffee Morning event on Friday 27th September.

We're planning to do this outside at the front of school, weather permitting! This will be from 8.30am until 9.30am, so why not come a little earlier with the children and grab a brew and a slice of something delicious!

We'll also have cakes and treats available for children to buy throughout the school day.

If there are any keen bakers out there, we'd love any donations of cakes and bakes. Just bring them the day before! We look forward to seeing you and supporting this great charity!



Breakfast Club



Don't forget we run a Breakfast Club every day for Reception to Year 6 starting at 8.00am. It's just £1.00 a day and children are able to access a range of food including, fresh fruit, cereals and toast.

They are also able to take part in a physical activity to wake them up for the day's learning and engage children in keeping active to support a healthy lifestyle!

The entrance is at the front of school - payment is made via ParentPay and you can just turn up!

Please take care when coming into school across the car park to Breakfast Club. We are unable to stop cars entering the car park in the morning and would advise parents/carers and children to use the gate by the front of school instead.

Office Hours

Please note that the office hours will be from 8.15am to 3.30pm each day during term time.

If you need to contact the school about absences, please use the Study Bugs app. Please do not report this via ClassDojo.

It is very busy at the office in the morning so before you leave home check you have packed the following:

- Water Bottle
- Homework
- Book Bag
- Coat, hat, gloves/scarf
- Packed Lunch





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Attendance Matters

At Higher Failsworth Primary School we know that good attendance is the key to successful schooling. Although we aim for 100% attendance, each year we set a target for attendance and this is used to compare us to other schools nationally. Our target for this year is over 95%.

Please can we ask for your support in ensuring your child is in school regularly and moving forward, their attendance is as close to 100% as possible.

The School Day

The school doors will be open until 8:55am for Nursery, Reception and KS1 and 9am for Year 3-6 (KS2). If children arrive after this time they will have to enter school by the main entrance and they will receive a late mark.

Children arriving after 9.30am will receive an unauthorised absence mark. It can be very unsettling for children to arrive late, and they will have missed important teaching input.

Please ensure your child is in school on time every day.



Uniform Reminder

We are proud of our uniform at Higher Failsworth Primary and we would like to remind parents that we expect the correct uniform to be worn every day in school at all times.

Our uniform is comprised of:

- Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore
- Blue and white summer dresses, skirts and blouses can be worn in the summer term
- All black sensible shoes (please note that coloured trainers, fashion shoes or high heeled shoes are not suitable for day to day wear in school and are therefore not allowed). In Reception, it is best if children are able to wear velcro fastening shoes until they are able to tie their own laces.

Children will need to come to school in their PE Kit on class PE days (Class teachers will advise):

- Red t-shirt
- Black shorts or jogging bottoms in winter
- Plain red hoodie

All items of school uniform should be clearly labelled. We cannot be held responsible for missing items.

If you need help accessing school uniform, please contact either the school office or our Pastoral Manager who will be able to help you with access to free second hand items if needed.



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Free School Meals

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for free school meals. All other year groups need to pay in advance online via Parent Pay <https://www.parentpay.com/>

The cost of a school meal is currently £2.70 per day.

Your child/children may be entitled to a free school meal. You may be entitled if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support or,
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance or,
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance or
- The guaranteed part of Pension Credit or,
- Universal Credit or,
- Child Tax Credit, but you must NOT be getting:
- An amount for childcare paid with your Child Tax Credits, or
- Working Tax credit and you must have an income of 16,190GBP per year or less worked out by HM Revenue and Customs
- A Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment for four weeks after stopping work or reducing your working hours to under 16 hours per week.

You can claim free school meals if you are an asylum seeker.

You can apply for free school meals yourself online <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. It is important that you still apply even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 as there could be additional funding available for your child through Pupil Premium.

If your child/children bring in a packed lunch, please can you ensure this is brought in at the start of the day. As a school we encourage healthy lunches.





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Advanced notice of Diary Dates

Please note some of these are provisional, check the school website for final dates & times.

Date	Year/ Class	Event
27th Sept	All	Macmillan Coffee Morning - 8.30am to 9.30am
10th Oct	All	World Mental Health Day
14th Oct	All	Parents Evening - Booked appointment only
16th Oct	All	Parents Evening - Booked appointment only
18th Oct	All	Harvest Festival
23rd Oct	All	Halloween Discos - after school - optional paid event
24th Oct	Rec - Y6	Nasal Flu Vaccinations - for children who have been registered
24th Oct	Year 2	Performance for parents/carers
25th Oct	All	School Photo Day - Individual & Siblings of HFPS ONLY Last day of term - break up for October Half Term
4th Nov	All	Back to School
10th Nov	All	Remembrance day
11th - 17th Nov	All	National Kindness Week
15th Nov	All	Children in Need - dress up details to be confirmed
2nd Dec	Year 2	The Snowman show (TBC)
9th Dec	All	Christmas Fair - 3.30pm to 5.00pm
10th & 11th Dec	Rec	Reception Performance
12th Dec	Year 5	Production for parents/carers
16th Dec	LKS2	LKS2 Christmas Party
17th Dec	UKS2	UKS2 Christmas Party
18th Dec	KS2	KS2 Dance Performance for parents
	Nursery	Nursery Sing Along
19th Dec	KS1	KS1 Christmas Party
6th Jan	All	Back to school