



Newsletter: Friday 23 September 2022

Welcome back

We would like to welcome everybody to the new academic year at Higher Failsworth!

We hope you've all had a lovely summer, and we're really glad to see all of the children back in school. We've had a successful first two weeks in school and it's been lovely to hear everyone's holiday news!

As last year, children will come to school in their PE Kit again this year, as we found it worked really well and it gives the children extra teaching time if they're already dressed for sport. Each class teacher has posted their PE Days on the ClassDojo wall, but if you are not sure what day your child's PE lessons are, please get in touch.

We've got a jam packed autumn term coming up with lots going on. See our Diary Dates page for the full run down!

Individual School Photos

The school photographer will be visiting on Thursday 6 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 need to talk to us about sibling groups.



Pantomime for Year 3 to Year 6



We recently out information about this years trip to see the pantomime at Oldham Coliseum shortly.

The trip is open to children in KS2 only and will take place on Thursday 15 December during school time. This is an optional trip and is payable via ParentPay.

We need to confirm ticket numbers with the Coliseum before the event and so bookings for this trip will close on ParentPay on 17 October 2022.

This years pantomime is Robin Hood and we're sure it will be full of magic and fun for all the children.



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Breakfast Club

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



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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We'll be supporting Macmillan again this year with a fabulous Coffee Morning event on Friday 30 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 along on the day! We look forward to seeing you and supporting this great charity!



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, you should leave a message on our dedicated answer phone. Please do not report this via ClassDojo.

School Uniform can be ordered on an order form in advance and collected at a later point to save queuing in the morning.

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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Robinwood Residential

As always, Year 6 had an amazing time at Robinwood this year! They all tried really hard to encourage each other to face their fears and try something new whether that was delving into the depths of the caves or swinging from the scary heights of the trapeze.

As a school we couldn't be prouder of the way they conducted themselves and the teamwork they showed to escape from the dungeons and piranha pools - luckily, they all made it out without losing any toes to some hungry fish!

We can't wait for next year when it will be our current year 5's turn! Details of the residential next September have been sent out to the current Year 5 classes and the payment item has been added to ParentPay. If you missed the information, please check on ClassDojo or contact the office for more help!





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Diary Dates

Date	Year/Class	Event
27 Sept	Year 5	Wonder Dome Mobile Planetarium - In school
30 Sept	All	Macmillan Coffee Morning - 8.30am to 9.30am
3 Oct	Year 6	Titanic Workshop - In school
6 Oct	All	National Poetry Day - In school Individual School Photo Day
12 Oct	Y3 Sapphire	Castleshaw Trip - outdoor clothing required
13 Oct	Year 1	Local Library Visit - ensure suitable coat/shoes worn
17 Oct	All	Harvest Festival Collection Drop off Day
	All	Parents Evening - Booked appointments only
19 Oct	Y3 Coral	Castleshaw Trip - outdoor clothing required
	All	Parents Evening - Booked appointments only
20 Oct	Rec - Y6 Y5	Nasal Flu Vaccinations - for children who have been registered Performance of 'One Small Step' (after school)
21 Oct	All	Harvest Festival - In school Last day of term - break up for October Half Term
31 Oct	All	Back to School Halloween Discos - after school - optional paid event
2 Nov	Y5 Kyanite	Castleshaw Trip - outdoor clothing required
9 Nov	Y5 Ametrine	Castleshaw Trip - outdoor clothing required
11 Nov	All	Remembrance Day - In school
18 Nov	All	Children in Need - dress up details to be confirmed
2 Dec	All	Non-uniform day for the Christmas Fair
5 Dec	All	Christmas Fair - 3.30pm to 5.00pm
9 Dec		School Governor Day - Governors visit the school
15 Dec	Y3-6 Opt In	Robin Hood Pantomime at Oldham Coliseum (am)
16 Dec	KS2 House TBC	Non-uniform day for winning house team Last day of term - break up for Christmas