

At Highfield Primary  
School  
We listen to the Children

### More Equipment in the playground

- More goal post and basketball posts
- Climbing wall
- Swings
- Trim trail
- More seating areas
- Break time equipment

### Safer Playtimes with Playground Buddies

- Trained group of pupils monitor low level behaviours and resolve conflicts
- They engage all children in friendship and play activities

### An Eco-Council

- A group of children raise awareness on energy saving, recycling and caring for our school environment
- Responsible for the up-keep of The Gaudi Garden

### The School Council to have an even stronger voice

- School Council are elected by their class
- They take an active role in innovation and change
- They have been responsible for many of the initiatives reported on this letter and are seen as part of the school's leadership team

### A Tuck Shop

- A successful tuck shop is run and managed by the children every Friday
- Replenishing of stock and keeping accounts of the money is their responsibility

### Playground Markings for the younger children

- Number counting and alphabet games painted on the playground promote outdoor learning

### Bike Shelter and Scooter Pods

- Pupils took part and achieved their cycling proficiency test
- Pupils promote healthier ways to get to school

### Running their own Stalls at Events

- Children organise and make food, items, paintings etc to sell
- They are responsible for the whole process including banking the profits
- They support and help in all of the Friends of Highfield events

### Year 4 Sleepover at the school

- A persuasive letter from a child in Y4 convinced the HT to allow a sleepover
- An amazing experience for the children took place
- It has been decided that it will become a yearly event

### The Chicks to be kept

- The whole school were encapsulated by the "Live Chicks" and watching them hatch
- Pupils persuaded Mrs Hill (Site Manager) to keep them
- We now have 4 large Hens who are members of the school
- First egg laid on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

### Team Captains to have more responsibilities

- Collate all the points at the end of the week
- Organise which team need their treat

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Carers

### Better Safety around the School Grounds

- All perimeters around the entire building and field have been secured with high fencing
- All entrance gates are fobbed

### Subsidised Rates of payment in Breakfast and After School Club

- Fees reduced for both clubs
- Further reductions if more than one child per family attends

### Safeguarding Child Pick-up Procedures

- Rigorous vetting of adults picking children up
- Permission letters required from parent/carer for different adult to pick up
- Phone back to confirm adult

### Update of the New Building Project

- Highfield expansion build from 2 forms of entry to 3 begins its first phase with a new nursery and 3 reception classes in September 2012
- Continual updates will be in the fortnightly newsletter and on the school website

### Improving Attendance

- Employment of an attendance officer has seen a dramatic improvement in attendance
- Continue to work with families
- Drop in surgery for any concerns around attendance

### Improve Stage

- To improve viewing whilst children are performing the stage has been extended and tiered at 3 different levels

### Better Communication

- Text to Parents
- Fortnightly newsletter
- Notice boards
- School website

[www.highfieldprimary.co.uk](http://www.highfieldprimary.co.uk)

### Drop in Meetings

- Monthly drop in meetings with agenda led by Parent/carer issues. Outside agencies invited in to address items
- Weekly Parent Surgery offers an induction programme for new families - led by bilingual TA

### Covered Shelters

- Two large shelters put up either side of building entrance areas
- Families have access for shelter on wet days

### Curriculum Information Meetings

- Meet the Teacher meetings in Autumn term
- Termly curriculum information meetings planned

### More Clubs

- Additional clubs have been offered to children during lunchtime and after school

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The Community

### School Choir to Perform

- In a residential home
- At the local Baptiste Church
- Outside Sainsbury's - fundraising for the North London Hospice

### Trees and Bushes to be cut back

- Responded to residents' concerns of overgrown shrubs and trees and had them cut back

### Translation Service

- School ensures translations in required languages are offered during parent/carer consultations and as and when needed

### Local Residents contributing to Children's Learning

- Local people are invited in to talk to children about their jobs, their culture, their role in the community and their past link with the school

### School Newsletter to be posted in neighbouring road

- Fortnightly newsletter is distributed for the residents of Highfield Road
- Residents have been made aware of the school website: [www.highfieldprimary.co.uk](http://www.highfieldprimary.co.uk)

### Big Lunch

- A popular Christian lunch time club run every Friday
- The school gives a generous donation to the local church for running it

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### School Premises to be hired

- Regular weekly hiring enables the community to run private clubs for adults and children
- The hire of the dining hall caters for community events such as parties, large meetings etc

### Supporting Charities

- We have a planned programme where named charities are sponsored during the year

### Volunteers working regularly at the school

- Many volunteers work at the school and gain valuable experience
- Volunteers go on to further education and gain qualifications enabling them to apply for vacancies in schools

### Supporting Local Residential Home

- School has an on-going link with Ruth Winston Residential Home.
- During Harvest the school donates food parcels to all its residents
- Pupils involved in liaising with residents and hearing stories about the local area from a historical perspective

### ESOL Classes

- Weekly lessons take place with a qualified teacher at the school enabling adults to learn English as an Additional Language.