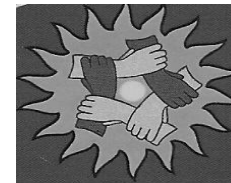




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Important information regarding school dinners, breakfast and after school clubs!

Following our finance audit, we need to make sure all school dinners, breakfast and after school club money is paid in advance. Club places and school dinners will be stopped if in debt.

Year 5 – Secondary School Applications

If you wish to apply to Ashmole Academy for entry September 2015 under the Musical Aptitude criteria, you need to apply to the school by Friday 23rd May 2014.

Happy 100th Birthday Highfield!

On **1st April** we will be going back in time to experience life at school 100 years ago. Please encourage your child to wear an old-fashioned costume eg white shirt/t-shirt, shorts with knee high socks or rolled up trousers, dresses and pinafores/aprons, boots, cap etc to school that day. During the day, each class will have the opportunity to visit the Highfield Museum and may bring in **£1 to purchase an item from the museum shop**. We would like to say a big thank you to Naz and the catering staff for providing a traditional school dinner on this day.



On **2nd April** the children will be wearing a costume from the era they have been studying. We would love you to come and watch your children perform a song/dance from their era and then join your children afterwards for a tea party/picnic. If you would like to make a contribution to the tea party, please give any cakes and bakes to your class teacher in the morning – remember the no nuts rule!

The times for the dance and tea party are in the table below. We have to strictly adhere to these times so we can accommodate as many of you as possible during the day.

Year	Hall time (dance/song)	Tea party slot	Venue (for tea party)
Reception	10.00-10.20	Following on from hall time	RC Classroom + outdoor area
Year 1	9.30-9.50	Following on from hall time	Outdoor picnic
Year 2	9.05-9.25	Following on from hall time	Outdoor picnic
Y3	1.40-2.00	2-2.20	Dining Hall
Y4	2.00-2.20	2.20-2.40	Dining Hall
Y5	2.20-2.40	2.40-3.00	Dining Hall
Y6	2.40-3.00	3.00-3.15	Dining Hall

At the end of the day the school gates will be open from **3pm so that parents/carers can come and join us** to hear the Friends announce the winners of the costume competition, sing 'Happy Birthday' to Highfield and release balloons with our wishes for the future. A special centenary edition of our Highfield Newsletter will be given to each child, along with a souvenir to mark the occasion. Thank you to the Friends of Highfield for all their support.

Headteachers Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received Head teacher awards:

3rd March Eva RF, Elizabeth 1I, Pirlanta 5W

Sports Relief



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Thank you to Sally Porter, Mr. Blount and Mr. Charles for arranging a whole school sports day in aid of Sports Relief, not only did all the children from Years 1-6 enjoy participating in competitive sport but they also raised money for charity at the same time. We hope that Reception will be able to take part in the same events before the end of the Spring Term. Congratulations to the winning team Simmonds (Red), whose Captain Amelia collected the trophy.

Sports Relief results

Years 3-6

1st Red 743, 2nd Green 740
3rd Blue 733, 4th Yellow 712

Year 1	Year 2
1I 248	2L 262
1A 242	2V 295
	2W 242



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Jude Stoughton who has successfully completed her HLTA course.

Thank you

We would like to thank the father of Zac in RC, who has been kindly looking after all of our school pets. We hope to raise money for his charity run "City and Islington Farm" later this year.

A huge thank you to all the children, parents, carers and staff who supported the recent Reception sale on 6th March. We raised an amazing £321.16, which we believe to be a record! A special thank you to Miss Fusco, who suggested and organised the brilliant and very popular photos. The money raised will be used to treat the children in Reception.

Thank you to Chris Oskis for organizing the Book fair this month, a total of £1,102 was spent of which we have £661 commission to be spent on books in Year 2.

Let's Get Physical

Congratulations to the Boy's football team on a successful first season playing competitive fixtures. They have played two matches this month winning the first against Houndsfield 3-0 with goals from Perikle, TJ and Tommy but losing the second, 2-0 to Churchfield.

Congratulations to the Girl's Netball team who have played three games this month, winning two and drawing one. They won against St John and St James 13-1 and against Firs Farm 4-3. Unfortunately they lost a very tight game to Starksfield 4-3 and missed out on winning their league by just two points.

Congratulations to the Girl's football team who have finished joint first in their league and will take part in a play-off against Raglan School in the first week of the Summer term to decide who will be league winners.

Thank you to Mr. Blount, Mr. Charles, Miss Wren and Miss Sandford for giving up their time so that the children have these opportunities.

A song for Highfield



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Highfield was very lucky to be involved with The Song Writing Charity. Children from year 4 and 5 were chosen to take part in a special workshop to create a song which reflects the values we hold dear at Highfield. John Quinn and Sarah from the charity were very impressed with the quality of the lyrics our children came up with. You can judge for yourself and download our song at www.songwritingcharity.org sound cloud. We were all surprised at the beautiful voices our children havewatch out X Factor!

World Book Day

We all had a great time reading on World Book Day. Everyone had the opportunity to design a bookmark for a national competition. We will send off all the entries and fingers crossed one of our children will win the £100 national book tokens up for grabs. The newly elected School Councillors chose the following pupils' designs as winners in Highfield; they all chose a book as a prize:

Reception: Christiana, Toby (RC), Annabelle (RJ)
Year 1: Isobella, Teegan (1I), Mollie, Martyna (1A)
Year 2: Christabel, Viktor (2W), Selinka, Nathan (2L), ~Claudia, Ralph (2V)
Year 3: Vasty, Mirela (3S), Kiricacous, Yusra (3M)
Year 4: Hamza, Kaan, Shadrack (4S), Suber, Onnoy (4M)
Year 5: Ferdows., Hanan (5HW), Alexander (5W), Alina (5K)
Year 6: Yusuf, Aliyaah (6B),. Miki, Amelia (6H)

Congratulations to the children who sent in photos of themselves reading in their favourite place. The photos were brilliant. The winners, who also chose a book as a prize, were: Michael 1I, Morgan 2L, Isabella 2L, Antonia 3S, Buse 3S, Nicole 3M and Adrien 3M. Some of the captions were: "You can't put down a good book!" (Adrien 3M).

Assemblies

3M Assembly

On Friday 14th March, 3M performed their Assembly in front of eager parents/carers and the school. The children were able to teach the audience all about the body and what we need to eat to maintain a healthy, balanced diet. They did this through song, dance and some excellent acting. The children all knew their lines without having to read them and provided us with a very entertaining and informative assembly.

Year 3 Easter Assembly

Last Friday Year 3 retold the Easter story in an Assembly to the whole school in front of many parents. They designed some excellent props and all spoke very well.

Shakespeare Assembly

Last Monday the 'Globe players' visited Highfield to perform their play, 'The Plays The Thing' to Years 2-6. It was highly entertaining and included participation from members of the audience, teachers and children alike. Following on from this all children were given a Shakespeare Passport and many Year groups continued their work on, The Bard throughout the week.

Year 5 and 6 NSPCC Assembly

As a follow up to their sponsored exercise to raise money for the NSPCC, Year 5 and 6 had an assembly to learn more about the NSPCC. The assembly taught them about the different reasons they might phone child line and reassured them that no problem was too small. Daniela, in 5W, explained that she now knows the phone number off by heart and would feel confident enough to phone it if she had a problem. It was a very worthwhile assembly for every child.

Pupil Leaders

Team Captains

Thank you to Team Captains who helped run a very successful Sports Relief day on Friday 21st March.

School Council

Welcome to the new Years 3-5 School Councillors who were elected in February. They are: Antonia and Ryan (3S); Zilan and Matthew (3M); Trandafile and Sonny (4S); Fiona and Gabriel (4M); Ahsen and Teodor (5K); Sibel and Tommy (5W); Sammy and Nickolas (5HW). Year 6 School Councillors remain the same. This week we have been discussing and planning our radio broadcast work for our Edwardian Day next Tuesday. It's all been frightfully spiffing and we can't wait for the big day! Jolly good.



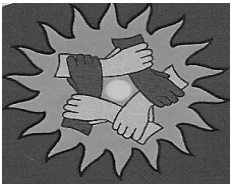
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Attendance				
W/B Feb 10 th	Feb W/B 24 th	Feb W/B 3 rd March	W/B 10 th March	W/B 17 th March
1. 6B 98%	1. 1I 100%	1. 2G 99.2%	1. 5HW 99.1%	1. 3S 99.6%
2. 6H 97.6%	2. RJ 98.6%	2. 6H 98.9%	2. 2G 98.8%	2. RC 99.3%
3. 3S 97.5%	3. 5W 98.4%	3. RF 98.6%	3. 5K 98.2%	3. 1A 98.3%
Dates for your diary				
28 th March	1A Class Assembly			9.15
31 st March	Greek Easter Assembly (postponed)			
1 st April	Edwardian School Day			
1 st April	Dance Festival, Milfield House			7pm
2 nd April	Highfield's Centenary Celebration			3.45
2 nd April	Dance Festival, Milfield House			7pm
3 rd April	Year 6 Contemporary Class photograph			
4 th April	Greek Easter Assembly			9.15
4 th April	Last day of school – school closes at 1:30			
22 nd April	Staff Training Day (School Closed)			
23 rd April	First day back			
29 th April	Girls football league play off			3.45
2 nd May	RC Class Assembly			9.15am
5 th May	Bank Holiday			
6 th May	Class Photographs			
9 th May	RF Class Assembly			9.15am
12-15 th May	Year 6 SATs Weeks			
16 May	2V Class Assembly			9.15am
22 nd May	Year 1 Fundraising Sale			3.20 – 4.45pm
23 rd May	RJ Class Assembly			9.15am
5 th June	Nursery Fundraising Sale			3.20-4.45pm



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