

Highfield Primary School

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A very warm welcome back everyone!

I hope you all had an enjoyable Summer break and are ready for our exciting academic year ahead.

It was lovely to see all our pupils and families return.

A big thank you to all our parents for making sure their child/ren looked smart in their full school uniform and arrived on time.

What a great start to our year!

Happy Eid to all our Muslim pupils, families and staff.



WELCOME TO OUR NURSERY AND RECEPTION PUPILS AND THEIR FAMILIES

It was wonderful to welcome our new families to Highfield. Please contact the office or your child's class teacher if you have any queries. We want to help the children and their families settle into Highfield.

Thank pou.....

Mr Tipping (Ms Tipping's Father) has kindly sponsored our Football Kit this year. This has saved the school over £300. The kit will have a

Our Value this term is **POSITIVITY**

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CONGRATULATIONS TO....

Mr Blount on becoming a daddy to a beautiful baby girl named Isabella Alexandra on Monday 19th September.

Both mother and baby are doing really well.

"Meet the Teacher" Meetings - Sept 2016

Outcomes from your feedback: Y1 to Y6

Did you find the meeting useful? Was the information helpful?

There was an overwhelming response to suggest that the meetings were extremely useful and beneficial to parent/carers and children.

"I found it very useful as I now know what my son will be learning throughout the year" Year 2 Parent

"The meeting was useful and provided a good overview for the coming year" Year 1 Parent

"Useful to have the handout that accompanied the slides" Year 4 Parent

"Very helpful for me to understand the expectations and when things are due, particularly as a working parent" Year 1 Parent

"Clear guidelines of behavior expectations, golden rules, class rules and positive reward systems" Year 6 Parent

Do you feel having your child present at the meeting is important? Tell us why.

The vast majority agreed that having their child present at the meeting was of great importance.

"It gives the children an understanding that we will all be working together, parent, child and teacher! Year 6 Parent

"We need to understand the school procedures and policies together" Year 6 Parent

"We are hearing information that concerns them" Year 5 Parent

"It will help us discuss these expectations at home with our child" Year 5 Parent

"Singing from the same hymn sheet" Year 3 Parent

"Both child and parent are clear" Year 3 Parent

"My child feels confidant knowing that I also know what she is doing at school" Year 3 Parent

"He will understand why we are doing homework" Year 1 Parent

"The information is equally relevant to them, they should be included" Year 1 Parent

"My child was happy because she felt I was interested in her day" Year 1 Parent

Is there anything you feel we should have included during the meeting?

Additional homework sites, School lunches, After school clubs, Subjects carried out over the school year

Information for all of the above can be found on the school website www.highfieldprimary.co.uk

Year 5 Trip to Lea Valley Regional Park

On Tuesday 13th September, Year 5 visited the Lea Valley Regional Park. The children got the opportunity to search and identify minibeasts in different habitats. They then took part in an orienteering challenge in groups where the children had to use a compass and a map to navigate around the park to find clues. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip. Year 5 would like to thank all the parents who volunteered to help on the day.



Great News!

Highfield Primary School has been awarded the Silver Science Quality Mark which recognises the high quality Science that takes place at our school. Look out for the logo on our website and on any letters that you receive. Thank you to all the staff and children who worked hard to achieve this Quality Mark.



We have also achieved a Silver Games Mark!



Year 6 Secondary School Transfer

Thank you to all those parents/carers who came along to the meeting about SATs and secondary school transfer. The meeting powerpoint and Local Authority advice leaflet can be found on our website. This gives you all the dates and times to visit the schools you are interested in. Remember to check the admissions criteria for each school – found in the handbook you received and it is strongly recommended that you nominate up to six schools, in preference order.

You should apply online at <u>www.enfield.gov.uk/admission</u> by the deadline of 31 October 2016

Ex Highfield Pupil – Desiree Henry wins Bronze medal at Rio Olympics!

During the London Olympics in 2012 Desiree was chosen to carry the torch to light the Olympic flame.

We were very fortunate as she came into the school (with the torch) and did an inspirational talk to the children. She spoke to them about how determined she was to reach the Olympics in Rio, how hard she had to work, how she had to motivate herself and believe she could achieve this dream.....

Congratulations Desiree you did and you are an Olympic medalist!!

Desiree Henry is now one of the country's leading sprinters

We are hoping she will come into the school and show us her Bronze medal.

We feel very proud!!



Harvest Assembly

On Monday 26th September, Year 1 led an assembly about the Harvest festival. The children performed a poem about Harvest, shared paintings about the wonderful things in our world and read 'Thank You' cards they had written to people who help us to have food. Year 1 also sang 'Cauliflowers Fluffy'; a song about all the different foods that are harvested in the

Autumn. The children performed brilliantly and demonstrated how much they have already learnt this term. Well done, Year 1!

Highfield School Council

Our first week was very busy as we were electing and appointing Councilors. Congratulations to the following children:

3M Zak and Melina 3C Mason and Julia 3MB Isaac and Tayla, 4M Kaan and Kauthar 4D Radi and Rojin 5D Oliver and Anastasia 5T Keiran and Felicity 5S Dilan and Qadijo 6W Billy and Raisa, 6K Keiran and Islimada, Treasurer Christvie (6K), Secretary Deborah (6W), Head Councilors Abir and Yekta.

The School Council have already met and decided our value for the first term will be *positivity*.

Children's Charter

Congratulations to Heru (6K), Shaitrinity (5T) and Layla (3C), who won the Children's Charter competition for their drawings of Mr Kennedy, Ms Tipping and Ms Celik. They will be displayed in the 2016-17 edition of the Children's Charter.

Eco Council Representatives

Stefan 3M, Hamida 3M, Sean 3C, Muigan 3C, Aral 3MB, Laura 3MB, San 4M, Katie 4M, Ahura 4D, Talya 4D, Yusuf 5D, Kyra 5D, Diego 5T, Shai-Trinity 5T, Mohamed 5S, Monika 5S

Headteacher's Award

A big congratulations to Dennis 1S, Veer 1J, Julia 3MB, Rayann 3M, Besi 4D, Kaan 4M who have all won the Headteacher's Award this month!

<u>101 things to do before I leave</u> <u>Highfield!</u>

The children of Highfield have set themselves a target of 101 things to do before they leave the school!!

The first list was created by the staff and the children together.

The second list is what the children have said they really aspire too.

These milestones can be achieved in school or at home.

A regular visit to the lists will be monitored by the children and their class teacher. *Let's try our best to make sure they achieve as many, if not all, as possible!*

See the lists below.....

101 things to do before I leave Highfield						
Visit	Go	Learn to	Take part in	Be		
The cinema The zoo The seaside A local park Central London A farm Another school The theatre A nature centre A historical ruin Places of worship A museum A library The countryside A funfair An art gallery An aquarium Santa Claus	Camping Pond dipping On a boat To a sporting event Fishing On a train On a bus Ice skating Rock climbing Bowling Abseiling Orienteering Hiking Canoeing Trampolining On a coach On a night walk On a picnic To the cinema To a pantomime	Build a shelter/den Swim Make a cake Take photographs Bake bread Ride a bike Speak another language Tell funny jokes Make jewellery Skip Fly a kite Climb a tree Make a film Cook a meal Build a camp fire Make pottery Do gymnastics Make a website Give first aid Play a musical instrument Make an origami item Grow vegetables Care for an animal Recite a poem Take responsibility	A school play A school disco An artist visit A school club A residential visit A talent show A school fete A sleepover Orienteering Fundraising events A school fete Looking after animals An assembly A puppet show A pyjama day Meeting a celebrity A festival A sports day A concert An art exhibition Running a business A fashion show Building a nature habitat	Happy A good friend The teacher for a day Able to email A team member A school leader A poet Trustworthy The best I can Hardworking Responsible Reliable Independent Courageous Proud of who I am		

The children at Highfield would also like to						
Visit	Go	Learn to	Take part in	Be		
Disneyland America Australia Egypt Brighton South End New Zealand Winter Wonderland China Japan Legoland Stratford- Upon Avon The Eiffel Tower Pakistan Bora Bora An arcade Peppa Pig World Thorpe Park Uganda Iceland Antarctica to see the penguins Mauritius The jungle Kidzania Ghana Family who live abroad Westfield Albania Canada The Queen at Buckingham Palace Mars The North Pole	On safari To a waterpark Ape! Caving Zorbing To a formula one race Bike racing in a velodrome Mountain climbing To a film premier Crabbing To the moon Jet-skiing Sky-diving Fruit-picking Into space	Be a ballerina Make breakfast for my parents Be a teacher Ice skate Scuba-dive Ride a unicycle Ride a horse Create a virtual reality headset Skateboard Make a jet pack Communicate with dolphins Make a hologram machine Sign Do a back flip Control a lion Make a gadget that talks to animals Build a tree house Tame an animal Catch a big fish Sail Ride a hover board Drive a car Make ice-cream Speak another language fluently Play the piano/guitar/flute Ride a motorbike	Paintballing Swimming with dolphins Dissecting a frog A flash mob An adventure The Olympics A You Tube video A diving competition A helicopter ride A triathlon A football match at the Emirates stadium A mission	A police officer An engineer A lawyer The first to make a time machine A stock-broker A DJ A chef A detective An architect A traveller The first child pilot Fabulous! A dentist A Jedi A soldier A train driver An optician A mum A dad A doctor An astronaut Able to bring back (safe) dinosaurs A waitress A magician A scientist An entrepreneur A published author A zoo keeper A vet An artist A model A spy A hairdresser A builder An Olympian		

Year 6 School Journey 2016

<u>19th September -23rd</u> <u>September.</u>

A fantastic week was had by all the children who went on the school journey



to Cuffley. They were wonderful ambassadors for the school, displaying our values of respect,

co-operation and kindness.

Accompanied by Mr Kennedy, Miss Dawson and Miss Wren, the children found themselves enjoying the Hertfordshire countryside. Tolmers was a great place to stay, where children took part in activities such as, kayaking, rafting, abseiling, wall climbing and bungee runs. In the evenings, the children found themselves, performing, taking part in quizzes, running in the Olympics, taking part in team games and dancing in a disco. Who can forget the dance off and sing off?!

Not only were the activities a wonderful experience, the catering staff kept them well fed. "The food was delicious," exclaimed Anfal.

Many different friendships were made during the week and the staff and children had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Many children took part in activities where they showed courage- particularly in abseiling. "I can't believe I just did that," smiled Nikolas as he came down the wall.

"It has been the best week ever!" exclaimed Deborah, "Thank you Highfield."



	Dates				
6 th October	National Poetry Day	All Day			
7 th October	5D Class Assembly	9.15-9.35			
17 th October	Parents/carers open evening	4.00-6.30			
18 th October	Parents/carers open evening	4.00-6.00			
1 st November	Nursery & siblings photos	9.30-10.30			
	Shakespeare workshop Y5	9.45-11.45			
4th November	4D Class Assembly	9.15-9.45			
	Y2 SATs parents/carers mtg	14.45-3.15			
8 th November	New Nur/Rec parent briefing	9.30-10.30			
	Y5 - "The Tempest" Millfield Theatre	13.15-4.00			
11 th November	4M Class Assembly	9.15-9.35			
15 th November	New Nur/Rec parent briefing	9.30-10.30			
17 th November	Y1-Y3 Immunisations	9.00-12.00			
22 nd November	New Nur/Rec parent briefing	9.30-10.30			
29 th November	Y2 Natural History Museum visit	All Day			