

## HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER -

February 2018

A reminder that this term ends at 1.30pm on Thursday 29 March 2018. Easter is relatively early this year so the first day of the holidays is Good Friday (30th March). We will return to school on Monday 16th April 2018.

### ***Message from the Headteacher....***

#### **NEW ARRIVALS HAVE JOINED HIGHFIELD**

During this month Chickens and Goats have joined Highfield. Our chickens have settled in very well! They are very popular with all the children and enjoy being fed by them; in return we are collecting up to 5 eggs a day.

Our two baby goats are adorable, at the moment they are being cared for by Mrs Hill and Ms Dean inside the school. They are both under 14 weeks old. Their breed is called "Wether Pygmy Goats" and they stay very small. All the children in the school have met them and they have been told what they like to eat.....it's mainly hay, however they have taken a liking to raisins. In a few weeks' time they will be transferred into the outside farm area in the school.



**The secret of patience is to do something else in the meantime.**

*--CROFT M. PENTZ*



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### **DINNER MONEY**

Please remember to top up using **Parent Pay**. Make sure there is enough money in your account at the **start of each week**. It is important that dinner money is paid in advance otherwise your child will not be able to receive school meals and will need to bring in packed lunches.

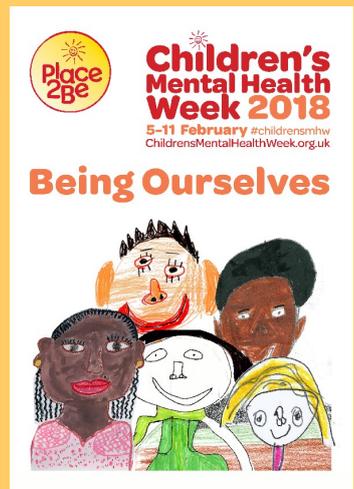
***If debt incurs then meals will be stopped until debt is cleared.***

### **Place 2 Be at Highfield**

During this important week we have been discussing our feelings, emotions and celebrating the fact we are all unique. Mrs Caulder, Mrs Togher and our new Place2Be therapist Rebecca Bomford led assemblies across the school. The children have shown real enthusiasm and made some very thoughtful comments this week. For more information please see the Place2Be link on the web site under the Parent and

Carer section.

The Place2be room is being set up and the therapist will be starting to see children and parents from this week.



### **Philip Womack – Author visit**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> February, as part of World book day, Philip Womack visited years 5 and 6. Each class took part in a workshop and were told what inspires him as a writer, how he develops the mythical creatures in his books and talked them through the process of creating a novel. The children really enjoyed the experience and have been inspired to create their own mythical creatures.

"I am excited to read my new book tonight written and signed by the author Philip Womack" Emilia

"I like how the author taught us how to write our own creative story using hybrid creatures and an unexpected event!" Angela



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### Ukuleles at Highfield

Our fantastic Friends of Highfield have purchased 30 ukuleles for our school! These ukuleles will be used throughout the school in Music lessons for the children to learn numerous musical skills such as finger position and movement, playing chords and beats and rhythms. We can't wait to start playing!



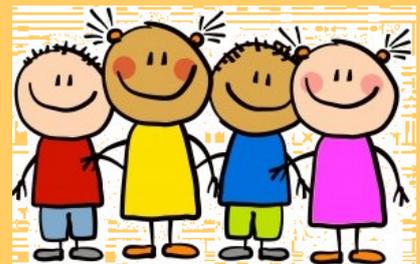
### Boys Football

On Tuesday the boys football team ventured to Edmonton County to play their football match against Firs Farm and against St Edmunds. The team were unfortunate and had an unlucky defeat against Firs Farm but played much better against St Edmunds. It was a tight game, St Edmunds were leading 2-0, but Alberto in 6L scored an excellent goal. With the support of parents, the boys pulled together as a team and Alberto managed to score another goal which meant the game ended 2-2. Well done to all of the boys that played yesterday and a big thank you to Mr Wilson for referring the match. Well done Highfield!



### 2L's Amazing Assembly

As proud parents looked on, 2L performed wonderfully for their assembly. The assembly focussed on the Highfield value of perseverance and our topic of the term 'Tomorrow's World'. The children wrote the story that they acted out and performed their own dance to the song 'Bring It All Back to You'. Everyone did a fantastic job acting, singing and dancing. Great Work 2L!



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### **“Good News Home” Club**

Many of our pupils have been fantastically good and receive no strikes which indicates that they continually make the right choices. They have been rewarded with an amazing afternoon of Art. The children who are in 6D were chosen for this special club, they were introduced to the Zentangle Pattern Art and became very creative producing some beautiful animals using patterns.

Here are some pictures of the children’s work and comment they made about their special reward!



#### **Holly 6D**

I enjoyed today because it was very calming and I think I deserve it because I have tried to get to this point. I also like the thought that the teachers realise how well I behave and acknowledge that.

#### **Ioana 6D**

I liked today because it was fun. I like that I have been rewarded as it makes me feel special. Having a letter sent home made me feel so proud.

#### **Felicity 6D**

I really enjoyed trying Zentangle because it was relaxing. I appreciated the fact that the staff reward me for making right choices. Thank you for recognising me. Having a letter sent home made me feel glad I make the right choice.

#### **Kieran 6D**

I enjoyed the day as it was fun as I got to do art instead of a lesson. It is also nice to know that people have acknowledged the fact that I did not have any strikes. When I got my letter home it really brightened up my day.

#### **Nasra 6D**

I really like the fact that I have been recognised for my good actions, I hope that other children follow my example. When reading the letter I got sent to my home, my family and I were elated, proud and honoured. Zentangle was fun to do. Thank you.



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## Safeguarding

### E-Safety

YouTube is a popular platform with both adults and young people. A guide has been created by CEOP to explain YouTube's features as well as guidance on how to stay safe when using it.

#### What is YouTube?

YouTube is a video sharing website and app that allows users to share, view and upload videos via mobile, tablet, laptop and desktop computer. In its early format, most videos were uploaded by individual users showing home-made footage, but in more recent years, film clips, television programmes and music videos have been uploaded by organisations as well as individual users.

#### YouTube and Primary Age Children

YouTube contains extensive material aimed at younger viewers and is very popular with them. If you have young children who use YouTube you can use restricted view mode, a privacy setting which helps to filter out inappropriate or offensive content that you would not want your child to see. The filtering uses the flagging system and age restrictions, though YouTube acknowledges that this cannot be 100% accurate. Restricted mode is enabled on an individual browser basis (e.g. Internet Explorer, Safari, Fire Fox), so if your child uses multiple browsers on their device you will need to enable this mode on each browser. Once enabled, restricted mode will remain on regardless of whether you are logged in or out, or if another person is logged into a different YouTube account.

#### Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2018 was celebrated globally and at Highfield on **Tuesday 6th February** with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you". Go to <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018> and visit the parent/carers section for tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online.



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### **HEADTEACHERS AWARD**

#### **Week Ending: 02.02.2018**

**Zilan RF:** For her fantastic progress in reading and writing.

**Nicole 1P:** For her huge development in her confidence and spoken English.

**Andrew 3I:** For his great work in Maths.

#### **Week Ending: 09.02.2018**

**Jack NAM:** For always trying hard, listening well on the carpet, making his teachers smile and always following our class rules.

**Daisy 1S:** For improving her writing and using excellent punctuation.

**Aaryan 3C:** For being very well behaved and a dream to teach!

#### **Week Ending: 23.02.2018**

**Jessica NPM:** For becoming confident with speaking English and for her now positive attitude to school.

**Merieme 1J:** For being very kind, helpful and caring to her friends and a huge improvement in her handwriting.

**Mason 4D:** For an extraordinary piece of descriptive writing. You really captured the power and ferocity of the Space-Bat-Angel-  
Dragon. Well done.

### **DRIVING SAFELY & PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL**

Thank you to the majority of parent/carers who are taking road safety outside our school very seriously.

It is so important that everyone does this to avoid putting our children in danger. It is in the interest of all our children that everyone drives carefully.

We have also noticed a few drivers who have been parking on the yellow zig-zag lines to drop off some children. Not only is this dangerous but it is also against the law.

**Parent/carers must be mindful of where they can or cannot park – Please do not park across residents driveways.**

Could we please ask parent/carers NOT to turn their vehicles into the car park entrance of the school. Children and parents are walking across it. We need to keep everyone safe.



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### **How can you make a difference at Highfield Primary School?**

Over the years, Highfield Primary School's PTA (Parent Teacher Association) has organised events and raised very much needed funds for our school. With the help of the staff and parents that have generously offered their spare time, we have raised thousands of pounds which has funded a range of resources and activities.

These include new netball kits, the Nelson writing scheme, a scooter park, a weather station, a class set of ukuleles, stage lighting kits and Santa's grotto. The class representative role is a voluntary role which can help you get to know parents across the whole school, it can be fun and is not too time consuming. Please note that class representatives are not to be used to help other parents express concerns about their own children. This should continue to be done directly between the parents themselves and the teacher.

#### **What is the role of a parent representative?**

\* The parent representative serves a primary role in maintaining good communication between parents, while also being a valuable resource to the teacher and the class.

\* Liaise with the parents in the class by keeping them informed of activities and events organised by the class teacher.

\* When possible, attend meetings run by the PTA to be kept informed of upcoming events and to pass on suggestions from other parents. If you work full time, please don't let this put you off becoming a class rep. You will be emailed the minutes from our meetings if you are unable to attend.

\* Encourage parents to donate resources or volunteer when requested by the class teacher or by the PTA.

- Regularly visit the Friends of Highfield link on the school website (accessed via the Parents & Carers tab) and read the monthly newsletter so that you are aware of what is happening in the school.

#### **How to get involved**

\* If you wish to put yourself forward as a class rep, please email Andre Theodorou – [andre.foh@hotmail.com](mailto:andre.foh@hotmail.com) Please include your **full name**, **mobile number**, your **child's name** and their **class** that you wish to represent.

\* Alternatively, you may complete a slip which is available at the school office.



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### Promote your business at our Summer Fete

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very excited to announce the date of this year's Summer Fete, **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. This is an extremely popular event and one of the most important fundraisers in the school calendar.

Whether you are a plumber, beautician, photographer, carpenter, florist, work for the fashion industry or someone who runs their own business, we would like to know if you would be happy to support your child's school by:

\*Donating a raffle prize - Hundreds of raffle tickets are purchased every year and are a great way to ensure your company name is recognised.

\*Sponsoring a stall or advertising in our fete brochure - You may sponsor one of our many popular rides by giving us your company banner to display. The cost of this is £40.

Companies that choose to advertise within our fete brochure can do so at a cost of £20 for half a page and £35 for a full page. Your company name will also feature on a poster at the entrance of the fete and on our Facebook page. Last year we attracted just under 1000 people at our summer fete, all of whom were offered a brochure upon arrival ensuring all the companies who featured within it received wide exposure.

Spaces are limited, please email your company name and details to [andre.foh@hotmail.com](mailto:andre.foh@hotmail.com) and specify how you wish to be involved.

For more information about the Friends of Highfield please visit the **Parents & Carers** tab on the school **website** or our **Facebook page**-

[www.facebook.com/The-Friends-of-Highfield-282813462120782](http://www.facebook.com/The-Friends-of-Highfield-282813462120782)

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your support.

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## MAKE EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNT

### At Highfield Primary - Attendance & Punctuality

Regular attendance and punctuality at school is very important for your child's wellbeing. Children who miss school are missing out on essential social interaction which can affect their ability to make friends. The facts show that if your child doesn't attend school regularly, they are less likely to do as well as other children.

At Highfield we are committed to working together with parents to increase the attendance and punctuality of all our pupils.

Although being absent cannot always be helped as we all do become ill from time to time, please note at Highfield School we expect all our children to aim for 100% attendance each half term and to be on time every day, every week! Take a look at the table below to show you exactly what your child could be missing over the year.

February 2018	
ATTENDANCE	
CLASS	%
1J	93.94
1P	95.03
1S	95.85
2B	96.31
2D	96.32
2L	94.54
3C	96.57
3I	94.23
3M	95.36
4D	95.59
4M	95.19
4MC	95.63
5B	96.09
5S	95.4
6D	95.76
6L	96.21
6P	94.37
RF	96.92
RJ	96.08
RT	97.44
-	95.75

TIME ABSENT FROM SCHOOL	ATTENDANCE
0	100% attendance
10 DAYS	95% attendance
19 DAYS	90% attendance
28 DAYS	85% attendance
More than half a term	80% attendance
9 + weeks	75% attendance

### EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

As well as being absent a lot from school effecting your child's development being **LATE** also has a big effect, please look at the table below.

<u>Lateness = Lost Learning</u> (figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 mins late each day	3 days lost
10 mins late each day	6.5 days lost
15 mins late each day	10 days lost
20 mins late each day	13 days lost
30 mins late each day	19 days lost

Every day your child is absent from school affects their education! You will notice from the figures above, that the odd day off really does mount up. Please be aware that Highfield School **WILL NOT AUTHORISE** any **HOLIDAYS** during term time, this is done in the interest of your child's education.



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February 2018	Diary Dates
1st March 2018	World Book Day
2nd March 2018	2B Class Assembly
	Book Fair open to parents/children
5th March 2018	Year 2 Trip to the Science Museum
	Book Fair open to parents/children
6th March 2018	Book Fair open to parents/children
7th March 2018	ESOL Classes
8th March 2018	Bike-ability—Year 4
9th March 2018	Bike-ability—Year 4
12th March 2018	Bike-ability—Year 5
13th March 2018	Bike-ability—Year 5
14th March 2018	Bike-ability—Year 5
	ESOL Classes
15th March 2018	Bike-ability—Year 5
16th March 2018	Bike-ability—Year 5
19th March 2018	Sports Relief
20th March 2018	Year 6 Photographs
	Parent's show for Dance Club
21st March 2018	ESOL Classes
22nd March 2018	Year 1 to Firs Farm - Enfield Partnership Festival
23rd March 2018	2D Class Assembly
26th March 2018	Parent/Carer Evening - 4pm-7pm
27th March 2018	Reception Learning Day - Tomorrow's World
	Parent/Carer Evening - 4pm-6.30pm
28th March 2018	Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day
	ESOL Classes
29th March 2018	Last day of term
Monday 16th April 2018	First day back to school



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