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“Together we can achieve more”

4th July 2018

Dear Parent/Carers

We celebrate another successful year at Highfield Primary School. I am sure you will agree with me that the children have had a fulfilled creative curriculum which has enabled them to progress in their learning. The talented staff have ensured your children are enthusiastic in their love of learning. Our priority is to ensure that when pupils move into their new class the progress in their learning continues, as we strive to continue to be the outstanding school that we are.

Today your child(ren) had **“All Change Day”** where they spent some valuable time with their new teacher and support staff who they will be with in September 2018.

On occasion some teachers will have a class they have previously taught, and in some classes the pupils may be mixed, this is to enable a balanced learning environment for all. If your child is moving to another class, the teachers would have had this conversation with you all prior to this letter.

The nursery children have been split from both morning and afternoon sessions to form part of the three reception classes, this has been based on a range of factors such as gender, age, ability and friendships. Additional children from the community will join the classes to fill 30 places in each class.

For our reception intake, our catchment this year was 0.46 miles (last year 0.6) and we received 455 applicants (last year 373) for the 90 spaces available. We do have a waiting list of 107 (last year 60) with many families going through the appeals system.

I do hope you are as delighted as we are that you are joining our school! We hope you all have a lovely summer break and very much look forward to working in partnership with you all in September 2018. Thank you for your continued support.

Happy Holidays!

Maria Kemal
Headteacher

Reminder – Monday 3rd September is a INSET day – Y1 to Y6 children return to school on Tuesday 4th September 2018. Nursery and Reception children will have phased start dates.

Highfield Primary School Classes for 2018 - 2019

CLASS TO RECEIVE	TEACHER	CLASS NAME	SUPPORT STAFF
New children	Mrs Collins	Nursery AM/PM	Mrs Arif Mrs Yianni
Nursery	Mrs Hitchins	RH	Ms Barnett
Nursery	Ms Johnson	RJ	Ms Dunbar HLTA
Nursery	Ms Fusco	RF	Ms Rossi
			Mrs Mann (across all Reception classes)
RT	Ms Petais	1P	
RJ	Ms Moody	1M	
RF	Ms Johnson	1J	
			Year 1 Teaching Assistants: Ms Willis Mrs Kamdar Mrs Forward
1P	Ms Barton	2B	
1J	Ms Sutton	2S	
1S	Ms Demir	2D	
			Year 2 Teaching Assistants: Ms Barnes Mrs Sengul Ms Barker
2D	Ms Levison	3L	
2B	Ms Ikoloh	3I	
2L	Ms Celik/Mrs Ahmed	3CA	
			Year 3 Teaching Assistants: Mrs Neal Ms Leal
3M	Ms Altundal	4A	
3C	Ms McGrath	4M	
3I	Mrs Major/Ms Courtney	4MC	
			Year 4 Teaching Assistants: Ms Titre Mrs Bates
4MC	Ms Daniels	5D	
4D	Ms Modeste	5M	
4M	Mrs Bale-Dominguez	5B	
5S	Ms Brown	6B	
5B	Ms Phillips	6P	
			Year 5/6 HLTA: Mrs Stoughton Ms Greenhill
	Ms Wren	Year 6 English sets	

STAFF UPDATES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We say goodbye to the following staff

Ms Dawson joined Highfield 3 years ago as an NQT. She has taught in Year 5 and Year 6. She has grown into an excellent teacher. Her popularity and dedication to the children encouraged them to achieve high standards of learning and thus enabled the consistently upward trend in the end of year 6 SATs tests.

She has led the History Curriculum in our school and provided much enjoyment for all the pupils and indeed the staff. The successful International Day that she organises proves a great success! She has facilitated the School Council who have led on many whole school initiatives. Ms Dawson has accompanied Year 6 pupils on their residential school journeys.

We wish her every success and happiness in her new job.

Ms Terry joined Highfield 3 years ago and has taught many children in Reception. Her classroom environment is exemplar and the children she has taught have been very lucky. Ms Terry led the teaching and learning across all the reception classes, with excellent outcomes, this was praised during our Ofsted inspection.

We wish her an amazing adventure in the next chapter of her life which will involve some travelling. Enjoy every moment, and thank you.

Mr Cannur started at Highfield 2 years ago as an apprentice IT technician. Over the last year he has been part of the excellent IT team here at the school. His skills are very much needed to ensure the smooth running of the many computers and technical equipment that is used by the children. He is going to University in September, we wish him good luck!

Mrs Lock leaves in July to begin her maternity leave, we await the news of a safe delivery!

Congratulations to Ms McGovern who is to taking up the post of Headteacher at Carterhatch Junior School

For the last 10 years Ms McGovern been part of this school as Deputy Headteacher.

Ms McGovern was a driving force during the schools amazing journey into achieving its Outstanding Status in 2016. Her work ethic and dedication to the school community is one to be commended. She always put all the children's learning first, and was committed to ensuring the Highfield Vision was realised. Over the last 2 years Ms McGovern has been seconded in 2 schools working as an Interim Headteacher, her skills further developed and she was offered the position of a Headship for this September.

On behalf of myself, the staff, governors, children and the Highfield Community we wish every success in her new school. We thank her for everything she has done for our school. Goodbye and Good luck Ms McGovern!

We are delighted to welcome new staff at Highfield for September 2018

Teachers – Ms Moody will be joining Year 1, Ms Hitchen will be joining our Reception classes, Ms Bale-Domingues will be joining Year 5, Ms Altundal will be joining Year 4 and Ms Halil will be joining our Senior Leadership Team as an Assistant Headteacher. Welcome to them all.

Acknowledgements for:

The Community of Families that bring their wonderful children to our school.

The Headship Team, Mrs Kemal, Mrs Shaughnessy and Mr Wilson, and ***The Senior Leadership Team*** Mrs Calder and Ms Wren have worked very hard this year to ensure the outstanding learning opportunities for all the children. They are an invaluable part in the schools drive to outstanding leadership!

Mrs Togher – School SENCo, The Teachers, HLTAs, Teaching Assistants, Learning Mentors, Welfare staff, Office staff, Site-managers, Governing Body, School Council, IT Technicians, Breakfast and Tea Time club staff, Kitchen staff, Lunchtime play leaders, Friends of Highfield, Buddies, Team Captains, Mini-Mentors, Anti Bullying Leaders and Young Interpreters have been totally committed in providing an excellent education. Their efforts and hard work has been relentless. This collective determination from them all continues the drive for improvement and has ensured that **Highfield Primary is an Outstanding School.**

I look forward to another wonderful year in September 2018.

Thank you
"Together We Can Achieve More"
Maria Kemal
Headteacher

Academic Term Dates 2018-2019

Autumn Term

Monday 3rd September – Friday 21st December 2018

Half-term: Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October 2018

Spring term

Monday 7th January – Friday 5th April 2019

Half-term: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February 2019

Summer term

Tuesday 23rd April – Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Half-term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019

Bank Holidays

25th-26th December 2018, 1st January 2019, 19th April 2019, 22nd April 2019, 6th & 27th May 2019, 26th August 2019

Inset Days – School closed for students:

Monday 3rd September 2018, Monday 29th October 2018, Friday 24th May 2019, Monday 22nd July 2019, Tuesday 23rd July 2019