



HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Together we can achieve more"

Newsletter - March 2019



Message from the Head teacher:

I would like to thank all the parent/carers that attended the consultation evenings. There was an overwhelming 98% turnout, with many classes reaching 100% engagement.

It is very important to share information about your child's progress and well-being with their class teacher. *"Together we can achieve more"*.

On the 28th and 29th March pupils, staff and the Highfield community were filmed during the day. The filming captured the amazing learning that happens at the school every day. It also captured the children's joy, fun and laughter!

The reason for this is to update our video on the school website **"A Day in the Life of Highfield"** – as soon as it has been edited and goes live we will let you know. As always we adhere to the requests of parent/carers that do not wish for their child to be photographed or filmed for social media purposes. These children are not in the film.

Lego Raffle

We have finally finished our **'Assembly Square Lego'** and it is now ready to go to a new home.

Each year we build Lego as part of our mentoring sessions. To enable us to continue this and purchase a new project for our children to enjoy, we are raffling this year's model.

Raffle tickets will be available to buy outside year 5/6 entrance on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 13/3/19.

Tickets will be priced at £1 per strip. **Good Luck.**



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3I and 3L become chefs!

The children of 3I and 3L had the amazing experience of being pizza chefs for a morning. The two classes visited Pizza Express as part of the Design Technology curriculum. The children learnt about the process of preparing a pizza and about the origins of the ingredients. Children adhered to health and safety rules by washing their hands and wearing aprons and hats.

Once ready, each child prepared a margherita pizza. The first job was to ensure the base covered the baking tray. The next task was to cover the base with the tomato sauce; this was done by tilting and shaking the baking tray. Finally cheese and oregano were added to the pizza. Whilst the pizza was baking we learnt that pizzas originated not in Italy, but in Egypt! The whole experience was fantastic but the best part was being able to take a pizza home to share with families!



Year 2's Trip to the Science Museum

On Friday 8th March Year 2 had an amazing day travelling into Central London on the train to visit the Science Museum. The children all took part in a brilliant interactive space session where they were given the chance to travel to space and solve problems that they encountered on the Space Station including what to make a space suit out of. The children were fascinated and also disgusted to learn about how astronauts purify their urine! The children also had the opportunity to find out more about past space missions and view parts of real rockets which inspired lots of the children and sparked lots of questions. The children had a fantastic day and represented our school brilliantly.



2B's Class Assembly

On Friday 22nd March it was 2B's wonderful class assembly. The children were extremely excited to perform their assembly on 'Active Planet' including retelling the story Poles Apart by Celia Warren and Mike Terry. Every child had a speaking part and they all said their lines confidently and clearly. The highlight of the assembly were the 2 songs they performed one of which had actions to match! Well done 2B, we are all very proud of you!



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'Stranger Danger and Personal Safety'

PC Louise came to visit Years 2-4 on Monday 11th March to talk about how to stay safe and what a stranger is. The children learnt about 'safe strangers' who wear a uniform such as police officers, paramedics and security guards in shops who are here to help us. PC Louise also spoke about what strangers may ask you and what personal information should be kept to yourself. In addition, the children identified with different ways of staying safe on the roads. E.g. the green cross code and wearing a secure helmet if riding a bicycle.



'We shouldn't talk to strangers because we don't know who they are.' Aidan – 2S

'The police officer spoke to us about how to stay safe online and not talk to strangers.' – Andre – 4MC

International Women's Day 2019

On Friday 8th March, Highfield celebrated International Women's Day! Each year group was asked to focus on women in different areas such as politics, nature, science, medicine and literature. The children explored women who have significantly impacted modern science, women leading the way in politics and female authors exploring literature. International Women's Day was a great day in which the children of Highfield learnt about key influential women in different areas and how they have helped to shape the world today.

Boys Football

On Tuesday 26th February the boys' football team travelled to Edmonton County power league to take on Firs Farm. In a hard fought game, the superior skills of the Highfield players shone through, with 2 goals from Rayan and 1 from Victor putting the boys 3-0 up at half time. In the 2nd half we soon went into a 4-0 lead with Dzjowani capitalising on a defensive error. Firs Farm then got a goal back before Rayan sealed the win and his hat trick, making it 5-1. Firs Farm got another goal back but it was too little too late giving the boys their 1st victory of the season. Well done!

Highfield Team: Hattan, Alex, Stanley, Victor, Rayan, Artel, Akram, Dzjowani, Stefan, Ledjon



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Reception Trip to the Gruffalo Trail

Reception had a wonderful day at the Gruffalo trail. As well as meeting all the characters from the story the children were involved in many activities throughout the day. These included building habitats for the characters, flying like owls, pretending to be the Gruffalo and collecting their own claws, creating pictures of the characters from natural materials, doing the Gruffalo hokey cokey, climbing and balancing on logs and even walking up trees backwards! We had fantastic rangers who helped bring the story alive for the children. The Reception team and the rangers were so impressed with the children's behaviour, knowledge of the story and their understanding of the world around them. We would like to thank our parent volunteers, without whom the day would not have been possible.

Quotes-

"I liked when I climbed up the fox." Sefa RF

"I liked it when I balanced on the tree." Emma RF

"I liked it when we played hide and seek in the woods." Angela RH

"I liked it when we were going to see the snake in his log pile house." Sam RH

"My favourite part was the Gruffalo-kokey because I liked the song." Stella RJ

"I liked it when we were climbing like a squirrel and I liked the bus too." Raffy RJ



Year 4 visit Woodcroft Wildspace

This week Year 4 have been visiting Woodcroft Wildspace. The children have discovered a wonderful array of animals in the ponds and under logs including newts, frog spawn and a very big spider! They also identified some of the many trees that have been planted there. The visits will help the children to understand their forthcoming work on food webs and it also provides an excellent subject for the nature documentary they are writing for English. Thank you once again Woodcroft.



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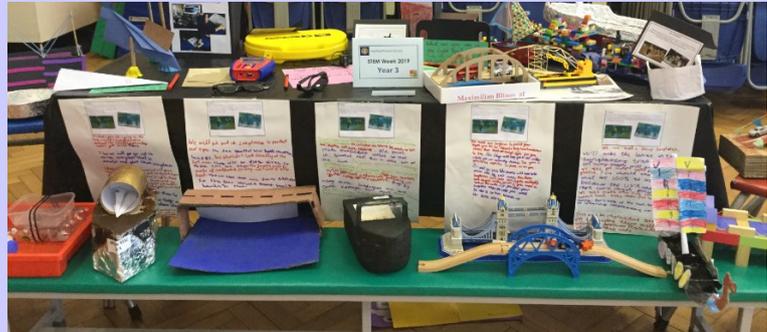




STEM WEEK

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) are going to play a key part in the jobs of the future we are trying to prepare our young people for. At Highfield Primary School, we not only embrace the importance of those subjects but choose to celebrate them all during STEM Week. As part of our Active Planets topic, our focus was on the raging rivers and each class was expected to engineer a product to support victims in our school relief centre. Some of the fantastic products showcased at the STEM fair:

- Nursery- Building and Constructing using Lego
- Reception- Home-made crumble
- Year 1- Capes for relief workers
- Year 2- Relief buggies
- Year 3- Protective sunglasses
- Year 4- Tooth paste for victims of the disasters.
- Year 5- Food parachutes
- Year 6- Periscopes for the military.



The whole school enjoyed a range of STEM activities this week. By creating a stimulating environment for our children to explore STEM, we aim to build their confidence, realise their potential and have a lot of fun along the way. Many teachers agree that they have future computer engineers, inventors and mathematicians blossoming in their classrooms.

Science Fair at Hazelwood Primary School

On Thursday 27th March 2019, four Year 3 children represented Highfield Primary school at the science fair that was held at Hazelwood Primary School. Each school had to make a science board of all the amazing things they have done during STEM week and then present this to many other classes. The children from Highfield spoke extremely clearly and were excellent presenters, explaining their extensive knowledge of light. The children had a wonderful day and learnt so many interesting scientific facts from other groups too!



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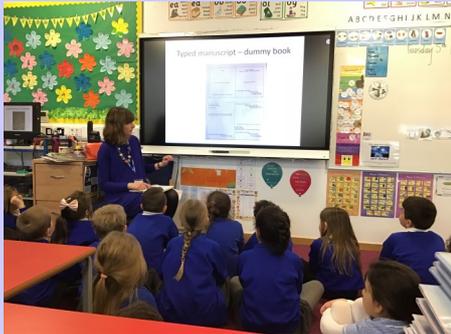




Author Visits:

Teresa Heapy

On Tuesday 5th March the author Teresa Heapy visited the school. She worked with Y2, inspiring them to create their own characters for their stories. She then read her book 'Very little Red Riding Hood' to Reception and Year 1 children and spoke to them about how she came up with the ideas for her stories. The children thoroughly enjoyed the event and it was great for them to see how they could be inspired in their story writing.

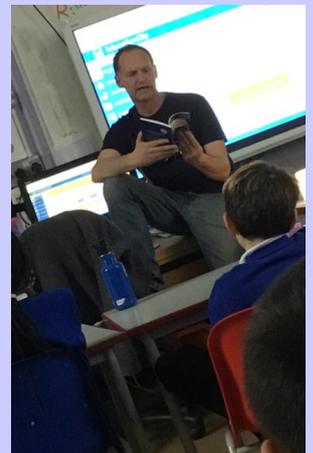


Neil Arksey

On Monday 4th March the author Neil Arksey visited the school. He worked with Year 4 talking with them about the ideas that inspired him as a writer, asking them to come up with their own. He also did an assembly to Year 3 and told them about his difficulties with writing, and in particular spelling when he was at school. His story showed the children that if you have the right attitude you can overcome problems and be successful.

Alan Durant

On Friday 8th March the Author Alan Durant came to Highfield. He worked with Y5 and 6. He read extracts from his books and explained why he had become an author and what inspires him. He also gave the children advice on how to come up with ideas. 'Always carry a notebook with you because you never know when an idea might pop into your head.'



Over the past few weeks all children have had a visit from a published author. These visits show children what it is possible to create as well as motivating and inspiring them in their writing. Thank you to all those parents who contributed £3. Without your contribution the school would not be able to fund such great experiences for your children.



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1M Library Visit

This week 1M went to Winchmore Hill Library so we could support our local community and look at lots of amazing books! We got to choose our own book to take out then listened to a story from the librarian. We were so beautifully behaved and made sure to be super quiet when going around the library!

“I love rainbow books” Derin

“This is making me smile” Kaan

“When we’re older we can go and get any books we want!” Archie



WORLD BOOK DAY

Key Stage 2

By my 10th birthday, I had travelled to India and Australia; to the Mississippi, the Amazon Rainforest and to China. It was a journey of more than 70,000 miles and I had made it alone. I didn't travel by car or by plane, by boat or by bicycle but by the power of reading.

Books can ignite the imagination and transport you to distant lands. It was this power that we celebrated on World Book Day: Year 3 travelled to Mount Merapi in search of the Fire Fiend and his Royal Sulphur; Year 4 were launched into space against a backdrop of interplanetary wars; Year 5 journeyed to Manaus and explored the curiosities of its Natural History Museum while Year 6 stepped foot into the frozen wastelands of Narnia.

Some fantastic artwork was produced and everyone experienced someplace new. Next time you're filled with wanderlust, why not pick up a book?

Happy travels.

Early Years and Key Stage 1

Thursday 7th March was World Book Day. The EYFS and KS1 children had great fun celebrating this event and came to school dressed as their favourite book characters, their costumes were amazing! The children took part in a variety of reading and writing activities related to their favourite books. Thank you to all the children for taking part and making the day so special for everyone.

Book Fair

We raised a total of £1,522.00 at the book fair! The 60% commission of £913.00 has gone to our Year 3 classes for books. Once again a huge thank you to Mrs Oskis and Mrs Neal for their hard work during the book fair.



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Place2Be makes it easier to sleep because you get things off your mind.

I like place 2 be

I like **Place2Be**. We talk about what is bothering us.

Place 2B

Come to Place to be and return with a smile!!

Come to Place to Talk and return with a smile.

!Place to talk!

pretend brown up.

I'll talk with u!

everyone is teasing me!

if every-one is teasing u go to Place to Be!

Have a Problem? Go To Place 2Be!

By Sudan

Place 2Be

In **Place2Be**, you can relax and be free.

Place 2Be



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Funded early education and childcare entitlements and additional support with childcare costs.
Visit: www.enfield.gov.uk/if
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FIND OUT ABOUT

2 YEAR OLDS MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UP TO 15 HOURS

3, 4 YEAR OLDS OF WORKING FAMILIES MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UP TO 30 HOURS

ENFIELD Council

Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents

On Tuesday 19th March the reception parents were invited to the second Practical Phonics Workshop. This workshop was planned following the evaluations from the parents after the 1st Phonics workshop (26.2.19).

Aim of the workshop, 'give an insight of how phonics is taught in a fun and practical way that will give parents/carers ideas on how to support their children with phonics at home within Phase 4 and Phase 5'.

Mrs Halil-Docherty and Miss Johnson got parents involved by joining in with mini lessons. It was great to have a group of willing parents to join in and have a go...living in the life of their child. Parents were able to take away the games/activities used in the session- hope you all have fun with them!

Thank you to all the parents that attended and for the positive feedback.

Comments from the parents/carers with regards to the 2nd phonics workshop

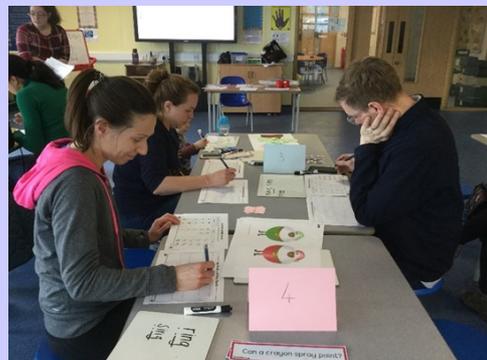
Workshop- "Better knowledge and understanding of phonics and how to teach it"

"It helped us to learn how our children are taught"

"It was good to view the session from our children's perspective"

Other comments: "More sessions to keep us updated!"

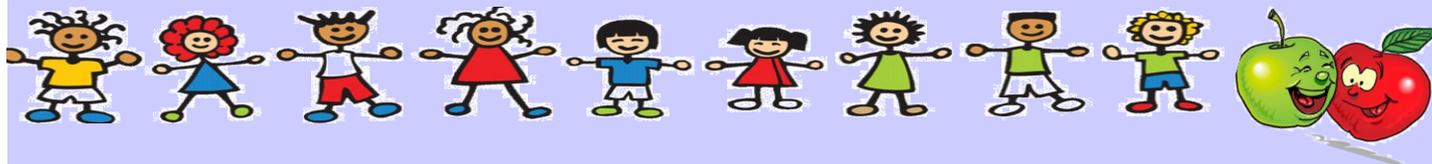
"Well presented!"



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Joining Hands to Support our Children's Future Friends of Highfield Newsletter- March 2019



Hello everyone!

Here is a quick summary of some of the things we have to look forward to over the coming months at Highfield.



Quiz Night



FOH are hosting an adult only quiz night on 10th May in the school canteen at 7:30pm.

There will be drinks available to purchase on the night and your £10 ticket will include a chicken or vegan curry with rice and naan. Spaces are limited so please purchase tickets for all 6 members of your team at once (£60), so we can ensure your group is complete. Look out for posters on the gates and school texts.

It should be a great night and a good way to meet other parents! We look forward to seeing you there.

FOH Meetings

Meetings are normally held in the canteen at 9am. In the evenings, they're held at The Orange Tree Pub on Highfield Road or The Kings Head on Winchmore Hill Green. The dates and times of these meetings are communicated via text from the school. Keep an eye out for these messages! Everyone is welcome. We discuss upcoming events and updates concerning our school.

Easyfundraising Reminder!



Just a reminder to sign up for 'easyfundraising' We still only have 50 members so far but have now raised a total of £215.44, so it's slowly creeping up! We would love to get more members on board. It's simple and easy to use and it doesn't cost you anything! Please google 'easyfundraising' or see posters on school gates for more info.

Donate My School-Donation Page



FOH have set up a donation page for anyone who would like to make a donation for the benefit of our school.

Some parents have mentioned that they did not want to put an estate agent board outside their home advertising our Summer Fete, but instead they would prefer to donate the £10 the school would have received. So, we have set up a page with 'Donate My School' to help facilitate these donations and make it easy for parents using this link:

<https://donatemyschool.com/project/1752>

It is an ongoing campaign for now, which means that all donations collected on this page will be sent to the school on a monthly basis. In the future, if we have some specific goals that we are working towards, we can set up individual campaigns for these targets and work together to achieve our goals.

Bag-2-School!



Thank you to everyone who donated clothing for our collection and helped us raise £248! Much like our other collections and fund-raising events, all of the money raised goes into providing essential resources for your children.

FOH Updates



www.highfieldprimary.co.uk/parents/friends-of-highfield

Please access the Friends of Highfield section of the school website under the 'Parents & Carers' tab.

*FOH members *Class rep list *Upcoming events *Summer fete plans *Minutes from meetings *Have your say form *What have funds provided? *Easyfunding *Match Funding

Class Reps

We still require class reps for 5M, 6P and 6B. Please email the FOH address below to put yourself forward and for more information visit www.highfieldprimary.co.uk/class-representatives. It's not a very time-consuming role but makes a huge difference to the way in which we disseminate information to Parents & Carers. **Class reps are currently asking for permission from families to place an advertising board outside their home for our Summer Fete.**

Calendar of Events:

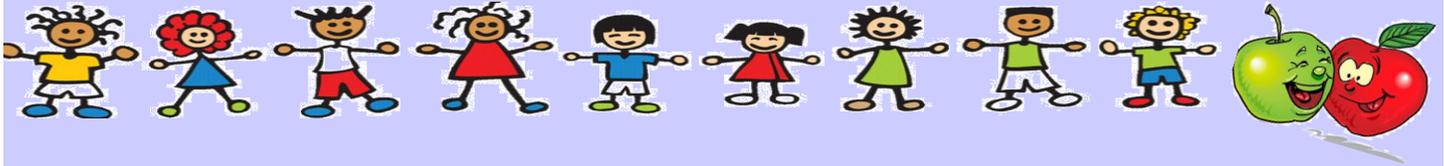
*April 4th 3:30pm-Easter Egg Hunt *May 10th 7:30pm-Quiz Night *June 29th 12-4pm-Summer Fete



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Summer Fete Update!



Preparation for our Summer Fete is now well underway.

We have had a great response so far from so many parents willing to help out, it's been a real team effort! We still have lots more to do and your continued support is always very much appreciated.

We are currently collecting addresses for Estate Agent boards, so if you are happy to have a board outside your house advertising the summer Fete please do get in touch with your class rep or you can register your address at the school office if you do not have a class rep. In the coming weeks, we will be looking for some more help to try and source donations for the Class Stalls. Your class rep will be in touch to let you know which stall has been allocated to your class and which donations might be required.

Estate Agent Boards

If you are happy to display an estate agent's board advertising our fete outside your home, please inform your class rep or complete a form in the office. Boards will be placed on a stand if there is nowhere to attach the board securely without using nails. Alternatively, you can help us raise vital funds by making your £10 donation at www.donatemy school.com/project/1752

Reminder to parents with businesses!



If you run your own business or work for a local company that would like to feature in our Summer Fair Brochure, please email FOH (details below). Last year we had over 1200 people attend our Summer Fair, and we are hoping to beat that this year! Each visitor was offered a complimentary copy of the brochure. You may choose to:

***Donate a raffle prize**, which will enable your company name to be promoted during our draw, on our raffle posters and on our raffle page in our brochure.

***Advertise in our brochure**. Companies that wish to include a special offer in their advert, will receive an additional mention free of charge on our 'Exclusive Offers' page.

***Sponsor the fete**, by supplying your company banner which we will display on the day of the fete. You will also be mentioned on our sponsorship page.

***Run a stall on the day**, enabling you to promote your company and meet potential customers face to face.

Please email us your application after downloading it from: www.highfieldprimary.co.uk/summer-fete-29-06-19/#section1

Easter Egg Hunt



This year our event has been generously sponsored by Knights Residential in Edmonton.

As you will have seen on the posters around the school, our Easter Egg hunt will be on 4th April at 3.30pm in the playground. Please collect your child from class and make your way round to the playground ready for the hunt to begin.

If you haven't already bought a ticket, you can do so at the main reception. You're welcome to buy additional tickets in advance for other children that will be with you on the day.

Please make sure you bring the ticket with you to ensure your child can claim their Easter Egg!

Parents/Carers, please email FOH to volunteer your time to help run this event. If we have enough hands on deck, we hope to serve hot/cold drinks and treats.

Thank you to Sainsbury's who donated a voucher to FOH to help purchase items for this event.

Match Funding Reminder!



Calling all parents again! Do you work for any of the following companies?

- * Banks
- * Insurance companies
- * Utilities providers
- * Car manufacturers
- * Building societies
- * Supermarkets
- * Phone companies

Please ask your employers if they offer 'Match Funding' and don't forget to mention that we are now a charity as this will have offset benefits for your employer.

This is an initiative that is offered by some of these larger companies whereby they pledge to 'match' funds raised by our school. This can dramatically increase our fundraising efforts and help towards improving our school and its facilities.

Please get in touch.... details in box below!



FOH contact information

Email- friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com

Facebook & Twitter- 'The Friends of Highfield'

Website- www.highfieldprimary.co.uk/parents/friends-of-highfield



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Head teacher's Award

Week ending 01.03.2019

Micahel RF: For increasing his ability to do things faster, playing with ALL the other children, improving his writing and for being a superstar!

Aliihsan 1P: For always showing kindness and applying himself to his learning.

Sofia 4A: For writing a wonderfully imaginative alternative ending to the Iron Man.

Week ending 15.03.2019

Rayyan NAM: For growing in confidence and making good progress in all areas of the curriculum.

Sumaya 1M: For always striving to achieve more.

Humera 3I: For settling in well and always trying her best.

Week Ending 22.03.2019

Tulpar NPM: for trying his best in Nursery.

Origita 1P: for always trying her best in everything she does.

Sophia 3CA: For always contributing in lessons and putting effort into her work.

Staff Updates:

The Governing Body would like to inform you that after a very rigorous interviewing process they are pleased to announce that the successful candidate for the position of Headteacher for Highfield Primary School is Mr David Wilson.

Mr Wilson will remain in his current position as Deputy Head until he commences his new role in September 2019.

Mrs Kemal wishes the school continued success and congratulates Mr Wilson on his appointment.

Goodbye and Thank you to Mrs Kamdar (TA) who will be leaving the school this month. She has worked here for 6 years and has been a great asset to the children and their learning. She has been totally committed to the school. We wish her every success in her new career move!

Welcome back to Mrs Lock and Mrs Tailor who will be returning to the school after their maternity leave ends – this will be in the month of April for both of them.



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ATTENDANCE

Form	%
RF	95.4
RH	97.5
RJ	96.5
1J	93.9
1M	95.02
1P	94.99
2B	93.37
2D	95.22
2S	95.98
3CA	95.49
3I	96.07
3L	95.86
4A	96.01
4M	96.18
4MC	94.74
5B	96
5D	96.13
5M	95.94
6B	96.34
6P	96.58
RH	97.5
RJ	96.5
TOTAL	95.79

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.

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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April 2019	Diary Dates
01.04.2019	Year 4 Natural History Museum Trip
03.04.2019	ESOL
05.04.2019	Early Finish 1.30pm
08.04 -22.04.2019	Easter Holidays
23.04.2019	First Day back at School
24.04.2019	ESOL
26.04.2019	Taster Session for new School Menu in the canteen 3.30-5.30pm
30.04.2019	Year 6 Class Photos
	Class 1M Woodcroft Trip

DRIVING SAFELY & PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

It is absolutely vital that parents/carers DO NOT park over our neighbours' driveways or directly in front of the school gates. We appreciate that parking is limited, but the relationship we have with local residents is really important to the success of our school and for the safety of our children. Thank you for your cooperation.



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