



HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Together we can achieve more"

Newsletter - July 2019



Good Bye Highfield!

I have thanked many people in the last few weeks, however once again I would like to thank all of the Highfield Community for the commitment, support and kindness you have shown me during my 12 years as the Headteacher of this truly amazing school.

I have always put the children first and at the heart of everything that I did. I tried to keep focused on my moral purpose as to why I chose this incredible job.... it's never been about me!

Thank you for your many generous gifts and kind words, they have really touched me. When the children come to speak to me about why I am leaving and when they performed their final songs for me, I shed many tears. I will miss the children the most.

I am excited about the next chapter in my life and very much looking forward to it.

I feel confident in leaving, knowing that you will show the same loyalty to the new Headteacher - Mr. David Wilson.

I wish Highfield continued success for the future.

I don't like goodbyes so I will say see you later.

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard"

All the very best

Maria Kemal



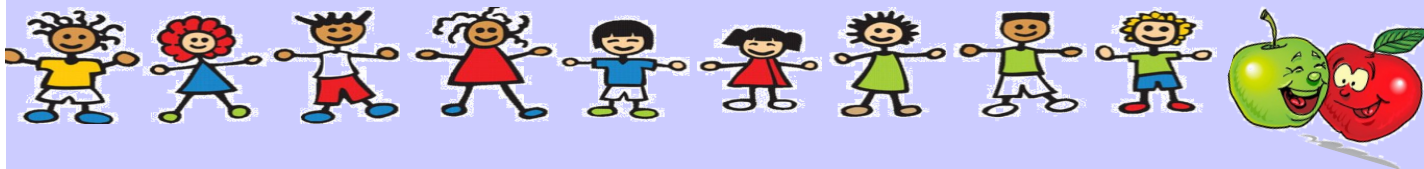
One of my many gifts from the children of Highfield... I absolutely love it!!



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Headteachers Award

Laura RF: For learning and improving her English. She is now speaking in English. Well done Laura!

Jasper 2B: for his consistently positive and hardworking attitude to his learning. He is a role model to the other children in the class and I am very proud of him.

Ela 4MC: For her kindness to others, her hard work, her improved handwriting and her great English work.

Goodbye Year 6!

Year 6 have had a busy few weeks preparing for their end of year adventures.

Farewell Party

It was Year 6's final Highfield party on Wednesday and what a party it was! The children danced until their hearts content and spend some quality time with each other playing football, ping pong and socialising over delicious snacks and food. They ended the special evening embracing each other and their family, whilst we collectively sung 'That's what friends are for'.

Year 6 production

The whole school enjoyed Year 6's production of Hercules. An amazing romp through the times of Ancient Greece we found out that while Achilles had a problem with his heel - Goddess Kemal's secret weakness was chocolate! The Year 6 children thrilled and entertained us with their acting, muses sang and danced, brave Hercules faced a variety of monsters, Pegasus made us laugh with his outstanding four legged costume and white wings, and we even had solos singers- lots of us had tears in our eyes! The show came to an emotional finale when the children dedicated the last song, That's What Friends are For, to Mrs Kemal as she prepares to say goodbye to Highfield and enjoy her retirement. Well done Year 6 what a fabulous way to say goodbye to your primary school.

Leavers Parade

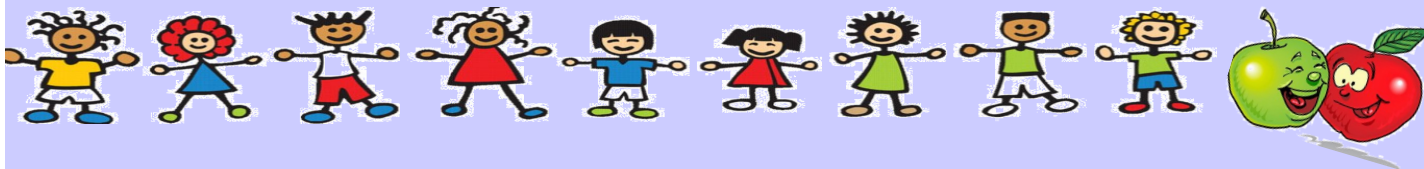
We say a final goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 on Friday 19th July, at our Leavers Parade. Each child will attach their wishes to an eco-friendly balloon and send it into the sky after being cheered and supported by the Highfield Community and their families. Year 6, you have all been a pleasure to have as part of the Highfield family. We will miss you very much. Always remember to follow your dreams!



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2B's Woodcroft Trip

2B had a wonderful time on Tuesday 2nd July when they then had the opportunity to visit Woodcroft. They each completed 3 different activities including pond dipping, bug hunting and identifying plants. They wowed the instructors with their knowledge about how plants grow and also the number of different species they could identify! Their favourite activity was definitely pond dipping as they were extremely excited empty their nets and see what animals they had caught. Some of the children even managed to catch a newt! They all had a wonderful day and talked about their trip all afternoon when we got back to school!

Dexter: 'I managed to catch a newt and I felt so proud of myself because I was the first one to catch one!'

Tristan: 'I had a ladybird climbing all over me and it was so small and exciting.'

Flo: 'I liked getting the animals out of the net and putting them into a bucket to see what I caught.'



RH trip to the library

On Thursday 4th July RH visited Winchmore Hill library. After returning the books that we had borrowed on our first visit the staff read us some stories based on the theme 'space' and told us all about the Summer reading challenge 'Space Chase'. We got to see the booklet that we would be given and the prizes that we could win if we decide to participate in the challenge. We then got to sit and have a look at some books of our choice. The class were beautifully behaved and did the staff proud! We would like to thank the parent volunteers that came with us, as without them the trip would not have been possible.

University of Hertfordshire Assembly

On Friday 5th July Year 4 and 6 were very lucky to be visited by Nick and Astrophysics Masters student, Daryl from the University of Hertfordshire for an assembly about University. Nick told the children all about the University of Hertfordshire and we learnt that there are over 50,000 subjects to choose from. Nick explained that this meant that the children could choose to study a subject that they were really passionate. Daryl then told the children all about what he studies. He introduced the children to the Bayfordbury Observatory and amazed us with the fact that 'approximately 10% of all known planets were discovered by University of Hertfordshire astronomers'.

After a mini graduation, the children were then able to have their questions answered including:

'Can you study a sport?'

'Is Architecture a subject?'

'What do you need to study to become a physicist?'

'How many years do you have to go to University to become a lawyer?'

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As the children left the hall one child told our visitors 'I want to come to your University!'

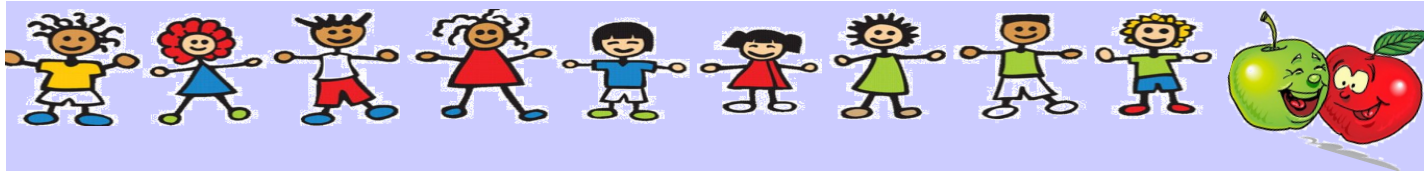
We would like to say a big thank you to Nick and Daryl for giving up their time and helping to further our children's aspirations for the future.



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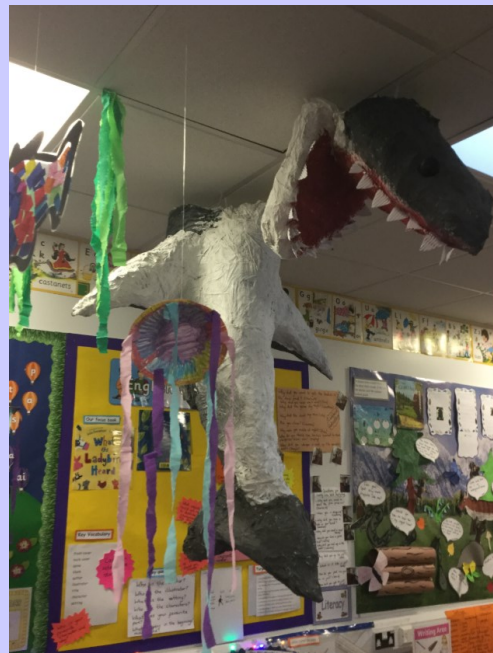
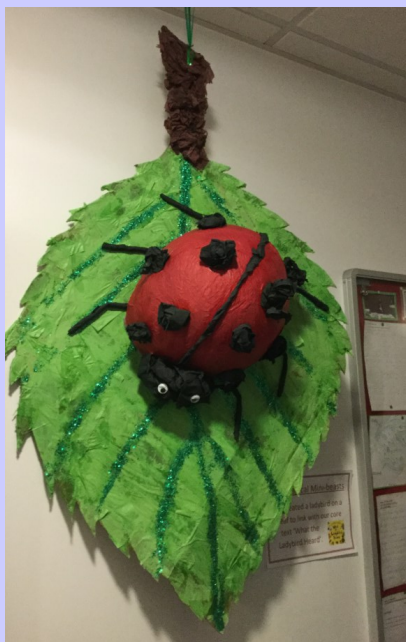
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Sculpture Trail

As part of this term's topic 'Sensational Sculptures,' pupils across the school created sculptures for a whole school sculpture trail. Once created, the children followed the sculpture trail map and got to see the sculptures made by the other classes. Everybody made such a huge effort and it was lovely to see different skills being used to create sculptures.



Tate Britain

This year, schools across London took part in an exciting project with renowned artist, Steve McQueen. Year 3 classes across London were invited to take part in one of the largest group portraits ever made. As part of the project, a photographer from the Tate Britain visited our school and took class photographs of all the children in year 3. These class photographs will become part of an exhibition at the Tate Britain from November 219 until May 2020 along with thousands of other class photographs of year 3 children across London. The children were very excited to be part of such an exciting project.

Enfield Vocal Recital Concert

Congratulations to Julia in 5B. She recently sang in the Enfield Vocal Recital Concert at the Dugdale Centre. This concert is usually only for secondary school children! Julia did a marvellous job representing Highfield school and sang beautifully! Well done!

Technology Assembly for Year 4 and 6

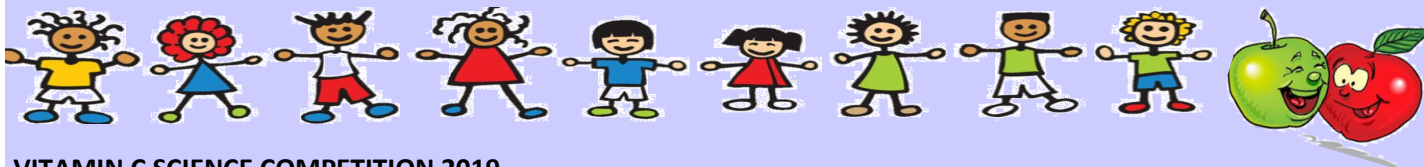
On Friday 5th July, two ambassadors from the University of Hertfordshire, Nick and Daryl, lead an assembly for Y4 and some of Y6. Initially the talk explained what courses can be studied at university and how universities are different from primary and secondary schools. We learnt that there are 130 universities in the UK and they offer 50,000 different courses! Then Daryl, who studies Astro Physics, explained the role Hertfordshire University has played in recent star discoveries. The children were able to ask questions about university life and the courses they could study. A very inspiring assembly.



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VITAMIN C SCIENCE COMPETITION 2019

Nine children future scientists from Year 5 children were chosen to represent Highfield Primary School at the annual Science competition at Edmonton County Secondary School and won the first place award for the second year in a row! Aisha, Tobias, Rizan, Khloe, Jude, Hayrunisa, Irini, Ciwan and Tom presented their investigation about the vitamin C level in different juices. Whilst our children had tough competition, the panel of judges (who included the Head of Science Department and a top Physicist) explained how our Year Five children stood out from the other six schools due to their creative performance and how they presented their findings with passion and enthusiasm.

They were also impressed how they memorised all their methods, strategies and results words with no reference sheet in front of them and even included the history of scurvy. They even commented on how the children confidently used scientific vocabulary and evaluated the facts they had received from their investigation.

It was a proud moment for Miss Brown, who had seen these children work tirelessly during their lunchtime in preparation for this competition and inevitably, their hard work paid off-well done!



Park Event - Year 4

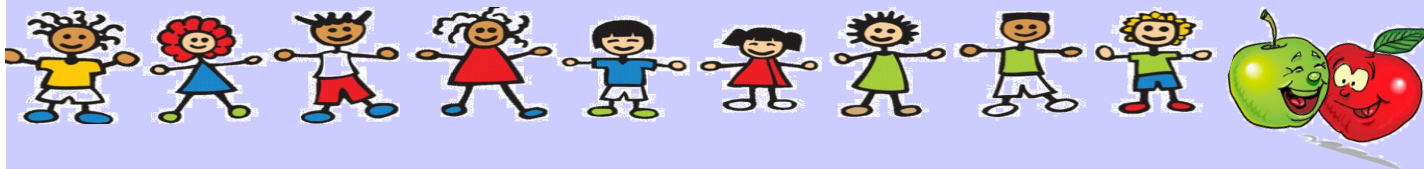
On Friday 12th July the Park Event came to Highfield. It had been cancelled earlier in the term due to bad weather, but on the 12th, the weather was perfect. The event began with a group of children from Y4 energetically performing the 2019 Park Event dance to Voulez Vous by Abba. A fantastic kick off. This was followed by a number of orienteering challenges led by Steve, Sally and Josh from the Enfield PE team. Finally, the children were ready for an orienteering competition. Using maps and electronic tagging devices the children raced in pairs to find all the controls. The winners of this final event were Brouklin and Mustafa from 4A. Well done boys and well done to all the competitors from Y4. A big thank you to the Enfield PE team.



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Year 1's Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park

On Friday 2th June, the whole of Year 1 went to Paradise Wildlife Park! After arriving by coach we saw some mechanical dinosaurs! The children had such a vast knowledge of dinosaurs and were able to name lots of them, discussing whether they were carnivores or herbivores. Once we'd had our lunch we went to see some real animals. We saw lions, snakes, meerkats and farm animals. We all enjoyed getting to see the animals we'd been learning about in science. Finally, we all went back on the coach and some of the children even had a little snooze.

Rabia – "my favourite animal was the rabbit because it's so fluffy"

Kaan – "I found a sculpture of a lion"

Krishan – "a Dilophosaurus spits poison"

Minnie- "I loved watching the bird show because they were doing special tricks"

Yavuz- "I liked the big cat...the cheetah with spots"

Bentli - rae – "I liked seeing the lions because they were so tough. "

Florence – "I liked seeing the beautiful snow leopards."

Vittorio – "We saw some piranhas in a tank and they had lots of big sharp teeth."



Year 3 Visit to The Alevi Cultural Centre

In RE this year, Years 1 and 3 have been learning about the Alevi faith. Last week, Year 3 were privileged enough to visit the Cenevi at the Alevi Centre in Turnpike Lane. The staff at the Alevi Centre were extremely welcoming and informative. The visit to the centre enabled us to see all the facilities at the centre including, a café, a library and classrooms where children can learn an instrument or receive supplementary lessons.

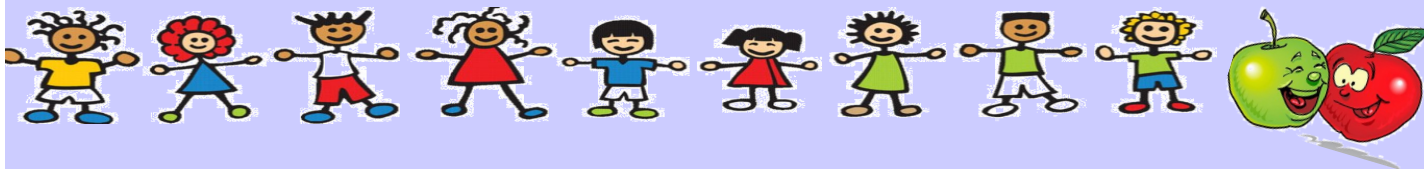
The most important part of the visit was the visit to the Cenevi; this is where worship takes place. The Cenevi was beautifully decorated and we were able to listen to someone playing the Saz, an instrument also used in worship. Year 3 learnt a great deal and asked pertinent questions in order to extend their knowledge. Everyone enjoyed seeing the Cenevi that they had only seen in photographs, come to life.



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Royal National Lifeboat Institution

Nursery, Reception and KS2 were lucky enough to have Bob Brooker from the RNLI come to visit us at Highfield on Thursday 11th July. Bob gave all the children a very interesting talk about staying safe around water and what the RNLI does. The children were really intrigued to watch videos of real life rescues and asked some really thoughtful questions. They also got the opportunity to take part in an activity all about the meaning of the different flags used on the beach. Bob has kindly given each child who was involved in one of the talks a 'RNLI Water Safety Booklet' which can be used over the summer to help remind each child how to keep safe around water.

Azalea Court care home

Azalea Court is a care home close to our school and we are trying to gather awareness for their summer fete which is geared towards the children with fun games and activities for them to do.



They are trying to be more known in the community and for the locals to know what is happening. Address: 58-62 Abbey Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield EN1 2QN



2S's visit to Woodcroft

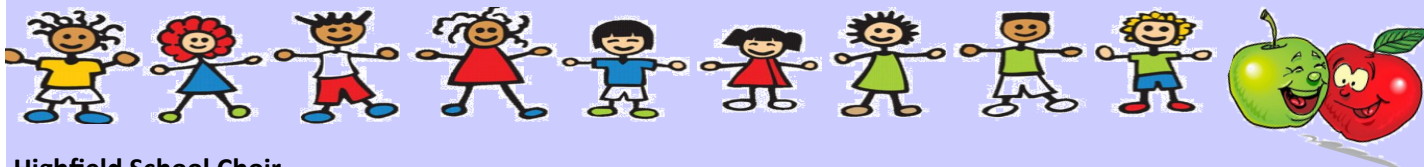
On Tuesday 16th July, 2S had an amazing visit to Woodcroft Wildspace! The children went pond dipping, learnt about and identified various different plants and went on a minibeast hunt! "I caught a slug!" said Aidan. "The woodlice like living under the logs because it's damp and they eat wood," said Scarlett. 2S were in awe at all the plants and creatures they found and thoroughly enjoyed the morning.



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Highfield School Choir

Our Choir has had a busy term and have been high in demand!

At Highfield's Summer Fete, our amazing Choir sang four lovely songs including 'A Million Dreams' and 'I Love My Life'. The Choir also performed for the patients at the North London Hospice and brought smiles to their faces – they sounded beautiful! Well done for a fantastic year of wonderful singing!

Summer Sounds Festival

On Monday 15th July, Highfield hosted Enfield's Summer Sound Festival! Our Year Five children took part and were joined by three other schools.

They had practised a selection of songs and each school even performed a solo song of their choice! Highfield sang 'Unity', a popular song at our school, which is about cooperation and equality. All the children sang beautifully and Year 5 were perfect hosts – excellent job Year Five! Miss Sutton



Reception Children Flo with Ro

On Wednesday the 3rd and 10th July all of Reception were very lucky to be visited by RJ's Parent Rep and qualified dance teacher Rhona for a mini-movers session. The children used a variety of props Rhona provided including hoops, beanbags and ribbons to improve their balance, coordination, spatial awareness and teamwork skills through participatory songs and dance.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Rhona for volunteering her time and skills. The children loved it! You can check out Rhona's website at www.flowithro.com.

'I liked when we were tapping the sticks and we were tapping the sticks on the floor' - Rafael (RJ)

'I liked the Jack in the Box bit because we jumped up and down.' – Stella (RJ)

'I was being a jumping bean' – Isla (RH)

'The hula hooping was fun' – Gabriella (RH)

'It was really good' – Joseph (RF)

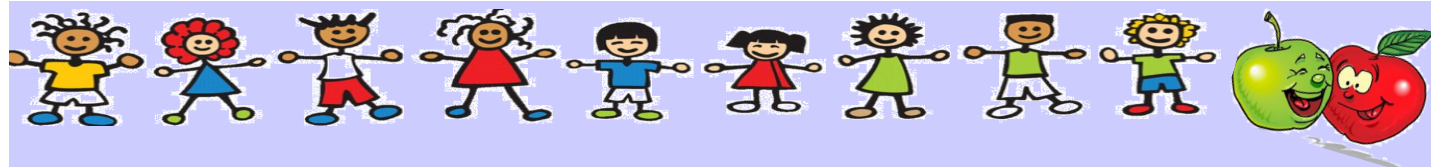
'It was amazing and I loved it when we did the skipping with the ribbons' – Faris (RF)



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



Welcome to our last newsletter of the school year!



Summer Fete 2019!

A huge thank you to all the staff/parents and children that made this year's Summer Fete our most successful to date.

Together, and with the support of our local community, we managed to raise an amazing

£11,013.96

This is the biggest fund-raising event of the year for Highfield Primary School and through lots of hard work and commitment we have managed to raise this huge amount of much needed funds for our school. This will help pay for resources and facilities that will help contribute to the experiences of all our children during their time at Highfield Primary School.

Stay up to date!

Don't forget to take a look at our new website:

www.friendsofhighfield.org

We will keep you up to date with PTA news and upcoming fundraising events.

Farewell Mrs Kemal...

The Friends of Highfield would like to say goodbye to Mrs Kemal.

She has been an amazing Head Teacher and we wish her well in her retirement. We want to thank her for all her support over the years and let her know how grateful we are to have had the privilege of working alongside her.

The 'Friends' could not do what they do without this support.

Farewell Mrs Kemal, we wish you an enjoyable start to your retirement.

..... Don't forget to come along to next year's Summer Fair as a very special guest!!

And so, we have reached the end of another school year....

The 'Friends' want to wish you all a fantastic summer break

We hope you have a very fun, and enjoyable yet relaxing and peaceful break.

We look forward to another exciting year ahead from September, and we also look forward to welcoming our new Head Teacher on board!

Mr Wilson....

Stay safe see you in September!

Easyfundraising Reminder!



Just a reminder to sign up for 'easyfundraising'. We have 56 members and have now raised a total of £337.49.

Don't forget to keep using 'easyfundraising' over the summer holiday to keep on raising funds!!



FOH contact information

Email- friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com

Facebook & Twitter- 'The Friends of Highfield'

Website- www.friendsofhighfield.org



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CHiPS

Who can you go to for help if you get lost or feel at risk or vulnerable?

There is a network of Community Help Points (CHiPS) in Enfield, where staff have offered to provide a safe haven for anyone in need of support.

STAFF AT HELP POINTS CAN:

- ✓ Make a phone call to get help for you.
- ✓ Allow you to stay in the premises until help arrives or until a risk has passed.
- ✓ Call the police if you are the victim of crime.
- ✓ Call a member of your family or a care team if you need more help.

There are around 200 help points in Enfield and these can be recognised by the blue 'H' logo. Please let your friends and family know about the scheme. You can find CHiPS locations along your journey on our map by visiting havesomechips.com



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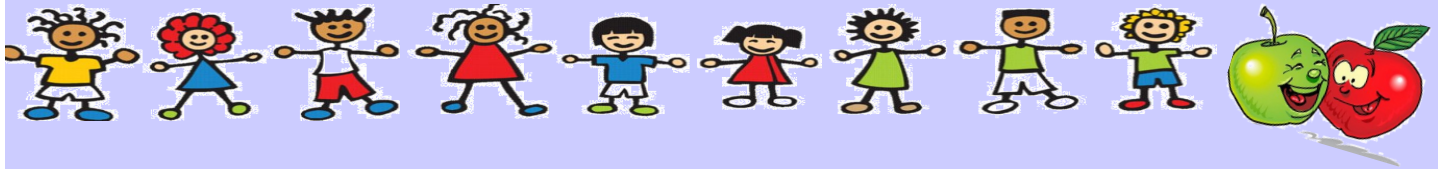
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WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY HELP POINT SCHEME?

CHiPS has been a network of 'safe havens' across the Borough of Enfield since 2006, where young & vulnerable people who are lost, at risk or feeling vulnerable can go in and ask for help & assistance from the community.

WHAT DO MEMBERS HAVE TO DO?

Members display the CHiPS  logo & can make a phone call to get assistance for someone, allow someone to sit in safety for a while until a risk has passed, give someone directions on how to get to their chosen destination, call the police, medical or social care teams.

WHO ARE CURRENTLY MEMBERS?

We have around 200 chips points across the borough – these include schools, leisure centres, libraries & a network of shops as well as other street-front businesses. You can find a map of all current CHiPS locations on facebook & havesomechips.com



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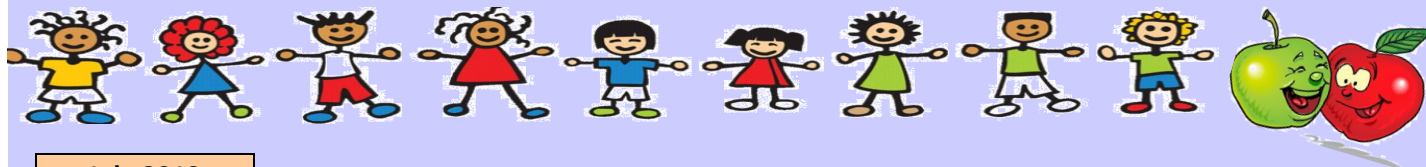
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ATTENDANCE

Form	%
RF	95.8
RH	97.3
RJ	96.62
1J	95.24
1M	94.99
1P	94.41
2B	94.32
2D	95.59
2S	96.31
3CA	95.26
3I	95.68
3L	95.99
4A	95.64
4M	95.76
4MC	94.16
5B	95.76
5D	96.35
5M	95.31
6B	95.84
6P	96.5
TOTAL	95.78

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 affecting your child's development being **LATE** also has a big effect, please look at the table below.

Lateness = Lost Learning (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

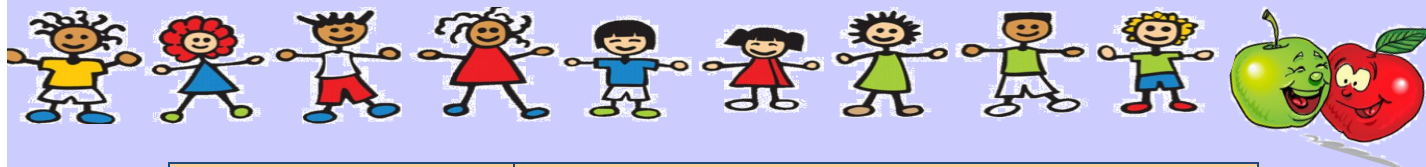
Every day your child is absent from school affects their education! You will notice from the figures above, that the odd day off really does mount up. Please be aware that Highfield School **WILL NOT AUTHORISE** any **HOLIDAYS** during term time, this is done in the interest of your child's education.



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September 2019	Diary Dates
Monday 2nd	INSET day
Tuesday 3rd	INSET day
Wednesday 4th	First day of term for Year 1-6
	Year 3 and 4 Meet the teacher
Thursday 5th	Year 5 and 6 Meet the teacher
Friday 6th	Year 1 and 2 Meet the teacher



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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