



**HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL** - "Together we can achieve more"

NEWSLETTER - September 2019



## Welcome back

Firstly, I hope everyone had a lovely summer. I'm sure that now seems quite a while ago. We are now a few weeks into the term and it has been a very positive start to the year. The children have settled well into their classes and our new children, especially those in Nursery and Reception.

I would also like to thank all those parents who were able to come to meet me at the coffee mornings before they met their child's class teacher. It was great to see so many of you there and I hope you found it useful. For those of you who were unable to attend I have put together some bullet points about the key messages about my vision for the school.

At Highfield we believe education needs to be about the whole child. We also need to give children the support they need to achieve their academic potential but we also need to teach them values that will serve them well not only in this school but throughout their lives.

- Children should be educated in a way that encourages them to use their imagination and creativity which will enable them to innovate, problem solve and progress.
- I believe that we need to instil empathy - that we are all connected and we should help others when they need it. This is why the school's values of kindness, cooperation and respect are so important.
- I know that parents play a vital role in children's education. The support you give your child has a real impact. We want to work with you and to do that well communication is key. If you have concerns, questions or feel there is information that can help us support your child more effectively just let us know.

I wish everyone connected to Highfield a wonderful year and as our school motto says, *'Together we can achieve more.'*

Kind Regards

Mr Wilson  
Headteacher



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### **Breakfast and after school club provision**

With the school expansion there has been a significant increase in the number of families wanting before school and after school provision. Unlike other schools who expanded from being a 2 to a 3 form entry there was no expansion of our hall and, other than the new build, there was no expansion of our facilities. This has made extending before/after school provision very difficult. The hall and the blue cabin are used every evening, and some mornings, for extra-curricular activities and I do not want to stop that provision. I also do not believe classrooms should be used as this will impact teachers' planning and preparation for lessons which would affect the quality of education that we provide.

However, we understand the difficulties parents face and do want to support our families where possible, so we have extended the after school provision to one of our intervention rooms which is well situated, near the front office. This is unlikely to fully meet the demand we have for places but I do not believe we can extend provision further without having an impact on children's' learning and opportunities to take part in extra-curricular activities.

**Mr Wilson**

### **Recycling Bins - Thank You Friends of Highfield!**

Over recent years parents (and children!) have shown a keen interest in making our school more eco-friendly. As a result of this, not only are we now recycling classroom resources, e.g. whiteboard pens, we are now going to have the facilities to recycle both paper and plastic in our playground. We are very grateful that the Friends of Highfield have so kindly ordered six new bins for our playground to support us in achieving a more eco-friendly school environment. These we feel are a great idea and a positive step towards becoming more eco-friendly, something we know many people feel so passionate about—Thank you Friends of Highfield!

### **Pre-loved School Uniform Sale**

This term the children have been learning about the importance of reducing waste, re-using items and recycling and will be taking part in a 'Trashion Show' on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Please donate any good condition, clean school uniform, winter coats and school shoes to our first pre-loved school uniform sale. Please hand items to class teachers in the week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> September. The clothing sale will take place in the main hall from 3:20 – 5:00 on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Items will be priced as follows:

Winter coats £3

School shoes £3

Other uniform items £1 each.

Please come along and grab yourself a bargain!



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## **Welcome Reception!**

Well done to our new Reception children for settling so well! We have really enjoyed meeting our new children and their families at both the home visits and stay and play sessions. The children have begun to form relationships with each other and we are looking forward to the children all coming together as a class next week!



Now that the children are all in we would really appreciate a £7 donation for this terms cooking and sensory play. Also we would really appreciate it if you could all donate a box of tissues each term as we get through lots in Reception.

Thank-you for all your support!

## **The Reception Team**

### **Highfield v St Edmunds Football Match**

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September the new Year 5 and 6 football team played their first match at Edmonton County Power League. This was to be a training match for a team only just selected. However, from the moment the whistle blew the players played as if they had been a team for years! The passing was accurate, the team kept their shape and they created space for each other. They led for most of the match however St. Edmunds made a strong come back in the second half. The final result was 5:5. Well done Highfield Football team. We looking forward to your next match.



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**Autumn Term Buddies 2019**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Class</b>
<b>Franco</b>	<b>3L</b>
<b>Aidan</b>	<b>3M</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>3CF</b>
<b>Diana</b>	<b>4A</b>
<b>Alexis</b>	<b>4C</b>
<b>Scarlett</b>	<b>4MC</b>
<b>Maria</b>	<b>5D</b>
<b>Mehmet</b>	<b>5D</b>
<b>Lila</b>	<b>5P</b>
<b>Dru</b>	<b>5B</b>
<b>Zak</b>	<b>6M</b>
<b>Jayden</b>	<b>6GC</b>
<b>Armandas</b>	<b>6B</b>



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# FRIENDS OF HIGHFIELD

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you had a fantastic summer holiday and are ready to start the new school year with renewed energy and enthusiasm!

## Welcome Mr Wilson! Our new Head Teacher

We welcome Mr Wilson this September as our new Head Teacher of Highfield Primary School. We are so excited to work with Mr Wilson and share all our ideas with him to help plan a fun packed calendar of events for the year ahead. The 'Friends of Highfield' are committed to raising funds for our school and we know 'together we can achieve more'.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Some events over the next few months that will be organized by The Friends of Highfield:

- Bag-2-School
- Christmas Lights switch on and School Choir Carols
- Christmas Grotto
- Christmas Quiz Night

Keep a look out for posters around the school in the coming months that will detail dates and times.

- [friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com)
- Facebook & Twitter- 'The Friends of Highfield'
- Chair- Kirsty Tindle

**parentkind.org.uk**

is brimming with articles for parents, to help you support your child's school life and learning, and it's open to everyone!

## Easyfundraising reminder!!

Just a reminder to keep using the easyfundraising app to help raise funds for our school while you shop!



## Welcome new children and new parents!

Welcome to all the new children joining Reception this year at Highfield. We hope you love our school as much as we do. Calling all new parents...get in touch! You can help make a difference. We would love to hear from you and for you to share any great ideas that you might have to help us raise funds for our school.

We are always looking for new members to join our PTA.

So please please please do get in touch...!

We are a friendly bunch...honest!



## Thought of the month....

**'Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children'**

Walt Disney

**Parentkind**  
Member Association



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**MAKE EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNT At Highfield Primary - Attendance & Punctuality**

<b>Sept 2019</b>	
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>Form</b>	<b>%</b>
1D	95.43
1J	98.2
1M	97.13
2J	96.5
2M	93.15
2S	94.16
3CF	97.26
3L	97.09
3M	94.9
4A	95.45
4C	94.54
4MC	95.67
5B	95.09
5D	93.24
5P	95.26
6B	94.64
6GC	93.97
6M	95.83
RB	98.08
RF	100
RH	99.01
Total	95.68

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.

<b>Lateness = Lost Learning</b>	
<b>(figures below are calculated over a school year)</b>	
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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October 2019	Diary Dates
01.10.2019	Black History Month
02.10.2019	Year 4 at Broomfield Park
07.10.2019	Flu Nasal Spray for all children
08.10.2019	Phonics Workshop for Parents
11.10.2019	Class Assembly 4MC
14.10.2019	Shakespeare Workshop for Year 5
15.10.2019	Parent/Carers Meeting 4-6.30pm
16.10.2019	Shakespeare Workshop for Year 5
17.10.2019	Parent/Carers Meeting 4-6.30pm
18.10.2019	Photographer in School
21-25.10.2019	Half Term
28.10.2019	Inset Day
29.10.2019	Year 6 River Workshops

### **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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