



HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL - "Together we can achieve more"

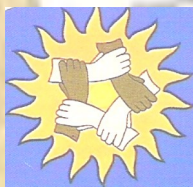
NEWSLETTER - February 2020



Message from the Head teacher:

It has been a busy and enjoyable month with many highlights and special events. In particular, I would like to congratulate Angela and Siobhan on their appointment as Co-chairs of the Friends Of Highfield. We have already met and I know the Friends have plenty of ideas for fund raising events. This not only enables us to fund opportunities/equipment for the children that would be possible otherwise, but also brings the school community together.

David Wilson
Headteacher



Update your Contact Details

It is really important for Parents/Carers to keep us up to date with their current contact details. Occasions can arise when we might need to contact you urgently during the school day regarding your child. We regularly send out text messages with important information about your child and school.

Please go to the school office and let them know of any changes to your contact details.



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Pre-loved School Uniform Sale

Following our successful sale last term, we will be holding our next uniform sale during parents evening in March.

Please donate any good condition, clean school uniform – jumpers, cardigans, trousers, shorts, dresses and skirts only please. **Please do not donate other items.** Please hand items to class teachers in the week beginning 9th March. The clothing sale will take place in the Learning Zone next to the main Reception from 3:30 – 5:00 during both parents/ carers evenings.

All items will be priced at £1. Please bring change.

Come along and grab yourself a bargain!

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March children can dress up and come into school as it is World Book Day. A voluntary contribution of £2.50 can be paid on parent pay to help cover the costs for the week. Thank you.



Highfield Primary School Football team

by Gabriel Maloney, 6GC

Our latest football game against Eldon Primary School ended in a successful 3--2 win. Highfield took the lead early on with a shot from Tony who buried it in the bottom corner. 1-0! However, Eldon responded quickly and made the score 1-1. With Eldon pressing it was becoming difficult for Highfield to get out of their own half but against the run of play Bartu drilled a low, hard shot from the edge of the box into the bottom corner. 2-1! Eldon put in some decent challenges and managed to get a goal back making the score 2-2. Highfield were making chances but a sliding challenge from an Eldon midfielder gave Highfield a decent opportunity to get the ball into the net. Stanley stepped up to take it... he ran at the ball... and shot into the far corner! 3-2! He truly swerved it like Stanley. Eldon were pushing for an equaliser, but the team stayed strong, final score 3-2.



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Highfield's first Reading Breakfast

On Friday 7th February 2020, Highfield Primary School held its first Reading Breakfast for the Reception classes. Parents were invited to bring their children into school at 8.30am and read with them from a selection of books with a light breakfast being provided for everyone who attended.

Reading together with your child regularly is one of the best ways to encourage your child to become a competent reader and develop their love for literature. The Reading Breakfast gave each parent the opportunity to read with their child in a calm and relaxing environment enabling them to enjoy reading together.

Accordingly, it was lovely to see so many Reception parents attend this event and provide so much positive feedback.

'Really great idea. Nice, relaxed and chilled, making reading fun.'

'This is a fantastic idea, a wonderful opportunity to spend quality time with my daughter enjoying a great book. Thank you very much for arranging.'

'My child was really excited for the experience. Something different and a break from routine doing something educational.'

'It was nice to have an opportunity to come into the school and participate in my son's learning.'

'The boys really enjoyed the books available. Lovely to see so many families attending. I did think the kids would be distracted by their friends but they were so excited and focused on reading.'

'The kids really enjoyed everything. Thank you. Such a good idea.'

Thank you to everyone who attended and made our first Reading Breakfast such a huge success. Thank you also to the members of Staff and Governors who supported this event. We will be holding Reading Breakfasts for Year 1 and Year 2 in the near future and it would be lovely to see as many parents as possible attend.

Miss Johnson - EYFS and KS1 English Lead

Reception Phonics Workshops

On Thursday 30th January and Thursday 13th February, Reception parents were invited to take part in practical Phonics Workshops where it was explained how Phonics is taught at Highfield and they were shown the resources we use to support the children with their learning. Parents were given a mini lesson on Phases 2 and 3 and then Phases 4 and 5. They were then given the opportunity to participate in practical activities and shown a variety of ways in which they could help their children at home with this very important aspect of the Curriculum.

From the feedback received parents said they found the presentation very informative and the workshops very useful.

'The content was really informative – knowing what the children are learning / the methods used is great for us to continue at home.'

'Great practical examples Explained well.'

'I've been to the first meeting as well and both workshops made me more encouraged and well informed.'

'Great to see how they are taught behind – the – scenes. Also good to see the resources.'

'Good presentation helps us understand and right way to help the children at home.'

'Extremely well presented and group work so parents can understand visually.'

'Helpful to share resources / IT programmes with parents.'

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Reception Phonics workshops and we look forward to your continued support in the future.



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NSPCC visit

Two ladies from the NSPCC came to visit Highfield, we all went to an assembly about speaking out and staying safe. They brought in Buddy, their mascot to meet us. We learnt what to do and who to speak to if we are not feeling safe. We got to take home a sticker to help us remember. We learnt the phone number that we can call for help to- they showed us some special actions to help us remember!

“Need to be nice to people” Ishaan 1J

“Tell your adult if you are worried” Geeta 2M

“They are open all the time, the number is 0800111” Ayse 2M

“Speaking up and staying safe” Logan 1D

“Call 0800111” Rafi 1D

“Charity that looks after people” Dhruv RH



Parent visit

Dhruv from RH invited his Mummy to visit us in Reception. She is a dentist! She told us how we can look after our teeth, for example brushing them twice a day. We spoke about food/drinks that make our teeth happy/unhappy. She bought us in stickers, activity packs, brushing charts and a sand timer to help us time how long we should brush our teeth for. Thank you for visiting and sharing your knowledge with us!

“We learnt about what foods are healthy for your teeth” Amari RH

“Broccoli is good for you teeth” Mira RF

“You need to clean your teeth and you cannot eat sweet stuff all the time” Rafi RB



Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day

On Friday 28th February, Year 4 became Anglo-Saxons for the day. The three classes met in the hall to set the scene. They took part in role play scenarios involving life in a Saxon village, life on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne and Viking invaders. For the rest of the day the children participated in a range of activities including weaving, ‘metal work’ and the decoding of rune stones. It was a fantastic day and the children looked amazing in their costumes.



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Year 4 Visit to the Tate Britain

On Wednesday 5th February Year 4 visited the Tate Britain. Steve McQueen invited every Year 3 pupil in London to have their photograph taken by a team of specially trained Tate photographers. These class photos are brought together into a single large-scale installation, capturing tens of thousands of Year 3 pupils in a milestone year in their development and also giving the public a glimpse of the future of their city. We were very excited to see ourselves on display in an art gallery.



Class 3M Assembly

On the Friday 7th February, 3M presented their class assembly to KS2 children and parents. The assembly was inspired by our History topics looking at prehistoric civilisations, from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. 3M travelled all the way back to the time of the Stone Age, exploring the early Nomads and their early developments. They then moved into the Bronze Age, as early man discovered metal and people began to settle down. Finally 3M reached the Iron Age where farming and settlements continued to develop and become more permanent. 3M enjoyed learning new things about these periods of history, Miss McGrath was very proud of 3M and their excellent performance!

3M's trip to Pizza Express

On 26th February, 3M visited our local Pizza Express and were given the chance to make our own pizza's! We learnt about how to be hygienic around food, where pizza originally came from and how pizza is made. We started by spreading our dough to create a crust, then we added the tomato base with cheese on top and finished it off with a sprinkling of oregano. 3M really enjoyed learning about the steps of making a pizza and being able to make their very own pizza's.



Class 3CF's assembly

On Friday 14th February, 3CF performed a wonderful assembly all about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. The assembly included exciting facts, drama, singing and dancing. Mr Wilson commented on how impressed he was with 3CF's delivery of their lines. The audience even got a chance to meet the Mummy of Pharaoh, Tutankhamun! Miss Celik and Miss Fantela were extremely proud of all the children as they performed excellently. A huge well done to 3CF!



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FEBRUARY ISSUE 2020

FRIENDS OF HIGHFIELD

It's February already and we have so much to update you on!

We have a new Committee and we are already full steam ahead with planning for this year's events!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt- 02.04.2019

Summer Fete- 06.06.2020

Quiz Night- 03.07.2020



The Friends of Highfield held their annual AGM on 10.02.2020. We had a really great turn out and we wanted to thank everyone that took the time to come along and show their support. It's really appreciated.

Our new Committee are:

Chair- Angela Brooks and Siobhan Sumner

Vice Chair- Carolyn Aristides

Treasurer- Marilyn Wright

Secretary- Sara Strong

Communications Officer- Andrea Theodorou

Health & Safety Officer- Eleri Polycarpou

We would like to welcome all our new members on board and thank all re-elected existing members for their continued support.

Easyfundraising reminder

Please do not forget to sign up today to

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/courses/fdpr/payments/59

For every purchase you make online with 1000s of retailers, they make a donation to our school at no cost to you. We have received £485.16 so far.

For purchases on Amazon please go to www.withamazon.co.uk log in and search for Highfield Wincoburne Hall.



Can you help?

We are looking to recruit people for our sub teams: Music Team, Events Team, Baking & Cooking Team, Eco Warrior Team, Matchmaking Team, Marketing Team.

If you have any skills in these areas or are just willing to get involved please get in touch with us at friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com



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Summer Fête

Planning for this year's Summer Fête is well underway and we want to make it our 'greenest' fête to date.

This year we are taking on board some of the feedback we received last year and we are trying to adopt ways to reduce our waste, especially single use plastic. We will be asking you to bring your own reusable water bottles this year in attempt to try and achieve this goal, and hopefully reduce the amount of plastic waste at this year's Summer Fête.

We will also be selling ice creams and lollies from the International Food Hall, so we want to be having an ice cream van pumping tonic fumes into the playground.

We are always open to more suggestions so if you have any other eco-friendly ideas that you would like to share with us please to get in touch.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We have recently approved funding for a defibrillator for our school. Many schools now have these, and while we would hope that they are never needed, it's always good to have one on site, for the safety of our children and all the staff at Highfield Primary School.

Easter Egg Hunt

We will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 2nd April 2020 in the playground after school.

All children will win a chocolate Easter Egg.

We hope to see you there.



JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

The Kings Head

In the evening of 26th February @ 7pm

The School Canteen

3rd March 2020 @ 9am

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!



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'The Friends of Highfield'



Chairs: Angela Bracken & Siddha Sweeney

Thought of the month.....

'Change is the end result of all true learning'

Leo Buscaglia

Parentkind
Member Association



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

Feb 2020	
ATTENDANCE	
Form	%
RB	94.16
RF	95.73
RH	96.49
1D	95.36
1J	96.18
1M	96.48
2J	95.66
2M	94.71
2S	94.33
3CF	96.23
3L	95.19
3M	96.22
4A	95.23
4C	96.78
4MC	96.12
5B	95.13
5D	95.02
5P	95.99
6B	97.11
6GC	94.64
6M	96.01
TOTAL	95.79

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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March 2019	Diary Dates
02.03.2020	Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop in Hall
03.03.2020	6B Woodcroft Trip
	Georgina Simmons Author Visit for Year 3/4
05.03.2020	World Book Day
06.03.2020	Zohab Zee Khan Author Visit for KS2
	Book Fair open after school for Parent/Carer/Children
09.03.2020	Book Fair open after school for Parent/Carer/Children
10.03.2020	Book Fair open after school for Parent/Carer/Children
	6M Woodcroft Trip
11.03.2020	3CF Pizza Express Visit
13.03.2020	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Check
	2J Class Assembly
17.03.2020	6GC Woodcroft Trip
19.03.2020	Reception Gruffalo Park Trail Trip
20.03.2020	2M Class Assembly
	4MC Woodcroft Trip
24.03.2020	4C Woodcroft Trip
	Parent's Evening
26.03.2020	Parent's Evening
27.03.2020	2S Class Assembly
	4A 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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