



Highfield Primary School NEWSLETTER



Message from Headteacher - DECEMBER 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This year will be very different but I am sure we can all have some enjoyment and relaxation after what has been a very difficult year.

I would like to thank you for your continued partnership with the school and your support of your children, particularly when bubbles have had to close down.

I would also like to thank the Governors and Staff for their support during this term and thank the children for continuing to make Highfield a very special place.

Our motto "Together we can achieve more" has never been more relevant and I do believe the strength of the school community has shone through in the last year.

Best Wishes
Mr Wilson

P.S. In this newsletter we have attached some lovely videos of the children. Please take the time to view them.



**Our three core values are Respect, Co-Operation and Kindness.
This term's value is Kindness**

Message of Hope for the New Year

This year has been very tough on all of us in many different ways but there are reasons to be optimistic for 2021. Some of our KS2 children have been telling us what they have missed over the past few months and their hopes for the new year. Please watch https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlKqZO_Qsao&feature=youtu.be



Father Christmas came to Highfield

Despite all of the restrictions this year Father Christmas still paid a visit to Highfield. He sent a message to all the children via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bf-vK7vM50&feature=youtu.be> and every child was given a present.

I would like to thank the Friends for organising and funding this as well as giving the school a Christmas tree (which is in the main Reception) and helping to fund the children's Christmas/birthday parties.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you for filling in the questionnaires last week. 266 of you filled in the whole school questionnaire and 56 filled in the remote learning one, for those who have had to self-isolate since September. **You can find the results in the Parents section of the website.**

Both had very positive responses (97.5% of you agreed that you would recommend this school to others, while 99% of you agreed or strongly agreed that your child felt safe and happy at the school). For every question the results were overwhelmingly positive.

We do read all the comments made, both positive and where parents feel the school can do better. We are currently reviewing areas such as communication and looking to see how we can improve this further. With the remote learning, I know some parents have said that they would like live lessons rather than pre recorded ones. We have looked at this but we do not believe that live lessons for 30 children at a time can be effective. Primary school learning is an interactive experience and that is just not possible with a large group of children online. Smaller group lessons can be effective but we would not be able to teach the full curriculum, as now required, as we would only be teaching 4-6 children at a time. This is why we have decided on having recorded lessons with the teacher having a zoom meeting/phone call with all children over the isolation period. As well as this the teacher is available for 1 hour a day to support children on line. While there is always room for improvement we do believe that we offer children high quality remote learning when they have to self-isolate.

Mr Wilson



Flu Vaccination:

If your child missed the flu vaccination at school, there are catch-up clinics available for **school aged children** at the following address:

Cedar House, St Michaels Hospital Site EN2 0JB (for sat nav use EN2 0JA)

Please call to book a time for your child to receive his/her vaccination.

Should you require additional information please contact our service by telephone or email:

Email: behtr.enfieldimmunisationteam@nhs.net **Tel: 020 8702 3499**

Children's Immunisation Team

Highfield Signs

This term, to celebrate the festive season, each Key Stage learnt a Christmassy song in sign language! Their lovely songs were filmed and the videos were shared with the school. Well done, everyone, for your amazing performances!

Have a look at the wonderful videos below!

EYFS - <https://youtu.be/73SBqWmtBdM>

KS1 - <https://youtu.be/dG4vN0cgYAw>

KS2 - <https://youtu.be/-HJA-zCrf44>

Christmas Jumper Day

Highfield wore their festive jumpers on Friday 11th December to raise money for the 'Save the Children' charity. We raised a total of £297.00. It was lovely to see the children in their Christmas Jumpers and accessories. The Enfield Music Service even hosted a 15 minute live festive-themed body percussion session on Zoom! It was a lovely way for Enfield schools to come together for the festive season! Thank you for all your generous contributions, particularly during this time of the year when it is important to consider people who are less fortunate than us. Save the Children provide support to children both in the UK and worldwide. Our donations will aid them in their vital efforts to support children.





Parking: Thank you to the vast majority of parents/carers who park considerately, thinking about where you leave your cars whilst dropping your children off to school and picking them up at the end of the day. It is absolutely vital that parents/carers DO NOT park over our neighbours' driveways or directly in front of the school gates on the zig zag lines. As there is still a small minority of parents/carers who do not park safely and are consequently putting the safety of others at great risk, a letter has been sent to local MP, Bambos Charalambous to ask for support in managing this issue. A copy of this letter can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-fmVi7cTmh2UiOSPi7uhtofpOw42duYo/view?usp=sharing> As always, the safety of our children remains paramount, as does maintaining a positive relationship with our neighbours local residents.

Please also remember you do have the option to park in Sainsbury's and walk over. We also encourage as many of our families as possible to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Thank you for your cooperation.



REMINDER: Please be reminded that we are asking all parents/carers (unless exempt) to wear a face covering when dropping off/picking up your child. Thank you.



Children's reading and writing achievements for Autumn 2

Congratulations to the following children for their excellent effort and progress with their literacy skills. We are very proud of you all. Keep up the great work!

Miss Johnson
English and Phonics Lead

<u>Class</u>	<u>Names</u>
RB	Yasmine
RF	Georgina Benjamin
RL	Dereck
1D	Eliza
1J	Millie
1S	Amelia
2M	Herbie
2RM	Emma (Kata)
2S	Musab
3D	Lorraine
3J	Derin
3L	Izabela
4C	Logan
4CF	Sloane
4M	Jonny
5BD	Humera
5CM	Kai
5P	Anya
6A	Maria
6C	Julia
6P	Bianka

