



Message from Mrs Walford:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy and very positive week at Highfield, and we are incredibly proud of how the children have risen to every challenge and opportunity. Our year 6 pupils had a fantastic time at Avon Tyrrell, throwing themselves into a wide range of outdoor activities. Highlights included climbing, kayaking, archery and high ropes! We hope the children are not too tired this weekend after their adventures.

Our Year 5 pupils have been out on the roads completing their Bikeability training. They have shown excellent road awareness, safe cycling skills and great maturity. We are very proud of how sensibly and confidently they have approached each session.

A special mention must go to Year R, who have completed their first full week of school. They have been AMAZING— coming in with smiles, showing kindness to one another, learning routines quickly and demonstrating brilliant curiosity in their new classrooms. What a wonderful start to their Highfield journey.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support during our OFSTED inspection this week. The inspection is now complete, and we could not be prouder of the children. They were exceptionally polite, articulate and helpful throughout, and inspectors were genuinely blown away by their behaviour, confidence and warmth.

The full report will be published within 30 working days, and we will, of course, share it with families as soon as it is available.

Wishing everyone a lovely, restful weekend.

SEND Update from Mrs Bond

I would like to remind all of our families who have children with special educational needs or disabilities that Monday is the first SEND Parent Get Together of this academic year. I will make sure the room is set up and ready for a 2pm start at the junior department. These sessions have always been a supportive space for parents to meet others who may be experiencing similar barriers at home. They are a great opportunity to build a network of friends who understand the complexities of raising a child with special educational needs or disabilities and to share ideas, experiences and encouragement.



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Next week's collective worship:

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SEND Parent Get Togethers

We'd love to invite you to our SEND Parents Get Togethers. These sessions are relaxed, friendly and a lovely way to connect with other families. It's a chance to chat, share experiences and feel supported by people who truly understand the journey.

Although the school is hosting these meet-ups, staff will not be present. The sessions are simply an opportunity for parents to come together in an informal, welcoming space.

The meetings will take place at the junior site (due to limited space at the infants) on the dates listed below, and everyone is welcome. Whether you'd like to pick up ideas, talk things through or simply enjoy a hot drink and a biscuit in good company.

Monday 21st September at 2pm

Tuesday 13th October at 9am

Wednesday 18th November at 2pm – Danielle will be available for you speak to, she is a speech and language therapist.

Thursday 17th December at 9am

Friday 13th January at 2pm

Monday 22nd February at 9am

Tuesday 16th March at 2pm

Wednesday 14th April at 9am

Wednesday 12th May at 9am

Friday 18th June at 2pm

Thursday 15th July at 9am

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Parent forum dates

All at 3.30pm - 4.15pm on Wednesdays at the juniors.
All parents welcome to attend

14th October
9th Decemeber
10th February
24th March
19th May
21st July

Pre-Loved Uniform

The HSFF have created an online order form for buying gently used school uniform that invests in the school and helps the environment. The link to access this is below and will be on the update every week:

[Pre-Loved Uniform Order Form](#)



Infant Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



What's been happening in the department this week:

Year R:



Year R painted some beautiful artwork of sunflowers and wildflowers this week.

Year 1&2:

Years 1 and 2 have been doing some super science this week. The children have been learning to name parts of the body. In literacy, the children have been exploring the book 'Lights on Cotton Rock'. The children have been learning to use adjectives and also work on their handwriting. Well done KS1!



Ash butterflies:



Artemis: You always follow our golden goals and school values. You try so hard with everything you do. You are such a kind, caring and helpful girl who makes our classroom a happier place. Well done — we are very proud of you!

Jay : You always try your very best and never give up, even when something is new or challenging. You put your hand up lots, share your ideas, and you are always ready to answer questions. You make our learning time fun because you are so enthusiastic. Great job — keep shining!

Beech butterflies:



Sara has been a star this week, she has worked really hard on her handwriting and even wanted to do extra after the lesson had finished! Well done Sara!

Blair works so hard in everything she does. She put so much effort into her writing and her maths this week, doing all the extensions and extra challenges. Amazing Blair!

Maple butterflies:



This week we would like to celebrate ALL of Maple Base! Mrs Smith has been teaching the class this week as Mr Dodson needed to go and help at Avon Tyrell. She has been blown away by their efforts, determination and kindness. Well done to ALL of Maple Base.

Junior Department updates and Brilliant Butterflies



What's been happening in the department this week:

3/4: The children have been demonstrating their impressive geography skills this week. They have been reading maps to name and locate the UK's rivers. We were really impressed with their resilience and how well they worked collaboratively to support each other!

5/6: It has been another fantastic week across the phase! The year 6s have shown courage and determination to enjoy all the wonderful experiences at Avon Tyrrell! We can't wait to hear about their stories next week! The year 5s have worked incredibly hard back in school, demonstrating courage and respect on the road during their bikability week and designing and creating some fantastic book reviews for year 5/6 level texts! They have enjoyed exploring the library and getting time to read, discuss and share their favourite books!



Bella has been incredible this week in being reciprocal and supportive to her peers. She should be incredibly proud of herself because she has gone out of her way to be helpful and encouraging to others- the class is lucky to have her! **Anh-Minh** has had an amazing start to year 3! We have been so impressed with how settled he has been. He is working really hard and has produced some excellent learning. We are so proud of him and love having him in Australasia!



A HUGE well done to **Maya** for another wonderful week! She comes into school each day with positivity and a smile on her face and has really risen to challenge of bikability! It has been fantastic to see her confidence flourish, and she finishes the week having learnt an excellent skill for life! What has impressed me most is her determined attitude and reflective mindset to see her progress after each session. Well done Maya!

What a wonderful week it has been for **Dua**! She has consistently shown such a calm, respectful and positive attitude within the classroom, while also embracing every opportunity to challenge herself. Across all tasks, Dua has given her very best, approaching her learning with determination and a desire to improve. Her enthusiasm and commitment have been an absolute joy to see, and she should feel incredibly proud of everything she has achieved this week



This week we would like to celebrate **Esther** for kindness. She has been helping others make further friendships and showing mutual respect for others. She is always a role model for others and her attitude and behaviour is impeccable. Well done Esther.



This week we would like to celebrate **Arthur**, for always being insightful and helpful with his contributions. We love your ideas and hope you keep them coming! Well done Arthur.



Warda M for a beautiful week of peace and respect. Warda has shown so much peace in how she has looked out for others, making sure they are OK, that they have what they need, and that they are safe and happy. Warda also shows this in all her learning, in how she stays on task, tries to do the right thing at all times which also shows you her brilliant, respectful nature. A role model to all. Well done Warda.

Leo G for a wonderful week full of courage. Leo has been so courageous in his learning, working hard to complete his learning from wonderful writing to fantastically thoughtful RE. Leo has also shown the courage to do the right thing, making the right choices, showing everyone his fantastically kind and peaceful self, and to manage challenges as they have come up through the week. Well done Leo!



Finley, it has been a complete pleasure having you visit North America class this week. You have a fabulous work ethic and you aren't afraid to ask questions. I'm so proud of the way you approach each day and each lesson. Stay curious Finley!

What a superb week it has been for **Hamzah**! He has been an absolute pleasure to teach this week, and they have brought such positivity to each lesson. His enthusiasm, excellent attitude and willingness to get involved have been wonderful to see, and this has also been reflected in his great work and contributions in class. Keep up the fantastic work and good luck on your next adventure!



Arlo it has been a pleasure to teach you this week. I love the way you assess yourself and your own work. The independence that you show the adults is a fabulous example to everyone in class. Keep it up Arlo!

Manuela you have wisdom beyond your years. The way you have approached this week makes me proud to know you. You have shown the school values of courage, respect and peace in the way you have approached everything put in your way. Keep it up.

Australasia butterflies:

Asia butterflies:

Africa butterflies:

Europe butterflies:

South America butterflies:

North America butterflies:



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LOCATIONS ON **15TH OCTOBER.**



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FROM 4:15-5:15PM
- HIGHCLIFFE SCHOOL,
CHRISTCHURCH FROM 5:30-
6:30PM
- DANEbury SCHOOL,
STOCKBRIDGE FROM 3:30-
4:30PM



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