

Highfield CE Primary School

Weekly Update

A message from Mrs Walford



Welcome to the new school year!

I hope that you had a happy, relaxing and safe holiday and the children are recharged for the year ahead. A very warm welcome to all our new pupils and their families, we hope that they all settle quickly into school life and enjoy their time at Highfield. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

It has been an absolutely wonderful week welcoming back children and families as well as meeting all of our Year R children for the first time too! The children have started the new year brilliantly – settled, happy and making new friends. We have been very impressed to see such smart uniform and all children have been in school shoes – thank you parents.

Successful pupil learning thrives with open communication and an active parent-teacher-school partnership. We encourage all families to participate in our school activities and events throughout the year. We are keen for parent volunteers to hear children read – if you are willing to come in on a regular basis, please speak to Miss Ellis (infant leader) or Mr Dodson (junior leader).



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Date **08/09/23**



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General Reminders



- Friday will generally be the day for letters and these will be sent out on ParentMail. Please check that you have this set up on your device so you do not miss any important communication.

- Please ensure that all PE kits are in school for the term. Although classes have set days for PE, this can change so please make sure they are kept in school for the half term.



- I would like to remind parents that the law gives no entitlement to parents to take their children on holiday during term time. As headteacher I do not have the authority in law to authorise absences for holidays or related activities, unless there are 'exceptional' circumstances. I would not be expected to class any term time holiday as 'exceptional'. This being the case, any requests for term time holidays will be declined and any subsequent absences will be recorded as unauthorised.

- All communication will be through ParentMail. If you need to email a member of staff, please send any messages to info@highfieldschool.co.uk and it will be sent to the staff member.



Church



Parents are welcome to join our church services. Please take a seat from the back. The service starts at 3pm each week.

As a Church of England primary school, we value and work closely with Highfield Church. We will continue to gather once every week in the church building and we will finish at 3.25pm. Please look out for your child's class sign for pick up!

Church is every week from 3pm – 3.25pm.




Collect your child from their seating area in the church.

YEAR R will attend AFTER OCTOBER HALF TERM so need to be collected as normal from their classrooms.

On days when we are not attending church, the children will finish at 3.15pm at the infants and 3.25 at the juniors.







Meet the Teachers

Our SLT Teachers

Mrs Walford	Headteacher	
Mrs Bond	Deputy Headteacher	
Mr <u>Iszatt</u>	SENCO	

Our Teachers for 2023 2024


Our Infant Teachers

Teacher	Class	Subject Lead	
Miss Bignell	Willow Year R	DT	
Miss Archer	Oak Year R	Maths	
Mr Rawlins	Ash Year 1 and 2	Computing School council (infants)	
Miss Ellis and Mrs Caveney	Maple Year 1 and 2	English Music	 
Miss Collins	Beech Year 1 and 2	Geography	

We have a number of FANTASTIC teaching assistant, office and site staff. Next week we will give a spotlight on them and their roles!

Meet the Teachers

Our Junior Teachers

Teacher	Class	Subject Lead	
Mrs Shorey	Europe Year 3 and 4	RE	
Mr Upson	Africa Year 3 and 4	History	
Mrs Bryant and Mrs Whitlock	Australasia Year 3 and 4	Science PSHE	 
Mr Dodson and Mrs Bond (DHT)	South America Year 5 and 6	MFL (French) Assessment Attendance	 
Miss Hill	North America Year 5 and 6	School council (juniors)	
Mr Lewis	Asia Year 5 and 6	PE	



Reading Reminder:

We ask that children across the school engage in daily reading. Please record any home reading in your child's reading diary and ensure that their colour banded book and diary are in your child's book bag EVERY DAY so they can change them as frequently as needed. In addition to this, there will be specific allotted time for children to change their library books. We listen to children read in school on a regular basis and the teachers will need the children's reading diaries for guided reading sessions, so please ensure that they are in school.

Reading Points:

Each week, the teachers will award a point if children have read at home at least 5 times and recorded this in their diary. This must be signed by an adult.

When the whole class have accumulated 180 points, they will be awarded with a BIG treat!



INSET DAYS FOR 2023/2024



Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Monday 1st July 2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



All useful dates have been updated onto our website and can be found here:

<https://highfieldceprimaryschool.co.uk/>

W/C 11th September - All After School Clubs start this week

Tuesday 12th September, 2.30pm-3.30pm - Year 6 Parent Talk 'Applying to secondary school'

Tuesday 19th September, 9.30am-10.30am - Parent tour, new year R Sept 2024/25

Thursday 21st September, 2.40pm-3.25pm - Parent Workshop (Phonics) at the infant department

Thursday 28th September, 9.30am-10.30am - Parent tour, new year R Sept 2024/25

Thursday 28th September, 2.40pm-3.25pm - Parent Workshop (KS2 Maths) at the infant department

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS

The new Primary/Junior/Secondary Transfer starts again now. The citizen portal has opened on the Southampton City Council website from 4th September 2023 for all mainround transfer groups.

Deadline for on time Secondary Transfers is **31st October 2023** and for Infant/Junior/Primary the deadline is **15th January 2024**.

The Local Authority are due to visit our school to advise Year 6 parents about the secondary transfer process and how applications are ranked.

Please review each school's admission policy before you apply:

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-school/apply-school/infant-school-admissions-policies/>

Furthermore, we would also advise parents to review information how places were offered at oversubscribed schools for the last 3 years, which can be found via the Southampton City Council website for each Transfer group under Other useful information:

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-school/apply-school/year-r/>

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-school/apply-school/year-3/>

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-school/apply-school/year-7/>

Help your child build resilience in an anxious world

Anxiety levels and poor mental health are on the rise in children, but parents have incredible power to help their children build strong emotional resilience and healthy mental wellbeing.

This event from Care for the Family, will look at the unique opportunities and pressures facing young people today, as well as the science of the mind and why children act and react the way they do.

Wednesday, October 11th, 7:30 - 10pm

Kings Community Church Hedge End, SO30 4BZ

Sign up today: cff.org.uk/moto



A Mind of Their Own

Building our Children's Emotional Wellbeing

Eastbourne
10 October

Nottingham
17 October

Bradford
21 November

Southampton
11 October

Leicester
18 October

Preston
22 November

Croydon
12 October

Cheltenham
19 October

Sheffield
23 November

With Katharine Hill, Mark Chester,
Dr Kate Middleton and Dr Rob Waller

All events 7.30pm

cff.org.uk/moto



INFANT CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Ash

Anees for showing our value of love through being amazingly kind to her friends, especially at break time!
Freddy for being a reciprocal reckon. Freddy has listened and collaborated so well this week! He's made a really good first impression!



Maple

Alexander for an amazing start to the term. He has particularly shown the value of serving, by helping to keep the class tidy and looking after the other children.
Ben for being the reciprocal raccoon. He has been so kind helping the YIs settle into our new class.



Beech

Nova-Rae has been a fantastic reciprocal racoon and I have been so impressed, especially considering this is her first week in year 1! Nova-Rae is always doing what she can to help others and myself. She has shown that she is a great role model and I am excited to spend the year getting to know her!
Asher has come into the year with a huge smile on his face. Asher always lights up any room he is in and the same can definitely be said about him in his new class. He has the best positive attitude and I am really looking forward to another year of Asher in Beech!

Junior Celebrations this week!



Africa

Poppy-May for showing the school value of love by being so kind, helpful and welcoming both to the new year 3s and other year 4s when completing tasks and activities this week. I really noticed you showing care and support to others.

Gigi for showing the BLP of resilience in her literacy writing, making sure her picture description was as lovely as possible and that her spellings and handwriting were fantastic as well. I could really see the resilience in your writing.



Australasia

Bevin has been incredibly respectful this week, always stopping and listening when his teachers ask him to. He has volunteered to help others and his teachers too.

Thank you Bevin!

We were impressed with Harrison's writing this week. He was very reflective and showed a super learning attitude.

Well done Harrison!

We are also very proud of how the whole class has settled into routines again after a long break and we are excited to watch them all thrive this year!



Asia

Keylee has had a fantastic first week in Asia class!

She has come into school each day with a smile on her face and superb attitude! I have been so impressed with her determination and resilience across all of her subjects! She has made some wonderful comparisons in her history lessons and been very supportive and kind to those in her literacy class. What a first week! Well done Keylee!

What a fantastic first week it has been for Ivy A! She has demonstrated a real love of learning and fully immersed herself in all of the new tasks and opportunities of year 5! Her positivity within the classroom is superb, and I have loved her enthusiasm to share her thoughts and ideas on our new topics. Well done for a brilliant week Ivy!



Europe

Emma has served her class, and especially her table, really well this week. As table leader, she has been amazing and checking that her table have all the resources that they need. She also worked really hard on our first piece of descriptive writing, challenging herself to use the best possible language.

Jacob has had an absolutely brilliant start to the week! He has shown great resilience in starting at the juniors, and learning new routines. We are so happy to have him in our class, he is such a ray of sunshine and makes us smile every day!



North America

This week I would like to celebrate...

Jeanelle who has shown a true commitment to fostering a classroom culture that embodies our value of trust, by consistently displaying patience in her interactions and showing empathy to her classmates.

Mai has been super resilient during the first week back at school. During lessons, she has been trying her best and making sure she is taking independence over her own learning. (Resilience)



South America

Ivy L for her love of learning and curiosity of all things Ancient Greek showing through right from the start of the year!

Matilda for fantastic resilience in her writing on Thursday, when she drafted and redrafted her book blurb about an adventurous sea voyage.