

Highfield CE Primary School

Weekly Update

A message from Mrs Walford



The children are in full swing of the new term and it has been lovely to see the children showing admirable learning behaviours. The year R pupils have been behaving beautifully in their new classes and next week is their first week of full days at school!

In collective worship on Monday, the children will be thinking about '**thankfulness**'. I will be encouraging children to create a gratitude jar.

A gratitude jar is a fun way to create a visual reminder of all the blessings in our lives. Essentially, it's a place to record and store everything you're thankful for. Whether it's a person, a kind act or a positive detail in your everyday life, write it down on a slip of paper and stick it in your gratitude jar. If any children create one, please email in photos as it would be lovely to see and share them!



Friday Celebrations

Every Friday, each department has a celebration assembly. During this special time together, children are celebrated for showing our school values and also for super learning. If your child achieves something exceptionally special outside school, for example, getting a Blue Peter badge, let us know and we can present it to them!



Uniform Reminder

We have noticed a few children wearing trainers to school and this is not our uniform policy. Please ensure that children come to school in black school shoes. Many thanks.



Theme of collective
worship next week:

Thankfulness

Term **Autumn** Number **2**
Date **15/09/2023**



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Meet the DSLs

Rosie Walford
Lead DSL
Headteacher



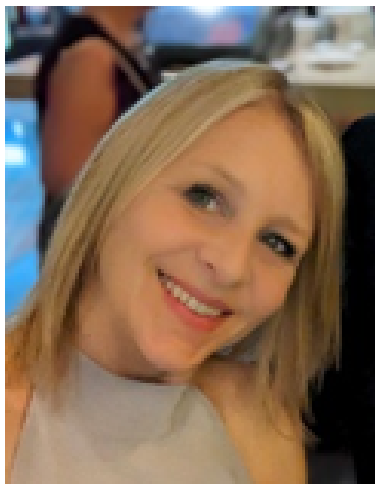
What does a DSL do?

A Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is the person appointed to make sure that schools and colleges adhere to their safeguarding policies.

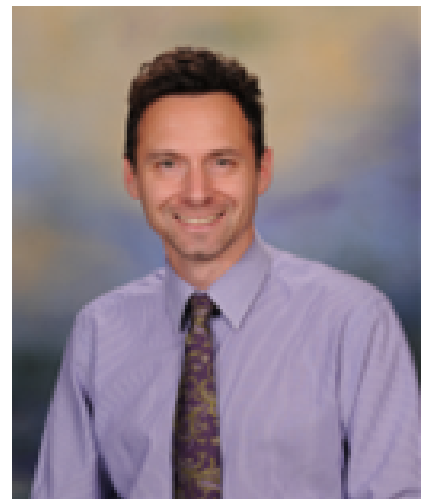
If ever you have a concern about a child, please speak to a DSL immediately.



Beth Lewis
DSL
ELSA



Rachael Bond
DSL
Deputy Head



Carl Iszatt
DSL
SENCO

We wanted to share headlines of our SIP with you.

A SIP is a school improvement plan. These are the priorities for the year ahead.

Here are the headlines:



- Writing - We are looking to improve our outcomes in writing; particularly the number of pupils achieving greater depth'
- Reading - develop reading in Lower Key Stage 2 to ensure high quality guided reading sessions are consistently taught
- Develop subject leaders - we are looking to support subject leaders in their monitoring the implementation and impact of this curriculum
- Further embed the EEF 'SEN in mainstream schools summary of recommendations' documentation - <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/guidance-reports/send>
- To develop our Christian ethos and remain an outstanding Church of England primary school
- To develop our learning environment across the school to further enable inclusivity

Each week in our update, we will inform you of our progress against our SIP and OFSTED targets.



ELSA stands for
emotional literacy
support assistant

Well done Ms Lewis!

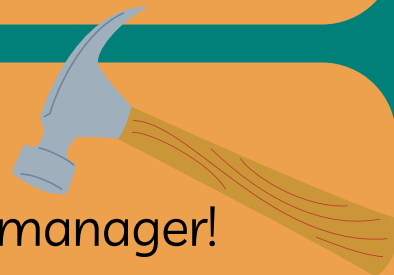
Ms Lewis has been selected to join the Emotional Literacy Development Group. This will be alongside her role at Highfield as ELSA and HLTA.

As part of Ms Lewis's role within the city team, she will be co-facilitating the ELSA Network and conferences across Southampton. Well done Ms Lewis! What a brilliant achievement.

WELL DONE!



Staffing Update



We have successfully recruited a new site manager!

Mr Hodder will start with us on October 9th.



Calling all grown ups...



We would LOVE more parents/ grandparents to help in school. With educational cuts, we have fewer adults available to hear children read on a 1-1 basis. If you could volunteer on a regular basis to help with either the infants or juniors, please get in touch with Mr Dodson (junior department leader) or Miss Ellis (infant department leader).

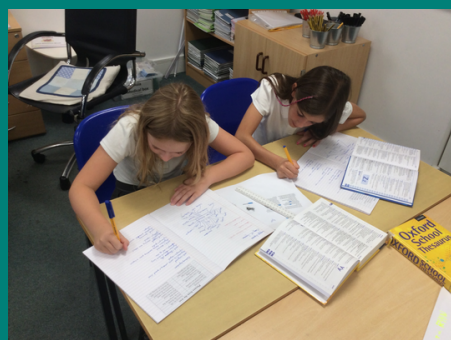
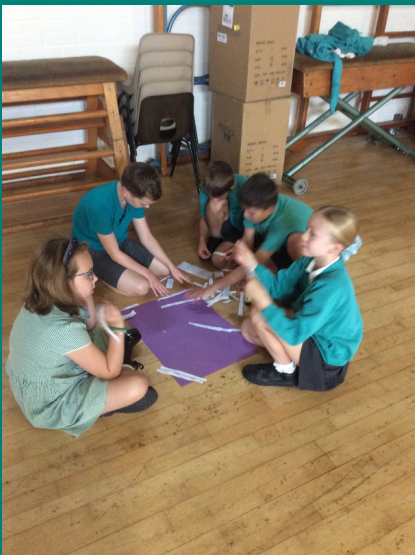


In School this week

The children in Keystage one have been learning animals and their offspring in science this week



The **year 5s** have been loving our new literacy topic and really immersing themselves in the Odyssey story! They have spent the week looking closer at the vocabulary, and then working in groups to pick out which figurative feature has been used. Their resilience, teamwork and perseverance has been superb to see!





INSET DAYS FOR 2023/2024

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Monday 1st July 2024

CROSS COUNTRY IS BACK!

Dates: 22/09/23, 29/09/23, 06/10/23, 13/10/23

If your child is in the junior school and would like to take part, please meet at the Southampton Sports Centre at 4:00pm ready to run! It is a friendly and inclusive event, and it would be great to have as many children as we can taking part! You can run, walk or have a mix of both as you make your way around the course route.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



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

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

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

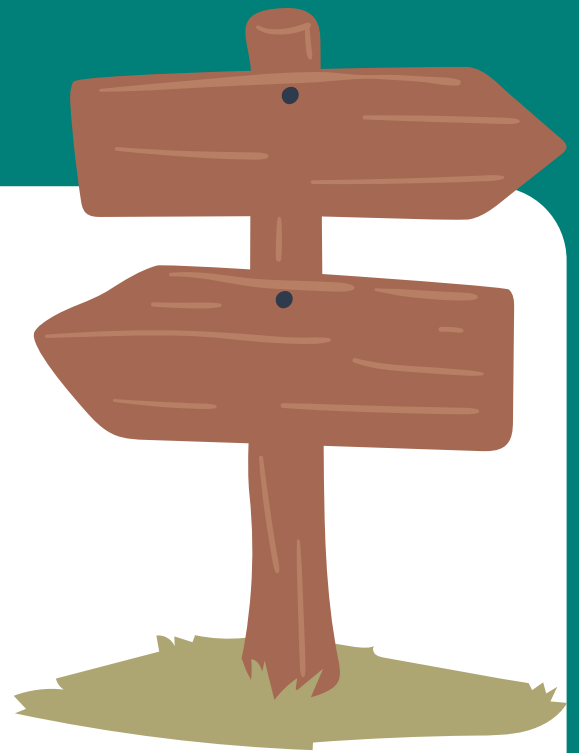
Thursday 21st September, 2.40pm-3.25pm - Parent Workshop (KS1 Phonics) at the infant department with Miss Ellis

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

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

Year 6 reminder



Year 6 parents

We sent communication out today regarding the end of year residential to Fairthorne. We have worked hard to reduce the cost (now around £100 less than first anticipated) and the deadline for deposits is next Thursday 21st September.



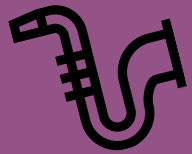
Please make your £45 deposit to secure a place!



HSFF- Highfield School Family and Friends



**The HSFF would like to extend a warm
welcome to our new Year R families and an
equally warm "welcome back" to the
families of years 1-6.**



**We hope you all had a fabulous summer and
are raring to dip your toes back into school
life!**



**We have an amazing social and fundraising
year ahead of us and the "oh so handy" HSFF
fridge calendar will be heading home with
your little ones next week!**



**First off the blocks is the October Parents
Social, where you get to have fun with old
friends and make some new friends too!**



**So please do save the date- Friday 13th
October (oh Yes Friday 13th!!), book a baby**



**sitter (or draw straws to see who gets to
come out for the evening) and be prepared
for a bit of dressing up whilst using your little
grey cells More info to follow next week!!!**



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/>

INFANT CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Ash

Henry has been Reciprocal and resourceful all week, he is so, so helpful and kind and he always tries really hard in all of his learning!

Aurora shows love, resilience, reciprocity every single day, she has blown me away with her start to the school year! Such a good role model!



Maple

Millie S in maple has been such a resilient rhino this week! She has put 100% into all her work and has really WOWed us her hard work and dedication. Keep it up Millie!

Max W in maple has been using all his BLP skills this week. He has been kind, focussed, reflective and an all around super star!

Well done Max!



Beech

Alyssa has shown the value of trust this week and I have been really proud of her. Alyssa has trusted her own ability and really pushed herself to achieve her best. Through believing in herself she has produced some brilliant outcomes, especially in the writing tasks this week.

Yuqiao has shown qualities of the resourceful rat and the reflective rabbit the past two weeks. He has come into year 2 with an outstanding attitude which has been evident through the effort he has put into his learning. He is really trying hard to dig deeper and make links between his learning and then applying this to fantastic insights!

Junior Celebrations this week!



Africa

Lara Emine for showing so much kindness to peers in her class not only through being a brilliant friend but also by encouraging, showing and helping them make the right choices. Lara will always check people are OK and will help and work with everybody in the class. Well done Lara! **Enlin** for showing so much resilience in all of his learning. **Enlin** will always challenge himself to be focused, complete the task and reach any purple challenges or extensions. He is also becoming much more resilient in receiving feedback and responding to the feedback in a positive way. Well done Enlin!



Europe

Scarlett has had a brilliant start to year 4. She has shown such love and kindness to her classmates, especially to our new year 3s, helping them to learn routines and supporting them in their learning. It is a joy to see her generous heart. I have been so impressed with **Theo's** attitude to learning this week, he is so resilient and determined to do the best he can in everything. He loves to join in with discussions and give his ideas which is brilliant. Keep up the awesome work Theo!



Australasia

We wish to celebrate **Bella** this week for showing kindness to those around her. We are so proud of her caring nature. Well done for showing our school value "love" and being so friendly and considerate to all. **George** has been incredibly reflective this past week and the progress he has made with his handwriting in particular has been superb. Well done George for listening to your teacher's feedback and trying hard with your Literacy. Keep it up!



North America

We have had a really productive week in North America Class. We have been looking at the Ancient Greeks in History, comparing and investigating democracy in the UK and during the time of the ancient greeks. **Hamza** has shown a real love for History and has led some interesting discussion during the lesson. **Alan** has been persevering in his English, working really hard on his handwriting and concentrating on his work.



Asia

Seb H has had another fantastic week in Asia class, and I have been so impressed with his determination to get involved in each lesson to share his thoughts and ideas. Especially in literacy, it's been fantastic to see Seb so keen to contribute to class discussions and demonstrate a superb understanding of the class book. He has also been a kind and caring friend to all those in the class, and has gone out of his way to support those around him. Well done for a great week Seb!

Well done **Otto** for another fantastic week! His love for learning each day has been wonderful to see, and he has shown so much resilience and determination to always do his best. He has been flying through maths challenges, sharing his thoughts and ideas in literacy and showing an excellent understanding of the circulatory system in science! What a week! Well done Otto!



South America

Neve for demonstrating the school value of Serve by always willing to help out, from tidying the classroom to handing out books to sorting out the library at lunchtimes. A real asset to the school! **Cyrus** for a really positive start to the new school year - Cyrus has been focused in lessons, engaged in discussions, shown a thirst for learning and written a particularly impressive poem on the topic of creation.