

# Highfield CE Primary School

## Weekly Update

### A message from Mrs Walford



It has been fantastic seeing so much super learning taking place across the school this week. Thank you to Mr Lewis for taking children out on so many sporting events – the dodgeball looked great fun and the year 6 girls did brilliantly at their football tournament!



### Volunteering in School

**VOLUNTEERS**  
*NEEDED*

We would **love** to have more parents coming into school to hear children read and help in lessons. Parent volunteers will be asked to listen to children read on a 1:1 basis, in small groups and may also be part of daily reading sessions. All volunteers will be assigned to either a class or year group. **Volunteering is such a rewarding experience and highly valued by the staff at Highfield.** If you decide you would like to volunteer with us, you will need to complete a DBS, which our administrative staff will assist you with. There are also some important safeguarding documents to read and sign and our Emergency Evacuation Policy and Procedure to read. If you would like to volunteer at school on a regular basis, please email the school office for the attention of Mrs Walford in the subject line. I will then get back to you as soon as possible with further details.

### Blogs

Please look at our school blogs! Every other week, each team posts about super learning taking place across the school. Click on this link to take a look:

<https://www.highfieldceprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Our+Blogs&pid=9>



Term **Autumn** Number **4**  
Date **29/09/2023**



Theme of  
collective worship  
next week:

**Harvest**



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# School Improvement Priorities

## 2023 2024

### Writing



Mrs Bond, Mr Dodson and Miss Ellis spent the day with Vanessa Chandler (writing hub lead) to map out texts across the upper juniors. We have been considering which texts will engage children as well as allow pupils to show their 'greater depth' writing skills.

On Monday, Mrs Bond attended training Led by Vanessa Chandler, an experienced moderator for Southampton LA, this course is designed to support year 6 teachers and English leaders to develop a better understanding of KS2 writing at the greater depth standard. It helps teachers to understand how to develop a writing curriculum which teaches greater depth skills outlined in the Teacher Assessment Framework, as well as exploring effective strategies for teaching in the classroom. It gives colleagues from across the city the opportunity to work collaboratively and to share best practice having implemented what they have learnt.

On Wednesday, all the staff had training on Read, Write Inc (our phonics programme)

### Developing Leadership



Mrs Bond attended EVC training. This is an enhanced knowledge and understanding course about the effective supervision of young people taking part in off-site activities and visits.

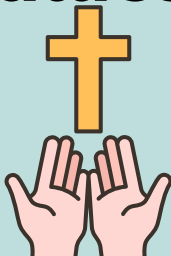
Mr Iszatt attended senior mental health lead training.

### Curriculum



Subject leaders across the school have been busy looking at the implementation of their subjects. They have been checking that pupils know and remember more and have been looking at the most effective teaching methods in each subject.

### Christian Values



Mrs Shorey (our RE leader) spent time planning our values launch day in January. She has started planning for our new spiritual garden in the Junior department.

Mrs Walford attended an induction day for new leaders in CofE schools. The day covered Church school ethos, vision and values, collective worship, RE, SIAMS, and a presentation from an experienced CofE headteacher on their journey.

# IN THE JUNIORS THIS WEEK



## Year 3/4

This week, in 3/4, we have been writing character descriptions of our favourite teddies and cuddly toys. We made sure to include up-leveled adjectives and expanded noun phrases



Year 3/4 were also lucky to have audiologist Dr Li visit us.

He talked about how the ear works and had some interesting models to show us. He answered lots of our questions and even took a look in some of our ears which he displayed on the big screen!



## Coaching in year 6

The year 6s have been demonstrating excellent leadership across our maths lessons this week, and it's been lovely to see them coaching to support one another. Within lessons, the children have a chance to choose a challenge to work on, which has really demonstrated their great coaching skills!





# IN THE INFANTS THIS WEEK

## Year 1/2

In DT the children in year 1/2 tried lots of different vegetables this week! This is in preparation for them designing and making their own vegetable salad. The vegetables they tasted were: beetroot, spring onion, celery, carrot and sugar snap peas. They then rated the taste out of 5 and from that decided if they would be including the vegetable in their salad! It was great to see all the children getting so excited about vegetables!



# SPORT IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

## Year 3/4 dodgeball



A HUGE well done to all the year 3/4 children who took part in the dodgeball tournament this Monday. They showed great resilience, determination and skill to work together and win lots of matches! You could really see their understanding of the sport develop, and it was great to see the teams talking tactics and showing great leadership! One of our teams made it all the way through to the finals where they won silver medals!

## Year 5/6 Girl's football

What a fantastic start to the new season! The year 5/6 girl's team made a strong start to their new league with a draw and a win in their first two matches. Despite being a player down for both games, they played with resilience, determination and showcased outstanding teamwork! Their pitch positioning was superb, and the goals they scored were fantastic!







# Harvest Festival Celebrations



On Thursday, October the 5th, as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we will be collecting donations of tinned and dried goods for Southampton City Mission's basics bank. Each year, Harvest is a time to reflect and be thankful for all that we have, but it is also a time to think of those who do not have the luxuries that many of us enjoy. In fact, there are so many families in Southampton who are unable to afford even the basics of food, clothing and heating.

The Southampton City Mission have seen a large increase over the past year in families and individuals being referred to the basics bank due to the cost of living crisis, and they have seen a sharp decline in the amount of goods being donated. If you are able to donate even a small amount of food, you would be making such a difference to struggling families in our city. The children can bring items to donate to school on the morning of Thursday October 5th, and then bring them along to the Church service, where there will be boxes waiting to be filled.

## OUT OF STOCK

### **Pasta**

**Tinned Hot Meat** (Curry, Pies, Stew, etc.)

**Tinned Cold Meat** (Ham, Spam, etc.)

### **Rice**

**Soup** (Packets, Cups)

**Soup** (Tins, Particularly Chunky)

**Treats** (Chocolate, Crisps, etc.)

### **Tinned Fish**

**Coffee** (Small Jars)

**Vegetarian, Vegan**

**Tinned Carrots**

**Tinned Mixed Veg**

**Tinned Peas**

**Tinned Sweetcorn**

**Tinned Spaghetti** (In Tomato Sauce)

**Household Larder**

**Toiletries** (Shampoo)

**Toiletries** (Soap & Shower Gel)

**Sugar** (Small Bags)

## URGENTLY NEEDED

### **Carrier Bags**

**Cook-In Sauces** (Jars & Packets)

**Nappies size 6+**

**Nappies size 5**

**Jams & Spreads**

**Custard**

**Tinned Rice Pudding**

**Squash & Drinks**

**Tinned Fruit**

**Tinned Kidney Beans & Pulses**

**Tinned Tomatoes**

**Tinned Macaroni Cheese**

**Toiletries** (Male & Female Deodorant)

**Toiletries** (Toilet Rolls)

**Toiletries** (Sanitary Towels)

**Noodles** (Packets)

## LOW ON STOCK

### **Hot Chocolate**

**UHT Milk**

**Toiletries** (Toothbrushes)

**Toiletries** (Toothpaste)

**Tinned Potatoes**

**Pet Food** (Cats)

**Pet Food** (Dogs)

**Gluten Free**

## WELL STOCKED

### **Baby Food**

**Cereal** (Especially Weetabix)

**Nappies size 0 – 2**

**Nappies size 3 – 4**

**Tea**

**Tinned Baked Beans**



## INSET DAYS FOR 2023/2024



Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Monday 1st July 2024

## SCHOOL CENSUS

Next Thursday 5th October is Census day when a snap shot of the uptake of school meals ordered at the Infant department is taken and school funding is set, so please encourage your infant child to have a school dinner on this day. Even if they want to try one but still bring in a packed lunch just in case they don't like it!

## CROSS COUNTRY DATES

**Dates: 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/>

**Thursday 5th October, 2.40pm-3.25pm** - Parent Workshop (KS1 Phonics) at the infant department

**Friday 6th October, 1pm-2pm** - New Year R (Sept 2024) Parent Tour at the infant department

**Monday 9th October, 4.30pm-5.30pm** - Parent Forum at the junior department

**Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th October, 8.30am-4.15pm** - Asia only Parents Evening (available to book now on SCOPAY)

**Tuesday 12th October, 2.30pm-3.30pm** - Year 6 Admissions Parent Talk at the junior department 'Applying to secondary school'

**Thursday 2nd November** - Whole school Flu immunisations (details will be sent out nearer the time, including details of how to opt out if you do not want your child to receive it)

**Tuesday 7th November** - Whole school (not Asia) parent's evening 1.30pm - 7.30pm (details to follow)



# Highfield School Family and Friends



**Hello Grown-ups!**

Have a quick check in school bags if you haven't already been handed the super useful HSFF Events Calendar (also details other school dates) or print out the one on this update.

Please do pop it on your fridge and add the HSFF dates to your online calendar so you don't double book and miss out on the amazing events planned for this year!

We have one small date typo relating to this term- the children return to school on Monday 30th October not 1st November.

As you can see from the calendar, we have a jam-packed year ahead of us with the return of the wonderful International Day and after its success last year the Orchestral Afternoon Tea all running alongside the annual favourites of the Christmas and Summer Fayres.



## Highfield School Calendar 2023 - 2024

Keep this on your fridge and pop the dates in your diary now!



September	October	November	December
4th - INSET Day 5th - Start of Autumn Term 9th - Teddy Bears' Picnic 	13th - Parents and Staff Social 23rd - Half Term starts 30th - Back to school	25th - Christmas Fayre 	15th - Last Day of Term 
January	February	March	April
2nd - INSET Day 3rd - Start of Spring Term 	2nd - School Disco 12th - Half Term starts 19th - Back to school 	2nd - International Day 27th - Last Day of Term 28th - INSET Day 	15th - Start of Summer Term 27th - Musical Afternoon Tea 
May	June	July	August
6th - Bank Holiday 27th - Half Term starts 	3rd - Back to school 15th - Summer Fayre 28th - INSET Day	1st - INSET Day 5th - Parents' Social 24th - Last Day of Term	 Happy Holidays!




Dates subject to change.





## Highfield School Family and Friends

The HSFF, our school Charity/PTA raises crucial funds to **support and enhance our children's school experience** as well as **creating treasured memories** during these exciting early years of learning.

### About Us

-  We support the School Financially
-  We enhance the Learning Environment
-  We create Fantastic Memories

### How you can help

-  Make a Donation
-  Come along and enjoy our events
-  Volunteer some of your time

If you fancy a chat, have any questions or want to volunteer in any capacity we'd love to hear from you!!  
Email us - [familyandfriends@highfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:familyandfriends@highfieldschool.co.uk)





The fundraising kicks off with something a little different to before with a

## 1920's Gangster Murder Mystery Event on Friday 13th October

Oh, why oh, why have you changed the event?... I can hear one or two of you cry!



Well, why not?



There are so many aspects of the evening that will be the same as the Quiz Night-

you will be in teams, you can have a cocktail (or soft drink) or two and you will have to use your little grey cells.

The differences however will make it a far more interactive evening- you can get dressed up (if you would like to and we would really love you too!), you can take on a smaller or larger role, you will have the opportunity to talk to, and you never know may even make friends with, other grown-ups to try and solve the case.

Plus, there will be mini quiz questions throughout the evening for you die-hard quiz fanatics and you will have to search for a clue somewhere at the juniors..... So come on guys and gals take a chance on the HSFF and sign up for what promises to be a fabulous night for the grownups!

At just £5 per ticket including nibbles, you are bound to have a blast of an evening!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hsff/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=68145>



*The HSFF  
presents*



# A 1920's Murder Mystery

**Friday 13th October**

8pm'til the whodunnit is solved!

at the Juniors



**£5 per Ticket includes nibbles!**

Paying Bar and Highfields' very own Mixologist-  
Alwyn to cater to all your cocktail requirements!







# A TASTE OF CARAWAY

HELP US COMBAT LONELINESS  
AND BUILD COMMUNITY  
AMONGST OLDER PEOPLE AT OUR  
**ANNUAL FAYRE & FUNDRAISER**

- Pick up early Christmas gifts
- Have a go at some craft
- Enjoy cuppa & cake at the cafe

**2-5 PM  
7 OCTOBER 2023**

## Fun family afternoon of

- ✓ Local Craft stalls
- ✓ Cafe
- ✓ Live Music
- ✓ Auction of Promises
- ✓ Face Painting

## Highfield Church Centre

Highfield Lane  
Southampton SO17 1RL

## Entry

£3 per person | £10 per group of 4

All funds raised support our work connecting older people  
**More Information** [www.caraway@caraway.uk.com](http://www.caraway@caraway.uk.com)

**Caraway**  
Voluntarily Promoting the Older Person



Help us to help our community!

## Gala Charity DINNER

THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2023  
SWAYTHLING PRIMARY SCHOOL, MAYFIELD ROAD,  
SOUTHAMPTON, SO17 3SZ

SCAN THE QR CODE  
AND BOOK TODAY



Swaythling Primary School have set up a fund to offer a free school meal to all families in receipt of Universal Credit BUT who do not currently qualify for a Free School Meal.

Every school will have pupils that fall into this category, but we have decided to take action NOW!

On **23rd November 2023** we are holding a  
**Gala Dinner** at our School.

It will be a wonderful evening dedicated to  
**raising funds** for this initiative which aims to  
**ensure that every child has access to a  
nutritious meal** during their school day.

By supporting this event, you have the power to  
**make a REAL difference** in the lives of children  
within our community.

Come and join us for a **sumptuous dinner** and a  
**fun evening!** Tickets are **£50 per head** or a  
**table of ten for £450**, includes  
3-course meal with wine.

Gather your friends and make a night of it  
for a good cause.



For more information, email us:  
[moonshot@swaythlingprimary.org](mailto:moonshot@swaythlingprimary.org)



# INFANT CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



**Ash**

Tommy always tries his best in his

learning, particularly in literacy. He has been writing some incredible sentences using adjectives and fronted adverbials, which makes his learning a joy to read. Tommy is also always a role model for great behaviour in Ash Base.

**Jane** is always following the golden goals of being ready, respectful and safe. She is polite, caring and helpful.

Recently, Jane has been impressing us with her sentences in literacy; she has been using adjectives to describe characters and settings.



**Maple**

Evie for being so kind and helpful to those around her. She has also been challenging herself in maths this week by giving herself extensions. Keep up the good work!  
Nathan for working SO hard in all his work. He has been such a superstar in science and maths-putting up his hand to join in class discussions and asking great questions.



**Beech**

I have been so impressed with **Manuela's** writing this week. She has challenged herself at every opportunity and in doing so she has really written some amazing work. I can't wait to see Manuela continue to be the resilient rhino and take her learning to the next level. Well done!

I am so proud of how **Arisztid** has come into year 2 these past few weeks. He is really showing the school value of trust, through trusting in himself and his own ability. He has been dedicated to doing his best and he is really shining in the classroom!



## North America

**Kai** for being an excellent class ambassador and consistently giving his best effort, especially in English!

**Astrid** demonstrates a passion for learning and eagerly engages in discussions, regardless of the subject.



## Africa

Thomas for absolute brilliance in his learning. I have really noticed Tom being so engaged in his maths, with so much focus, putting his hand up and being really resilient when completing activities. Tom has shown so much resilience across all of his subjects including brilliant engagement in our geography lesson and this has been noticed by everyone that taught him this week.

Annie for the incredible care Annie always shows in her learning and towards her friends. Annie always ensures her work is beautifully presented and the best that she can do and takes the same amount of care when it comes to her friends, making sure they are OK, showing care and repairing friendships in a really understanding way.



## Australasia

**Naz** has been a fantastic role model for our class, tidying up and treating everyone with respect. She has also shown incredible willingness to learn and resilience with her writing this week.

You're a superstar Naz!

We would love to celebrate **Alfred** for kindness and being so helpful, holding doors open and looking out for others. He is also a wonderful role model for our class and we are so incredibly proud of him.

# JUNIOR CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



## South America

**Emmanuel** has shown fantastic resilience and determination during our maths lessons this week. He has actively participated by regularly putting his hand up and has been able to quickly calculate sums using different mental strategies. Well done Emmanuel!

**Lucas** has astounded us with his fabulous journal writing this week. He recounted the challenges faced by Polites when he and the crew were faced with Scylla and Charybdis. Lucas was able to skillfully use the grammatical writing tools he learned during the writing journey and embed them into his writing. Fantastic work Lucas.



## Europe

**Hashir** has had a really good week. He has shown phenomenal independence and determination in his learning this week, especially in literacy and science. He has also been working hard on his handwriting, which has really improved. Keep up the brilliant work Hashir!

**Olivia** is such a wonderful, reciprocal and loving member of our class. She frequently contributes to our 'snap jar', celebrating the successes and efforts of her classmates. She is so encouraging and helpful to everyone, and exemplifies all of our school values beautifully.

Well done Olivia :)



## Asia

Well done **Caterina** were a fantastic week both inside the classroom and out on the football pitch! In lessons, she has been immersing herself in all our topics, and sharing some excellent ideas. Especially in maths, she has shown a really in-depth understanding of our addition and subtraction topics, flying through challenges, and using some really tricky vocab to explain her ideas! On the football pitch, she was a great team player and a wonderful role model on the pitch to encourage those around her. She also showed off great skill and technique to help her team make a strong start to the new season! Well done Caterina!

**Khem** has had another great week, and I have been so impressed with his resilience, determination and positive attitude to all he does! He is an incredibly kind and thoughtful member of the class, and always goes out of his way to support those around him. In our history lesson this week, he really impressed me with his desire to get involved and share his detailed thoughts and understanding. I have also loved reading his writing in literacy as he has been so resilient to put his own unique twist on the writing task! Well done for another amazing week Khem!