

Highfield CE Primary School

Weekly Update

A message from Mrs Bond

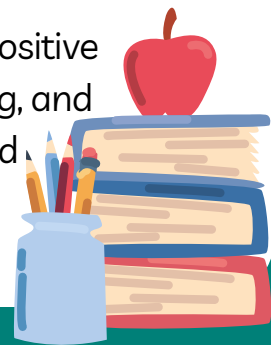


It has been a privilege to get to know the children, staff and parents at Highfield this term. The warm reception I've received from the entire Highfield community has been truly heart-warming, making me feel immensely fortunate to be a part of this wonderful Highfield family. Over the past few months, I've had the opportunity to get to know all the children in both departments, which has been an incredibly enriching experience. The children have impressed me with their unwavering commitment to their learning, their impeccable manners, and their overall respect for both their peers and teachers.

Stepping into classrooms has been a delightful aspect of my time here. Witnessing the remarkable progress and learning that has taken place throughout the term has been a constant source of inspiration. It's been amazing to see how hardworking and dedicated both children and staff are and their enthusiasm for learning is contagious.

One of the highlights of my time at Highfield has been to lead collective worships, which is a special time for coming together as a school. Perhaps the most enjoyable experience of all has been leading the Friday celebration worship. It's a time where we come together to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of our exceptional children. Witnessing their achievements, big and small, has been a truly joyous and uplifting experience. It's a testament to the nurturing environment and the dedicated efforts of the staff, children, and their families.

My first half term at Highfield has been an incredibly rewarding and positive experience. I look forward to many more terms spent learning, growing, and celebrating the successes of the remarkable Highfield children and community.



Term **Autumn** Number **7**
Date **20/10/2023**



Theme of collective worship
next week:
Friendship
Songs are: 'King of Me'
and 'Stand Together'



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School Improvement Priorities 2023 2024

Writing



Miss Ellis attended an Aspire Trust lead writing course where she was able to share our good practice and see how other schools are teaching writing. Miss Ellis will be looking at our writing curriculum and applying good practice from other schools to develop our children's writing learning further.

Developing Leadership



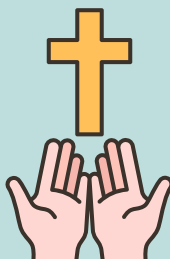
Mrs Bond completed her NQPLTD course which will enable the school to embed a staff coaching programme to develop teaching practices further. Miss Lewis attended the Annual Safeguarding conference.

Curriculum



Mark Bagust worked with Mrs Bryant on our Science curriculum. He was very impressed with our science provision. We will now be leading our science units through key questions and micro questions for each individual lesson.

Christian Values



The butterfly entries have started to come in and they are looking fantastic! Please keep them coming in and thank you to all the children who are participated in this competition.

IN THE JUNIORS THIS WEEK



Well Done Asia Class!



Mr Lewis would like to say a BIG well done to the whole of Asia class for a wonderful Autumn 1 term! Each and every one of the children has been working their absolute hardest and have made our class truly feel like a team. I am so proud of all of their effort, resilience and reciprocity towards each other. Although it will be tough being away for a bit, I know they will be in great hands and that they will continue to make great strides in their learning both inside and outside of the classroom. Keep up the fantastic work, Asia!



Staff Update!



Today will be the last day for Mrs Lewis who will be starting her maternity leave after half term. We wish her and Mr Lewis all the best and we can't wait to meet baby Lewis.



JUNIOR DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE



The service will take place on Thursday 7th December, and as usual, there will be afternoon and evening services. The afternoon service will start around 2.30 (exact time TBC), and the evening one will start at 5.30. We would love for as many children as possible to be able to come along to the evening service and sing along with their class! Doors will likely open around 5.00 for children to come in and get ready, but again, exact timings will be given closer to the day.

The evening service is due to finish at 6.30, after which the church will be needed for a choir rehearsal.

You are invited to attend one or both of the services. If you are not staying for the evening performance, please return at 6.30 for collection.

More details including exact timings, song words, dress code etc will be sent out nearer to the time.

SPORT IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Girl's Football Team

Well done to the Highfield Girl's football team! They finished off their season in style with 3 more great results! They have shown excellent teamwork throughout the season and really developed their footballing skills, positioning and tactics. Well done to everyone who has taken part and represented the school so well!



WHOLE SCHOOL ART COMPETITION REMINDER

Calling all artists!

We are currently looking at our school vision. We are thinking about how a butterfly represents an image of flourishing and how we reflect the life of Jesus. A butterfly represents how each and every one of us transforms and how each and every child is unique and special.



We need you to create a butterfly. You can use ANY media you wish - 3D, paint, a sketch... be as creative as you wish.

Children have until **Tuesday 31st October to complete their design.** There will be a winner for each phase - year R, KS1, year 3/4, year 5/6.

Please hand these in to your teacher and they will be collected by Mrs Walford for judging!



INSET
Days

INSET DAYS 2023/2024

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Monday 1st July 2024

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Just a reminder to return your child's e-consent form before the **closing date on 30th October**. Even if you do not want your child to receive the vaccine, you still need to complete the consent form. If the consent form is received late you will be offered a community clinic appointment instead.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Transfer to Secondary School September 2024

It is time for you to make an application for your child to start secondary school in September 2023, if you have not already done so.

The online portal is open now for applications for secondary school places for September 2024 and **closes on Monday 31st October at 23:59**.

If you do not apply within this window, your application will be late, and you may miss out on getting a school of your preference.

To make an application, please go to the Southampton City Council website and follow instructions for making a school application on the Citizen's Portal. You may be asked for unique identifier for your child, you do not need this number to apply as it only inputs your child's name and date of birth on the application.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All useful dates have been updated onto our website and can be found here:
<https://highfieldceprimarieschool.co.uk/>



Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - Half Term (school closed)

Thursday 2nd November - Whole school Flu immunisations (details sent out today, 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)

TURNER SIMS WINTER FAMILY DAY

Turner Sims are excited to share with you their Winter Family Day on 19 November, to celebrate Turner Sims 49th Birthday. They have two performances of Rhymes LIVE! in the concert hall, singing workshops, music workshops, an all day drop-in craft workshops in the foyer and face painting. Everything is for children aged 0-8 and their families. The whole day is free but you need to book tickets for Rhymes LIVE! Please see the whole programme and **book tickets [here](#)**. For children with sensory needs we have 'sensory packs' with ear defenders and fidget toys, and a quiet space if they need a little time out from the excitement.

**A
Happy
half term holiday
to all
School Staff, Friends and Family!**

***We are pleased to confirm
the HSFF annual spending Budget
for this academic year
is an amazing £11,500.00!***

***So far this term we have been able to fund: -
The infants and juniors petty cash tins £400
Staff Welfare petty cash tin £200
Infants Sen expenditure £635
Year R book bags £237
Plush BLP animals £115***

***In the pipeline: -
Repairs to the Junior Pond area
to create a safe space for outdoor learning***

***And from the capital fund: -
Replacement steps in the junior playground.***

***Further spending of the annual fund
and
larger projects for the capital fund are being discussed
with the school team.***

HSFF



We hope you have all had a fabulous beginning to the Autumn Term!

There are lots of exciting events planned for this academic year, please do take a look at your handy HSFF “fridge” calendar and save the dates in your diaries and on your phones.

*Coming next is the annual **Christmas Fayre** taking place on Saturday 25th November.
(I know we haven’t had Bonfire Night yet!).*

Requests for your wonderful donations and for amazing volunteers for the fayre, will come out on Parentmail, Whatsapp and the weekly updates after the half term break.



The children will once again be creating a fabulous piece of class artwork for the HSFF/School Calendar for 2024!




It makes a great Christmas gift for family and friends so do look out for the Calendar order stand at the Fayre and/or order online in time for the Christmas holidays.



YOUR SUMMER GUIDE TO POPULAR PLATFORMS


AN ONLINE SAFETY SHAREABLE



Messenger

An instant messaging app developed by Meta, popular for group chats, sharing images and videos. This app is also popular for playing games with friends. Can allow young people to connect with strangers, receive message requests from strangers and video call.

16+



Yubo

A live-streaming platform designed to help users "meet new people" from all around the world. There have been multiple reports of young people being harassed into sending sexualised or nude images and videos.


17+



WhatsApp

A popular messaging platform which allows group chats, video and audio calls. WhatsApp users have been subject to scams and malware spreading through the platform.


16+



Reddit

A platform which allows interactions through communities and discussion forums based on particular interests. There are no age verification systems for NSFW channels and can be easily bypassed to view inappropriate content. (NSFW forums are 18+)


13+



Kik

A mobile messaging app which allows one-to-one chatting, group chats and anonymous chats. Since Kik allows chatting with random strangers, it leaves children open to exploitation and grooming. Once messages are deleted, they cannot be retrieved.

16+



Telegram

A cross-platform messaging app which allows communication between individuals, small and large groups of up to 200,000 people. The ability to connect with others in the area may lead to young people to disclose locations and personal details that could lead to grooming or harassment in-person.

16+



Discord

An instant messaging social platform, in which people enter 'servers' so they are part of a group – commonly used for gaming communities. Some servers are NSFW (Not safe for work – often meaning inappropriate/adult content) and may have content age-inappropriate for younger users.

13+



Snapchat

A popular image sharing and messaging app that lets users exchange pictures and videos (snaps), with photo effects and filters, which disappear after a period of time. The 'disappearing snap' feature of Snapchat can lure young people into a false sense of security, and they may send images they would not normally send.


13+



Instagram

An image and video sharing app. Users can share content that followers can interact with by viewing, liking and commenting. Instagram may push a narrative of a 'perfect world' to young people, and they may feel pressured to post perfect, polished images of themselves.


13+



YouTube

A popular video sharing and social media platform. Videos can be commented on, liked and shared. Cyberbullying can occur through YouTube comments and age-inappropriate content may slip through moderation strategies deployed.

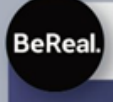
18+



TikTok

A free video sharing app which allows users to capture short video clips, share them and watch other user's videos or live streams. Age-inappropriate content which can be accessed through public feeds, especially any live streams. This may be unsuitable for young people and can be the origin of bullying trends.


13+



BeReal

A once-a-day photo sharing app – Users are given a 2-minute window to share a photo of themselves and their surroundings to their friends. If young people accept contacts they don't know, it is easy to build up a picture of routines in daily life, for example, school uniforms, bus stops and regular locations.

13+



Twitch

Twitch is a live streaming video platform which allows creators to broadcast and users to watch content, usually about games, including eSports. Twitch streams are often live and are therefore difficult to moderate.


13+



NETFLIX NOW Disney+

Streaming services which often involve paid subscriptions which offers a variety of TV shows, movies, gaming streams and more. Netflix shows such as 'Squid Game' and '13 Reasons Why' went viral and attracted the attention of young people, despite not being appropriate for under 18s. Parental controls which restrict access to age-inappropriate content e.g. profile PIN codes.

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Vault Apps (Decoys)

Apps which allow users to secretly hide photos, videos and files behind the premise of another app, for example a calculator which can only be accessed through a numeric pin code. Can become dangerous 'stashes' of youth produced sexual imagery.

17+

INFANT CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Ash

Yifei has been super resilient and resourceful in her learning this week and as a result has written an excellent letter to the big mad wolf and she has completed some incredible maths learning!

Seojin has been really reciprocal and reflective this week because he has done a great job in his learning and helped other children with theirs!



Maple

Ziddan has been a super star this week. He has worked so hard on his questions and answers and we are so impressed!

Joshua has been such a resilient rhino in maths this week. He has worked so hard and he never gave up



Beech

This week **Evie** was an incredible resilient rhino in maths. She really showed the power of not giving up at the first hurdle as she ended her learning with success. Evie is absolutely smashing year 2 and she should be so proud of herself.

In Beech we are really proud of **Reyyan** this term. She has settled into year 2 really well and we are sure she is going to have a very successful year. Reyyan is showing trust in the adults that are close to her and she is enjoying working with them!



North America

Marwah for respecting those around her and staying focused on her work.

Lyra BD for being an amazing friend and excellent student. She's always eager to learn.



Alex for his fantastic and enthusiastic attitude to

learning. Alex has really impressed me this week in his focus and enthusiasm on the carpet during any inputs including our poetry journey. Alex will always put love and care into his learning to make it the best it possibly can be and shows the same amount of care with those around him and is a brilliant and helpful member of the class to all. Well done for a fantastic start to Year 3.

Tabitha for all of the resilience shown this week in her learning and in school. Tabitha always has such a positive attitude to learning and school and no matter what has happened that day she will always give her all in her learning to make sure it is the best it possibly can be. She will always put her hand up, give brilliant answers on the carpet and inspires others around her to join in as well. Well done for a brilliant start to Year 4.



Australasia

We have been impressed by **Ahmad's** summarising in guided reading. He is incredibly reflective and explains his reasons for his predictions with confidence. We wish you all the best with your new adventure and know you will continue to work hard in your new school.

Teddy has been incredibly helpful and kind to others, showing our school value 'serve'. We are proud of him for what a respectful member of the class he is! Thank you Teddy!

JUNIOR CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



South America

Jai as well as being a perfect example of a super learner and an all round lovely person who any teacher would be pleased to have in their class, Jai has also been working hard on his handwriting recently, and is now making it a much more readable size!

Fatima has now finished her first term at Highfield and has settled in marvellously. She's made some great friends, settled into her new school's routines and is always polite to talk to. Well done Fatima!



Europe

I can always be sure that **Zaaram** will be doing the right thing in class, and quietly following all instructions. He tries so hard in all of his learning. He listens well, and he loves to share his ideas in class discussion.

Keep up the great work Zaaram, you are a superstar!

Esme is such an enthusiastic member of our class. She puts 100% effort into everything she does and is such a ray of sunshine! She works hard, reflects on her learning, and just has a positive, can-do attitude. We are so proud of you Esme.



Asia

Isabel has had a brilliant week and a fantastic first half term! Everyday she puts 100% into all her learning and showcases a wonderful attitude within the classroom. This week especially she has blown me away with her fantastic writing! She has been so immersed within the topic and produced a superb information text on mythical creatures! You can see the time, effort and determination she has put into crafting each sentence and selecting the vocabulary she wants to use. Well done Is!

Henry has had another fantastic week and I have been so impressed with his love for learning! Regardless of the subject, Henry has put so much effort into all his work and really looked to get involved in each lesson and showcase his understanding! Especially in maths, his desire and drive to work through tricky challenges has been great to see - this even led to me running out of activities! He has shown a real passion for the subject, and shown a real skill for long-division!

Well done Henry!