

Highfield CE Primary School

Weekly Update

A message from Mrs Walford



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to share the latest news from Highfield CE Primary. It has been a fantastic week (despite the weather closure) and we have some wonderful highlights to share with you.

Outstanding Behaviour

Our pupils have shown exemplary behaviour throughout this week. They continue to exhibit kindness, respect, and responsibility, making us proud of their excellent conduct in and out of the classroom. We would like to extend a big thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff for fostering a positive and supportive learning environment. In collective worship, the children across the school have been thinking about **friendship** and what it means to be a good friend. We have been very impressed that the children have been putting their learning into practice - well done!



Artistic Achievements

Our pupils have been hard at work in their studies, with many notable accomplishments. Our butterfly competition showcased the students' creative ideas and enthusiasm for art. We have been really impressed with the creativity and dedication shown by our young artists. We will announce the winners next week!



Upcoming Events

Parent's evening: We invite all parents and guardians to attend our upcoming parent-teacher meeting on November 7th. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so.

Term **Autumn** Number **8**
Date **03/11/2023**



Theme of collective
worship next
week:
Good Choices



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AMAZING RESULTS

Results from July 2023 have started to be analysed by OFSTED. We are very proud of our results. We are significantly above national average in almost all areas, and in some, the top 1% of the whole country!

	2023 cohort/ entries	Performance in 2023
Reading KS1 expected standard %	45	Sig above national and 88th percentile
Writing KS1 expected standard %	45	Sig above national and 95th percentile
Mathematics KS2 progress	40	Sig above national and 82nd percentile
RWM KS2 expected standard %	45	Sig above national and 89th percentile
Reading KS2 expected standard %	45	Sig above national and 88th percentile
Mathematics KS2 expected standard %	45	Sig above national and 95th percentile
Reading KS2 high standard %	45	Sig above national and 97th percentile
Mathematics KS2 high standard %	45	Sig above national and 99th percentile
EGPS KS2 expected standard %	45	Sig above national and 96th percentile
EGPS KS2 high standard %	45	Sig above national and 96th percentile

Important Reminders

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the season. We encourage all parents to stay engaged with our school's activities and keep the lines of communication open with our teachers and staff.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another fantastic week at Highfield CE Primary School.

Warm regards,
Rosie Walford
Headteacher



School Improvement Priorities 2023 2024

Writing



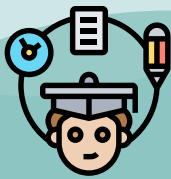
This week, SLT adapted and improved our writing target steps. They are now clearer in progression and target 'greater depth' throughout the school. You will be given a copy at parent's evening next week.

Developing Leadership



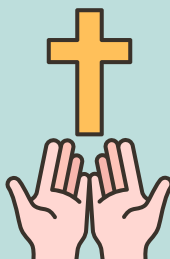
Mrs Walford went to Swaythling Primary school to assist with their annual monitoring visit. It is crucial in sharing good practice between schools in the Aspire Trust.

Curriculum



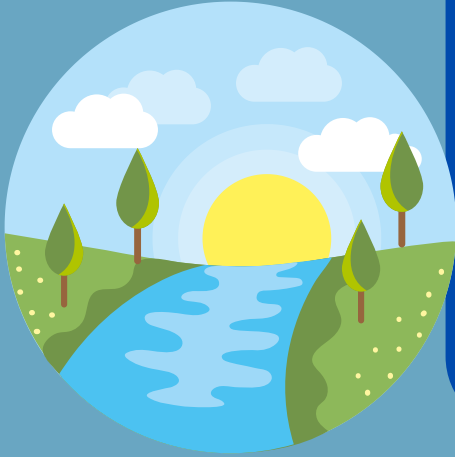
Mrs Bond completed learning walks in both departments. A learning walk involves visiting multiple classrooms with the aim of fostering conversation about teaching and learning in order to develop a shared vision of high quality teaching that impacts on pupil learning.

Christian Values



Pupils have been learning about the Christian value of 'friendship'. The children explored books around this theme and considered how they will be able to use this value in their own lives.

IN THE JUNIORS THIS WEEK



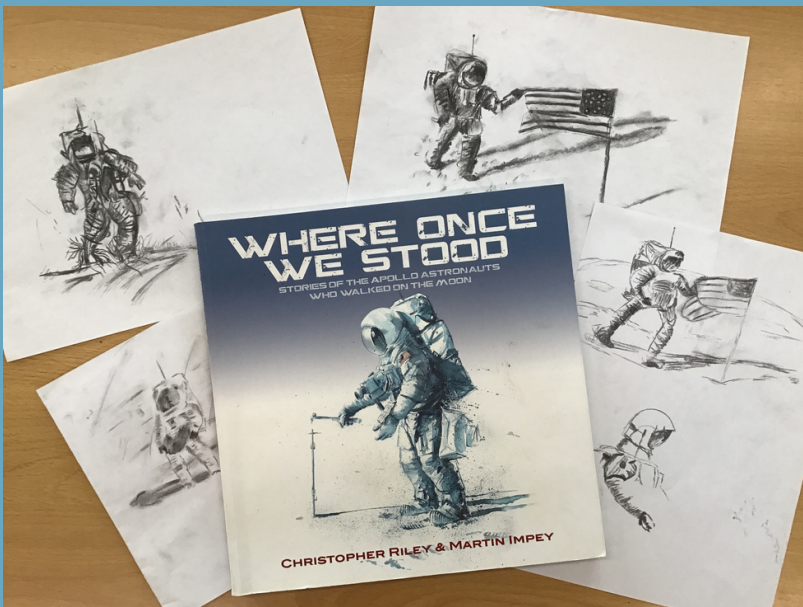
REMINDER:



Year 5 and 6 have 2x school trips over the next few weeks. Year 6 are going to the Cantell library and year 5 and 6 have their rivers trip. Please make sure you filled out their online permission which you should have received on Parentmail. Without permission, they will not be able to attend.

Year 5/6

In Literacy this week, Year 5/6 started a new book: *Where Once We Stood* by Christopher Riley and Martin Impey. As well as containing fascinating stories about each of the Apollo missions to land on the moon, the book is also full of beautifully haunting artwork. To get us in the mood for reading all about the lunar missions, we had a go at copying some of the pictures using charcoal. It was a bit messy, but we were all really proud of the results!



IN SCHOOL

Happiness Jars



You may remember in collective worship a few weeks ago we were thinking about thankfulness and the children made gratitude jars. We thought it would be a lovely idea to create a staff happiness jar. If you have a reason to express your happiness for something a staff member, a classroom team, a specific year group or the entire school team has done, please take a moment to write a note and place it in the staff happiness jar. We have set up designated spaces in both reception areas where you can post any 'happiness' comments that you would like to pass on to staff.



Child Pick Up Arrangement Forms



Next week, a form will be coming home with your child for you to complete with permission for other people who you allow to pick your children up from school. Year R and any new children who have started this year will not receive a form as they have already completed one.

Once the form has been returned to school, you will no longer need to phone/email the school office each day to advise if someone who is on your list is picking them up.

Each classroom will have a list so if any other member of staff is covering, they will also be aware.

The form also allows for you to give permission for your child to walk home by themselves (Year 5/6 children only) and you can also return the form just signed with nobody else listed on it so that we know, only parents can collect from school.

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER IS CHILDREN IN NEED



On Friday 17th November, we ask for the children to come into school dressed in non-uniform and spots to raise money for this fantastic charity. Please donate using the above QR code.



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/>

Tuesday 7th November, - Whole school (not Asia) parent's evening
1.30pm - 7.30pm (details have already been shared)

Tuesday 21st November - Rescheduled date for the Flu Vaccinations

PARENTS EVENING BOOKING REMINDER

If you have not already booked your child's parents evening appointment with their teacher, please can you do this via SCOPAY. If you are having difficulties booking an appointment, please contact the school office on 02380 555793 or email info@highfieldschool.co.uk and the office can book the appointment for you.



TRAIN TO TEACH IN HAMPSHIRE



Are you interested in becoming a teacher? If so, scan the QR code above to learn more. At Highfield, we are committed to delivering high-quality training for future educators. If you're interested in starting your training journey, please reach out to us, and we'll be happy to discuss the details with you.



HIGHFIELD SCHOOL'S

**merry
CHRISTMAS**

FAYRE

**JOLLY JARS, CRAFTS, TOMBOLA,
FATHER CHRISTMAS, BBQ AND MORE!**

25TH NOVEMBER

4 PM - 7 PM

JUNIOR SITE



My Child's First Device

5 Steps to Make Phones, Tablets, and Laptops Safer

You might be deciding to give your child their first phone, tablet, or laptop (or third, fourth, fifth – even a new update). This is a big decision! The responsibility and freedom that comes with owning a device is a big step for children – and you! It might even be their first “grown up” responsibility.

As a parent or carer, it's important to remember that even if a child is tech-savvy, they need to be taught how to be tech-safe. We know this can be daunting with various device brands, apps, and settings to choose from. Our online safety experts have created 5 steps to help you make that first device (or brand-new model!) safer for the child or young person in your care.



Remember!

This is an exciting time in your child's life! You want to be a part of that in a positive way that encourages them to share with you and trust you. If you take the time to teach them, they will be empowered in their online actions and behaviours for the better.



1

Do your homework

Make sure your home environment is secure and ready for your child to be online. Many major broadband providers offer age restriction settings so check with your provider to ensure these restrictions are put in place.

Many retailers offer free Parental Controls to their customers. You can find Parental Control walkthroughs on most popular provider websites.

Check the device's brand website for simple walkthroughs of where to find privacy settings on your child's specific device.



2

Set up the device with your child

Taking the time to sit down with your child and set up the device together will help you both get to know how the device works, allow you to implement SafeSearch filters on search engines, and set up in-app purchase restrictions. You can use the device settings to set up agreed upon restrictions, like Screen Time and App Limits.



Explain why these settings are important to protect children and young people from online risks and that these restrictions will be lifted when they are old enough. Ensure your personal account is set as the Parent account and make sure your parental control PIN number is secure and random.

3

Discuss and agree on healthy phone and device habits

Once the device has been set up, take the time to agree on some healthy rules and boundaries for how they will use the device. This can include rules like when and where they can use their device, screen time allowance and which apps are allowed to be used.

Be realistic on what will work in your household. If your child has friends with different rules, remind them that what works for one family might not work for another! As the parent or carer, you are responsible for the way your child uses their device and they will need guidance, especially if this is your child's first independent responsibility.



4

Check-in with your child

Check-in with your child about their device use. It doesn't have to be a big sit-down conversation! Informal chats over the dinner table, in the car or while watching television as a family can have the biggest impact. Ask questions like, “Tell me about your favourite app! Why do you like to use it?” or, “How has your device helped you today?”.

Online safety is never a one-off conversation – it's a continuing dialogue. Show your child that you're interested in their responses and thoughts to foster an environment of openness and trust between you and the child in your care.



5

Keep Yourself Informed

We live in a digital world that changes daily. The most responsible thing you can do in keeping your child's device safe is to keep yourself informed.

Stay alert to trends and threats that they may be exposed to. With many companies beginning to offer “kid” versions of their platforms, knowing what is safe and what is suspect will help you make the best decision for your child. Luckily, we have some excellent resources to assist you that are reliable and relevant. Visit our website and social media pages.



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oursafetycentre.co.uk
How to stay safer on popular platforms



Come and join 1st Southampton
North Brownies!

Why Join?!

We do lots of cool things such as
campfires (toasting marshmallows!), sing
songs, wide games, camps & holidays,
sleepovers, learning new skills

and...

the opportunity to make loads of new
friends in a relaxed & friendly
environment :)



Where?! Highfield Scout Hut on Brookvale road, SO17 1QS

When? Monday 6pm - 7.30pm (term time only)

Interested?!? Get your parent to go to

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk>

Then click on 'Register your daughter' & fill out the
form!

INFANT CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Oak

Jono for always trying his best and being a good friend. He should be incredibly proud of his phonics learning in particular! Well done Jono.

Esther for always being so helpful and a lovely friend to everyone. Well done for always trying your best as well!



Ash

Yokshi has had a great first week at Highfield. He's settled in and made new friends very quickly and has been trying very hard in his learning. He's such an enthusiastic member of our class and has made a brilliant first impression!

Well done, Yokshi!

Bella K has been trying so hard in her learning this week. She has been a resilient rhino in maths and has done really well with her addition.

Keep up the excellent effort,
Bella!



Maple

Royce has been an amazing reciprocal raccoon this week. During PE he was a brilliant partner in dance and was a super yr2 coach.

Albie has worked so hard on his writing this week. He has been focussing on making sure all his sentences have full stops and capital letters and has been putting in extra effort with his handwriting too.



Willow

Aryan has been such a Resilient Rhino with his learning and especially with his letter formation. He is always the Reciprocal Raccoon to his friends and teachers as he is always helping others. I am so proud of you, Arjan!!

Poppy is always the Reciprocal Raccoon to her friends and she is ALWAYS helping others. Poppy has also been working so so hard with her writing and is always the Resilient Rhino when things get a bit tricky. Keep being fantastic, Pops!!



Beech

We have been so impressed with **Zarsha** this week in Beech. She has been working really hard in her writing and she is showing amazing progress. Zarsha has been a great addition to the class and we are excited to see her continue her journey of success at Highfield! Well done for being a resilient rhino!

Teaching **Alexa** is so enjoyable as she always displays all of the school values love, serve and trust at all times. She is so friendly and warm towards others that they feel relaxed around her. She is always doing her best to serve her teachers by putting her all into her learning.

Well done Alexa!

JUNIOR CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!

Australasia

Josiah has had a wonderful first week in Australasia and has settled into our routines well, as well as following the golden goals. We were very impressed with his independence and effort in maths. Well done Josiah! We could not be more proud of **Annabelle** this week. Not only has she been a wonderful, reciprocal friend to Josiah, helping him get used to his new routines, she also produced a fantastic poster about valuing difference and showing respect to everyone. What a star you are Bella!

South America

Zachary M for a fantastic charcoal drawing of an astronaut, inspired by our new Literacy book. What brilliant detail and shading - excellent technique!
Corey for a wonderful week of learning, excellent behaviour and positive attitude towards everything and everybody at school. He's done some great Maths, Literacy and Geography work too.

Europe

Mrs White and Ms Lewis would like to celebrate **the whole of Europe class** this week. They have been so resilient and gone with the flow in the absence of Mrs Shorey. They have been really respectful and well behaved. You should all be really proud of yourselves.

Africa

Maryam K for an excellent start to year 4 at Highfield School. Maryam has been brilliant this week, really respectful and kind with teachers and her new class. She has also worked really hard in her maths this week and has been putting her hand up and showing a lot of courage. Well done Maryam!
Dhillon for an excellent attitude to his learning, showing lots of resilience and working independently when he can, especially in his maths. I have really noticed Dhillon putting his hand up and having a go as well as being a kind and helpful friend.

North America

Emma for exhibiting superb levels of perseverance during lesson time and being a good friend to those around them.
Inxi for continuing to exhibit a fantastic eagerness for learning and exemplifying the qualities of a role model student.

Asia

Odhran has had a fantastic week back after half term, and I have been so impressed with his resilience, determination and hard-working attitude! He has been putting 100% into all his lessons and really looking to immerse himself in each task and do his best. Especially in maths, he has flown through so many tricky challenges and applied himself incredibly well! It's been great to see his hand up in lessons to share his ideas, and he has been a lovely coach when supporting others. Well done for a brilliant week Odhran!
Benji has been a superstar this week, and I have been incredibly impressed with his hard-working attitude and fantastic application in lessons! He has been really focused in maths and shown a really secure understanding of our new year 6 learning. His quick mental maths skills has seen him fly through BODMAS challenges! It has also been great to see all of his hard work during the wind day yesterday. He has produced a really detailed, information and beautifully presented science poster, which all the teachers have loved reading! Well done for all your hard work Benji!