

Highfield CE Primary School

Weekly Update

A message from Mrs Walford



Dear Parents,

It has been a fantastic week of learning at Highfield (despite the rain) and we are thrilled to share some highlights with you.

Our pupils have been actively engaged in various exciting activities, from Stone age day in year 3 and 4 to trips, icy visitors at the infants and a school trip to Cantell! The children's enthusiasm for learning is truly inspiring, and we are proud of the progress they have made. It was very disappointing to have postponed the rivers trip on Thursday but we are looking to book this again for a time where the weather is more predictable.

We encourage you to take a moment to discuss with your child the specific learning experiences covered this week and the projects they have been working on. Your support and engagement in their learning journey are invaluable.

Reminders:

- Please keep a note of important diary dates in the next few weeks. Christmas is an incredibly busy time in primary schools (and at home!) The children are busy preparing for their Christmas services and shows and can not wait to share these with you.

Parent Representatives

We would really love to have a parent rep from each year group to be able to come to our parent forums each half term. The **next forum is 5th December at 9am at the juniors.** If you would like to represent your child's year group, please let me know by contacting info@highfieldschool.co.uk. Everyone is welcome to each forum but as getting a time to suit everyone is difficult, a parent rep would be able to pass on any suggestions and comments on behalf of their year group.



Term **Autumn** Number **10**

Date **17/11/2023**



Theme of
collective worship
next week:
Belonging



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Parking

Please do not park on the yellow lines outside school. We are now working with the council to try and ensure the roads around school are as safe as possible.

But is it illegal to park on zig-zag lines outside schools?



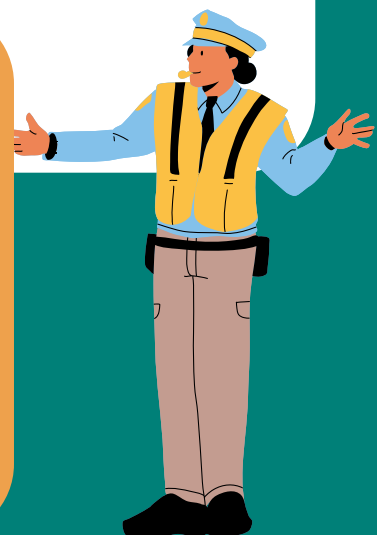
Yes, it's always illegal to park on yellow zig-zag lines anywhere.

Rule 243 of the Highway Code indicates a range of places where motorists must not park, including on a bend, a dropped kerb or the brow of a hill. It also states that drivers must not park near a school entrance, anywhere that would prevent access for emergency services or near a bus stop, tram stop or taxi rank. Again, the rule will often — but not always — be made obvious with yellow zig-zags on the road.

Parking outside a school specifically may obstruct visibility for parents and children trying to cross the road and is thus highly dangerous.

From Monday, we have a group of parent volunteers who will kindly be giving up their time to be part of our traffic patrol team. We will also have a member of SLT by the gates to check that our pupils are coming into school safely. Thank you for helping keep our community safe.

I would also like to emphasise that the school does not condone any form of aggression on social media platforms, particularly WhatsApp. Healthy and respectful communication is key to maintaining a positive school community.



School Improvement Priorities 2023/2024

Writing



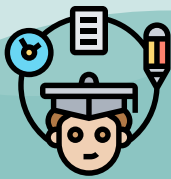
SLT looked at literacy books across the school. We have been sharing good practice across classes and some teachers had the opportunity to look at lessons between the two phases. We also started our writing group for year 6 pupils which was great fun! We used fun techniques to learn very challenging spellings.

Developing Leadership



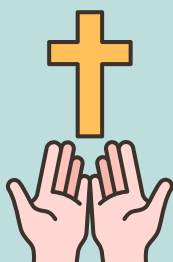
All subject leaders went to schools across the Aspire Trust to share good practice and set priorities for the term ahead.

Curriculum



Miss Ellis worked with teachers across the school on developing our writing journey.

Christian Values



We have proudly displayed all the wonderful butterflies in the junior hall for the children to enjoy. Mrs Shorey and SLT have been working on launching child led worship in the juniors. After Christmas, each week, a group of children in each class will lead a collective worship session with their peers. Children reflect on bible stories as well as lead prayers, songs and other chosen activities. The children will select the Bible reading that they want their session to be focused upon.

Reminder of church pick up times

Each week, the children from both sites attend Highfield church on a Thursday afternoon. All children need to be collected from the church at **3.25pm.**

If your child does not attend church, the pick up times will be the same as usual days from their respective sites. **This is 3.15pm for infant children and 3.25pm for junior children.** Many thanks.



Please be mindful that this can be a busy space. Each class will hold up a sign for their class and will need to be signed off their register before being collected.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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

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

Monday 20th November - School will be delivering a neurodiversity assembly

Tuesday 21st November - Rescheduled date for the Flu Vaccinations

Saturday 25th November, 4pm-7pm - HSFF Christmas Fayre



IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

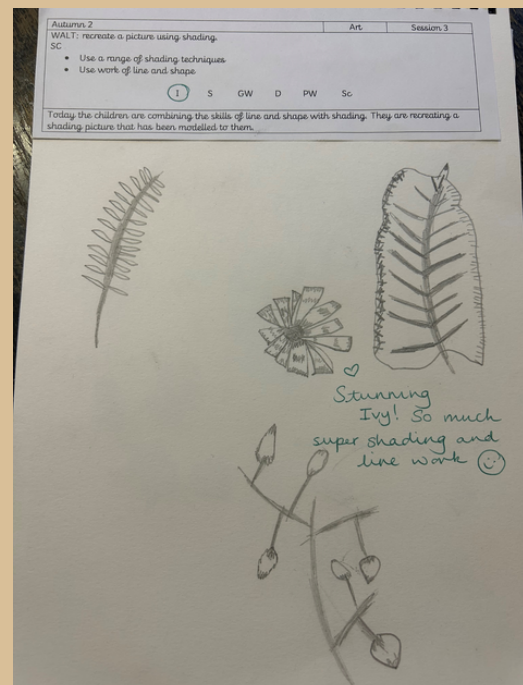
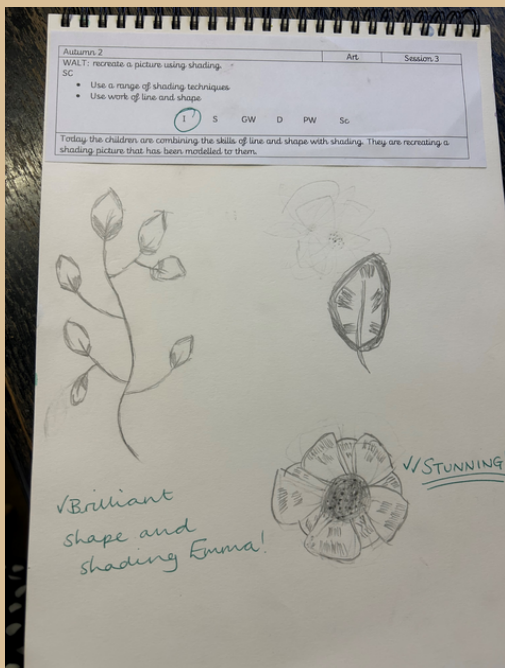
Year 6 Cantell Trip

Year 6 had a fantastic time at the Cantell library on Tuesday. The children behaved beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the books, meeting staff and completing reading activities. Thank you Cantell for having us!



KS1 Art

Children in the infants have been doing AMAZING sketching! Sketching is one of our core components which means we believe that sketching is a key skill to master in order to become a fantastic artist. Look at these amazing drawings from Emma and Ivy - they have really focussed on detail and shading. Well done!



IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK



The children in year 1 and 2
had visits from Jack Frost!

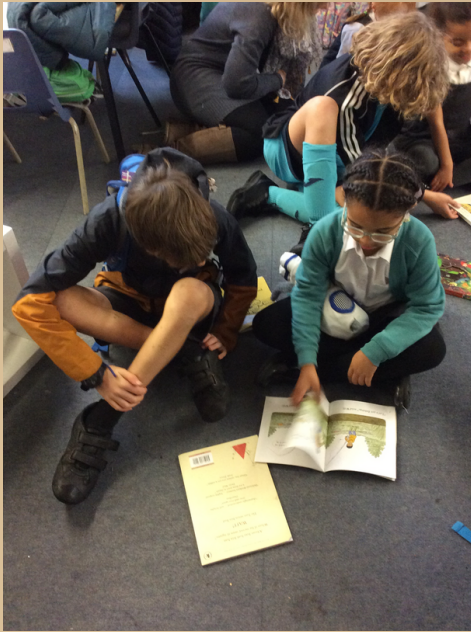
The children explored
setting descriptions and
showed the skills they
could remember from
their previous writing
journeys.



On Monday morning, the children
came into school to see that they
had had a visitor who had made his
way into the school. He had left
behind him snowflakes and icicles!
He had even caught the teachers and
made them freezing cold! The
children realised the visitor must
have been Jack Frost and he had left
behind a story. The children were
excited to read the story of Winter's
Child and do some more learning
about it in their literacy!



IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK



The children in Year 1/2 enjoyed reading to the Year 5/6 children on Thursday before Church.



Beech celebrated getting their reading points with popcorn, movies, pyjamas and teddies!



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Christmas is coming, and advent calendars are often a favourite way of counting down the days of this exciting season. As many of you will be aware, we launched a 'reverse advent calendar' a few years ago as a way of collecting basic food and hygiene supplies to donate to Southampton City Mission's Basics Bank. This year, with many families facing a cost of living crisis, there will be more families than ever who will struggle this Christmas season.

Our core school core values at Highfield are love, serve and trust, and in the spirit of this, we would be delighted if you could join in again this year to help children see the value of serving their community by giving a contribution on any day of the advent calendar. The idea is that on any day, rather than receiving something, we can give a specific item, which will be collected and then distributed to a local food bank.

Each day, please check the list of suggested items, which has been created to match Southampton City Mission's list of most needed items. There will be boxes outside both the Infant and Junior sites each morning for you to place your donations into.

Below are the details of the items that you can collect on each school day of Advent. Any contributions would be hugely appreciated and will greatly benefit our local community.

Many thanks,

Mrs Shorey

 Friday 1st Pasta	Monday 4th Tinned hot meat eg. curries, pies, stews etc	Tuesday 5th Rice	 Wednesday 6th Tinned Soup
Thursday 7th Treats eg. crisps, chocolates	Friday 8th Tinned fish	Monday 11th Hot chocolate / coffee	Tuesday 12th Tinned veg
Wednesday 13th Shower gel and shampoo	Thursday 14th Tinned Spaghetti	Friday 15th Cook-in sauces	



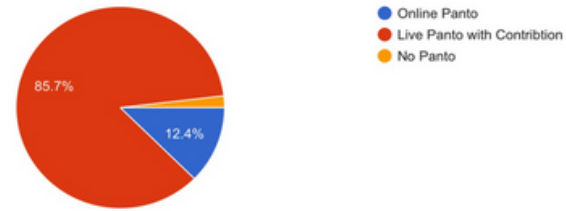
Pantomime Vote Results

Thank you so much to all the families who responded to our Pantomime questionnaire. We are delighted at such a high response- 161 families cast a vote.

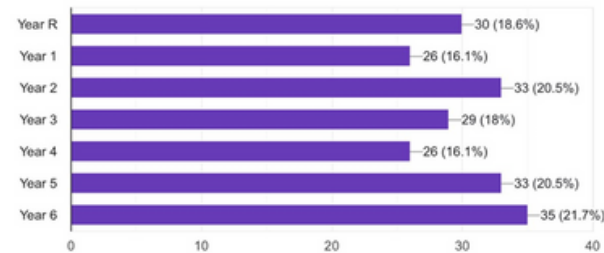
We are very pleased to confirm that over 80% chose the live panto with a donation option.

The pantomime has now been booked for January 2024! Hooray.

Which option would you prefer?
161 responses



Please indicate which year(s) your child(ren) are in:
161 responses



HSFF Christmas Fayre

Thank you so much for all your Xmas fayre donations so far!

Please do add an extra item or two to your online shop this weekend for the chocolate and bottle tombola plus the ingredients for a wonderful home baked cake.

Donating to the Hamper fund will result in some amazing prizes for you to try and win!

<https://pay.collectiv.com/hsff-christmas-fayre-donations-75245>

And do take home a jam jar (or 3) to fill with fantastic little goodies for the children to win!

A huge thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help out at Xmas Fayre.

Don't delay if there is a particular stall you would like to help with:-

<https://volunteersignup.org/A8PYL>





HIGHFIELD SCHOOL'S

**merry
CHRISTMAS**

FAYRE

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

25TH NOVEMBER

4 PM - 7 PM

JUNIOR SITE







DONATION DATES

Collection boxes will be at the Infant and Junior sites' main doors. Items can be donated at any time over the 2 weeks but here is a suggested calendar to make it a little bit easier :)


MONDAY 13th - Friday 17th NOVEMBER


 **Jolly Jars** - Fill a jam jar with mini Joy and decorate! (sweets, toys, hair clips, lego etc) Empty jars will be available for you to use.

 **Raffle Hamper items** - We are doing things a little differently this year - please use the QR code to donate £1, £2.50 or £5 to help us create some beautiful hampers and then see if you can win one on the day!




MONDAY 20th - Friday 24th NOVEMBER

 **Bottles** (wine, Prosecco, spirits) for Bottle Tombola

 **Chocolates** (bars, selection boxes, advent calendars) for the Chocolate Tombola

FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER (+ Sat 25th 1-4pm at the Juniors)

Thank you!

 **Homemade Cakes**, cookies, biscuits, traybakes for the Cake Café (no nuts please!) in a sealed, named container, labelled with a list of ingredients.



TRAIN TO TEACH

Fareham & Gosport
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'OUTSTANDING'
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READY TO APPLY?

Applications to our initial teacher training programmes can be made using the 'Apply' system through gov.uk website. Details and information about our course can be found using the 'Find' function. When conducting your search, please search under "Fareham and Gosport Primary SCITT" for fee funded courses.

"Trainees have chosen wisely. The school-centred initial teacher training (SCITT) provider has a well-deserved reputation and does not disappoint."

As quoted in the 2023 Ofsted inspection report where Fareham and Gosport Primary SCITT were awarded **'OUTSTANDING'** in all areas.

"Trainees quite simply cannot think how their training could be improved. As one said, 'This training programme has been perfect for me. I was ready to get stuck in at school and practise teaching from the word "go". This programme has provided that opportunity, and I am enjoying it immensely.'"

Our school-based training programme enables you to be part of one of our **50+ partnership schools**, and in class from day one to be immersed in all aspects of teaching and school life.

You will thrive in a **high quality**, school-centred training programme, which is underpinned by current research and evidence, to support you in developing and refining your teaching skills.

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Our training programme allows you to become a **fully qualified teacher in a year**. To qualify for this programme, you must have a standard equivalent to a grade C or grade 4 in the GCSE of English (English Language), mathematics and science (for Primary phase applicants) AND an (Hons) degree from a United Kingdom higher education institution or equivalent qualification. Please note that to be considered for the PGCE element of the programme applicants are required to have achieved a 2:2 or higher (Hons) degree.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL US ON 01329 239584 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.farehamandgosportprimaryscitt.co.uk



INFANT CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Oak

Jasmine who has been an excellent Resilient Rhino and has come into school really well this week. She has also been a Resilient Rhino in her learning because she always tries her best.

Arthur for showing our school value of Love. Arthur is always a wonderful friend to everyone. He shows love to all the children and adults in Oak base and always has a fantastic smile on his face which cheers up our day.



Ash

Ibraheem has been trying super hard to focus on his learning this week and as a result created some really good noun phrases in literacy. He has been really resilient and reflective, Well done, Ibraheem!

Ivy has been resilient in her learning this week. She's been putting in so much effort and as a result she has done very well in guided reading and phonics. I really enjoyed hearing Ivy read this week, she did such a good job!



Maple

Adam has been working so hard in all his lessons this week to be as independent and self motivated as possible. He has been getting his jobs done in time and has really been enthusiastic and keen to learn.

Hridh always comes in to school with such a great attitude- ready to try his best. He is fantastic at expressing his ideas and contributing to class discussions- remembering to put his hand up and not calling out!!!



Willow

Austen has been such a Resilient Rhino with his writing and this week he wrote words beginning with 'c' independently! He has also been a Reciprocal Raccoon by being kind and helpful towards his friends and looking out for others. I am so proud of you, Austen!!

Max works hard every day and is always a Reciprocal Raccoon. He always goes out of his way to help all of his friends and his teachers too. Max also did a fantastic job reading a red book independently this week! You're a super star, Max!!



Beech

Daya is amazing and if I could celebrate her every week I would! Daya always shows the school value of serve as she frequently puts herself forward to help others and support them in their learning. Keep being wonderful Daya!

Al-Ameen has really impressed me this week with his incredible skills in sketching. He has been really reflective in taking his time and planning how he will use shading techniques to achieve his desired image. I am really proud of you Al-Ameen, well done!

JUNIOR CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Australasia

Fleur has been the resilient rhino in maths this week, as she has made fantastic progress with column addition. Well done Fleur for your super speed and determination.

We are incredibly proud of **Ted** who has made some really sensible choices this week and shown our golden goal, "Be Safe." Ted has also been trying her best across all subjects. Well done Ted!



North America

Rayyan for consistently making the right choices and writing an incredible piece of tension writing during English, he also scored his first goal for the football team in his debut game. Very proud!

Darcey for showing real determination in both Maths and English and using those chances to grow your skills and make your work even more awesome. Keep it up!



Africa

Freddie T for brilliant engagement with our literacy this week, showing lots of resilience with his writing, ensuring his work has all the features we were looking for. Freddie also always has his hand up on the carpet and always engages so well with the learning no matter the lesson. Well done Freddie.

Fay D for representing our school value of love, Fay shows such kindness to everyone in our class and will make everyone feel welcome and included. Also, Fay always has her hand up to answer questions and always willing to give both questions and her work, her best effort. Well done Fay.



South America

Edward H for showing fantastic eagerness and enthusiasm in all our Literacy lessons. He's always first to the carpet, ready to learn and gets on with whatever activity he's been set straight away - well done!

Oleg V for being a real asset in Literacy - he's always putting his hand up with answers, suggestions for what to write, and brilliant ideas. What a super learner!



Asia

Joey for his amazing attitude to learning. He is always willing to share his ideas and gets fully stuck in to every challenge.

Harriet has a really brilliant attitude towards her maths learning. She gives everything a go and is always keen to answer questions. I've been really impressed!



Europe

Mohammed has had a really sensible week this week. He has been super focused on his learning, and listened and engaged brilliantly on the carpet. I have seen him working hard to manage his distractions, and to make brilliant choices at all times. Keep up the great work :) I have been very impressed with **Suzy's** literacy this week. She has been so reflective and thought of fantastic expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials to go in our jungle descriptions. I can't wait to read her final piece! Suzy is also just always such a kind and helpful member of our class. We are very proud of you!