

Highfield CE Primary School

Weekly Update

A message from Mrs Walford



Dear Parents,



Christmas Fayre - tomorrow

I wanted to extend my sincere thanks to you and the entire Highfield School Family and Friends committee for organising the Christmas Fayre. Your dedication and effort in putting together such events truly make a positive impact on our school community and lots of happy memories for the children. I hope the children are eagerly anticipating the Fayre and I look forward to enjoying the festivities with the entire school community tomorrow.

School Dinners Feedback

Thank you to the parents who have already completed our school dinners survey. We would hugely appreciate to hear your views to make our school lunch provision even better. If you have not completed it yet, please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/W64RY1bx6d6v2njR9>



INSET Reminder

Our next INSET day is Tuesday 2nd January. Therefore, the children's first day back after the Christmas break is Wednesday 3rd January.



Term **Autumn** Number **11**

Date **24/11/2023**



Theme of
collective worship
next week:

Identity



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School Improvement Priorities 2023/2024

Writing



Staff from Nursling CE Primary school came to visit Highfield on Wednesday during the staff meeting. Teachers paired up into phases and moderated children's writing. They worked collaboratively to share good practice as well as assessing pupil's outcomes.

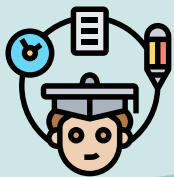
Developing Leadership



Mrs Bond attended an Aspire Trust school improvement group meeting. The group of deputies discussed priorities across the schools in the trust.

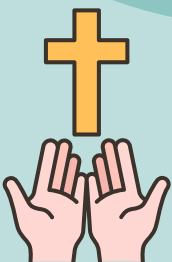
Mrs Walford attended another school's safeguarding review.

Curriculum



The Aspire SIG (school improvement group) have planned to offer staff CPD in geography fieldwork and also offered computing and DT support to other schools which we will take up!

Christian Values



The HSFF have very kindly offered to fund new vision boards for both departments. We are excited to put these up in both reception areas in January to launch our new values which will be PEACE, COURAGE and RESPECT. We are still looking for volunteers who would like to develop a space for a spiritual garden - if you are interested, please get in touch.

We have also launched a new seating plan in weekly Friday celebration assemblies. We now have very snazzy red carpets in both departments which are rolled out each Friday! If pupils are awarded with a golden leaf, they walk down the red carpet and sit on the bench of joy!

Stay and Share

We would like to invite all parents to attend
'stay and share' sessions next week.

Infant stay and share is Thursday 30th
November and Junior stay and share is Friday
1st December. Both will run straight after drop
off 8.50am - 9.10am. This will be an opportunity
to spend time in your child's classroom and see
their morning routine.

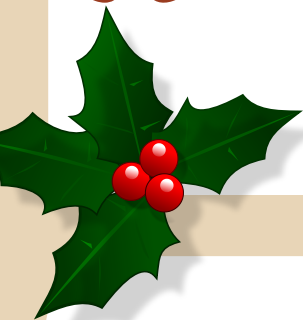


Christmas Performance Reminders

The Year R Christmas performance is on Monday 11th
December at 9.30am.

The KS1 (years 1 and 2) Nativity is on Wednesday 6th
December at 5.30pm

The KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 & 6) carol concert is
Thursday 7th December at 5.30pm.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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

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



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

Thursday 30th November, 8.50am-9.10am - Infant department Stay & Share

Friday 1st December, 8.50am-9.10am - Junior department Stay & Share

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Ivy Lewis kicked off the week with her drumming skills in collective worship this week. What a range of musical talents we have at school!



Sponsored Read

WELL DONE



Thank you so much to everyone who took part in our whole-school sponsored read. It was amazing to see how much fantastic reading is going on at Highfield, and just how much the children at this school love books!

We have managed to raise an amazing £1050 (exceeding our goal!) in order to buy new books for our libraries- an 60% extra will also be provided by Usborne Books!

Congratulations to the winners who read the most in each KeyStage

Bethany in Year R- 110 minutes

Cecile in KS1- 719 minutes

Emma in LKS2- 725 minutes

Xiaohui in UKS2- 719 minutes

Each of these children will receive a free book

Thank you again to everyone who took part!



Year 5/6 River Itchen Trip

This week, Year 5/6 took a walk down the River Itchen, starting at Mansbridge and going all the way down to near Cobden Bridge. Led by Mr Dodson, the children walked the route over the course of a couple of hours, stopping along the way to take part in a variety of fieldwork activities. These included measuring the depth and speed of the river at different points, drawing sketch maps of sections of the river and carrying out wildlife surveys. Speaking of wildlife, one of the highlights of the trip was when a family of swans swam up to the bank and hopped out to see us! Sadly for them, we didn't have any food to give them..! The children had already been learning about river features and processes, like meanders and erosion, and it was lovely to be able to get outside and see it in real life. A big thanks to all the parents who were able to come along and support us too.



IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK



Writing Provision



We are working hard to make our writing provision at Highfield even better. On Wednesday during the staff meeting, we were lucky enough to have the staff of Nursling CE Primary School come to visit us. The staff had a tour of our wonderful school and then the teachers worked in teams to look at writing provision. It was a very successful meeting where both schools came away with lots of ideas and new strategies. Thank you Nursling for such a productive writing session.



Live Science Lesson



On Monday some classes from across the school took part in a live science lesson called 'factory of the future'. A robot helped us design a net zero way to engineer. At the end we asked the pupils if any of them wanted to be a scientist or an engineer when they grow up and we were pleased to see 1/3rd of them put their hand up!

Exciting news- A new @home science club will be starting up soon, so please look out for emails with fun, simple household experiments the whole family can enjoy.



Year 5/6 Boys Football Team

A massive well done to all the children who have played in matches after school in the past few weeks - we are massively proud of you! A particular shout out to Jude in Australasia, who played for the Year 5/6 team this week - he has done amazingly, and well done for getting a goal on your first game! Also, a massive well done to everybody for working well together, playing as a team and not giving up throughout our games. Everyone, you should be very proud of yourselves!



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	



HIGHFIELD SCHOOL'S

**merry
CHRISTMAS**

FAYRE

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

25TH NOVEMBER

4 PM - 7 PM

JUNIOR SITE





HSFF Christmas Fayre

Thank you so much for all your wonderful donations towards tomorrow's Christmas Fayre- you are truly amazing!

Final pick for donations today will be at 4pm from both sites.

We can accept more donations if you wish to drop them to the school tomorrow between 11am-1pm.



The fayre would really benefit from more
-Jolly Jars- the jam jars of joy,
-Chocolate for the Children's Tombola



and

-Bottles of Booze for the Grownups Tombola.

And we would love to have a few more grownups and year 5/6
Children lend a hand at the fayre



- please do book a slot to ensure we can keep all the stalls up and running!

<https://volunteersignup.org/A8PYL>

We are looking forward to seeing you all tomorrow from 4pm-7pm for lots of Christmas fun!



Love
the HSFF

xx





Future in Mind

Looking to promote
POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH
in your 0-25 year old?

- The Hampshire Parent Carer Network invites all parent carers to free support
- Free workshops with trained professionals.
- Connect and gain support with peers
- Build knowledge and feel empowered Online and in person across Hampshire

November & December Workshops & Peer Support

- 22nd - Supporting your young person through bullying - Online 7pm
- 23rd - ASC - Basingstoke - Fully Booked
- 29th - Discussing when your young person is actively self-harming or self injurious behaviour with Closer2Home - Totton 10.15
- 4th Dec - OCD with Hampshire CAMHS - Online 12.00
- 6th Dec - Supporting Mental Health with Better Sleep - Online 12.00
- 12th Dec - Supporting your Autistic Young Persons Sleep Fareham, Lysses House 10.15

Book via

www.linktr.ee/futureinmind

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HAMPSHIRE
PARENT CARER
NETWORK



NHS

Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Service

Follow us on our socials:



emmaholmes@hpcn.org.uk



Future in Mind

Promoting Positive Sleep For your Autistic Child

(No diagnosis needed)

HAMPSHIRE
PARENT CARER
NETWORK



FREE FOR HAMPSHIRE PARENT CARERS OF PRE-SCHOOL & PRIMARY AGES

Tuesday 12th December

10.15 Lysses House, Fareham



Baby, Child & Autism Sleep Specialist

Book your space

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Future in Mind

FREE Workshop with Hampshire CAMHS Discussing OCD

NHS Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Service

FOR PARENT CARERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Monday 4th December

12.00 Online via Zoom

- Connect and gain support with peers
- Build knowledge and feel empowered
- A talk on what is OCD
- Ask questions to a professional

HAMPSHIRE
PARENT CARER
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Future in Mind

Supporting Your Young Persons Mental Health with Better Sleep

NHS Hampshire Child and Adolescent
Mental Health Service

FREE FOR HAMPSHIRE PARENT CARERS

Wednesday 6th December

12.00 Online

Workshop 12.00-1.00

Peer Support 1.00-2.00



Book your space

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HAMPSHIRE
PARENT CARER
NETWORK



Future in Mind

NHS Closer2Home

Self Harm & Injury

One step away from Hospital?

Free workshop for Parent Carers

Weds 29th November 10.15

Totton, Hampshire



A session on crisis with information

- Supporting your young person
- Intensive treatment options
- Meet trained professionals
- Feel less isolated

Book via TicketTailor



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Family Hub

Steps To Work

Supporting families with free non-judgemental advice and guidance on their current situation at one of our Family Hubs.

Help and Support

Employment & training • CV writing • Cost of living advice • NEET support for 16-19 year olds • Advice on childcare costs when returning to work

Tuesdays

Time: 9.30am – 12pm

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CHRISTMAS FETE

SATURDAY , 9TH OF DECEMBER
11:30 AM - 2:30PM

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS CANTELL'S NASA 2024
TRIP TO AMERICA.

WE WILL HAVE STALLS SELLING HOME-MADE GOODS, CHRISTMAS
CARDS AND DECORATIONS AS WELL AS ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE
FAMILY. PLUS A CHANCE TO MEET THE ONE AND ONLY FATHER
CHRISTMAS!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME AND ENJOY THE FESTIVE EVENT!



You are invited to Shirley Support Group 1st December 10am

Re:Minds proudly presents

Christmas Crafts

Choose from either

Candle
Holder



Festive
Lantern

Spaces are limited, book now to avoid disappointment!

[email info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk)

to reserve your space



Next week at Re:Minds

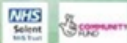
27th November - 1st December

ADHD Advice Clinic

Thursday 30th November
9.30am

Book a 10 minute private Zoom
appointment to speak to Cathy
Laver-Bradbury from CAMHS about
any issues around ADHD

This clinic is open to all members of Re:Minds.
Email info@reminds.org.uk to book



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Shirley Support Group
1st December 10am

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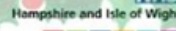
This will be
our last
Support
Group before
the
New Year



Please email Info@reminds.org.uk to book your space at the clinic/crafts
You will have at least 10 minutes in a private session,
at our clinic held virtually via Zoom.



with thanks to



INFANT CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Oak

Henry who has amazed us with being a fantastic "Resilient Rhino". His reading and writing has been fantastic this week and he should be immensely proud of himself. Well done Henry!

Rosie who always shows love to everyone and has been focusing so hard on all her learning this week. Her smile brightens our day, well done Rosie!



Willow

Anh Minh has been a Resilient Rhino this week with his sentence building. He's worked hard to use his cards to help build his language and we have been so proud of how quickly he's been able to use sentences!

Keep being super, Anh Minh!

Ottilie has shown our school value of love since starting school. She is always kind to her friends and goes out of her way to help others. Ottilie is always the Resilient Rhino and she works hard in everything she does. You are a super star, Ottilie!



Beech

Arthur has truly blown us all away with his incredible writing this week! He wrote an amazing setting description in which he thought really hard about the language he was using. It has been great to see Arthur be a reflective rabbit and plan his ideas so well. Good work Arthur! As always **Esther** has been exceptional this week in serving the school and her class by being her wonderful self. Esther is always making sure to follow the golden goals in order to make teaching her a pleasure and an enjoyment!

Well done Esther!



Maple

Hero is such a lovely member of the class, looking after everyone so carefully and thoughtfully. She really shows the school value of LOVE in all she does.

Vlad has shown such resilience in his writing. He is using wonderful expanded noun phrases in his work, and as well as developing the quality of his work, he has also the quantity of it. Well done Vlad!



Ash

Sofia has been extra resilient in her learning this week and as a result has done very well in literacy to produce a brilliant setting description.

Sammy has been resilient and reflective this week. He has written an excellent setting description and tried really hard in his maths.

JUNIOR CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Australasia

Julia has been following our golden goals and always gets on with her tasks quickly and sensibly. We are so proud of her effort and learning attitude and her resourcefulness with writing. What a wonderful setting description you wrote this week Julia!

We would love to celebrate **Jude** this week for showing our school value 'serve', always looking for ways to help others and to contribute ideas towards discussions. He has also been playing football with our Year 5 and 6s this week. What a superb team player you are Jude!



Asia

Seb G for showing the BLP skill of resilience. In maths this week he has demonstrated how well he can become absorbed in his learning and achieve amazing outcomes. He has managed distractions so well and flown through tasks. He has also been putting his hand up so much in English, it's great to see him so keen to share his ideas. Keep it up Seb. We're really proud of you.

Kirtan demonstrates the school values of Love, Serve and Trust every day in all she does. She is a wonderful member of Asia class she is always willing to help her peers and is such a caring and kind friend to others. She is a brilliant role model for everyone.



Africa

Jayraj for fantastic resilience this week, not giving up and challenging himself to make sure his wonderful volcano setting description was the best it could be! Jayraj always has his hand up too and is a brilliant member of our class.

Zaina for the love she has shown in her literacy this week, taking such care with her writing to make sure it is as good as it possibly can be with brilliant, careful presentation and spelling too. Zaina always listens so well to others and is a fantastic member of our class.



South America

Betsy for showing real resilience in her Maths lessons with Mrs James this week, who noticed how hard she tried with her behaviour and concentration whilst learning about adding fractions.

Izzy P because her teachers can always trust her to give 100% effort in lessons, from joining in with class discussions to trying her best in her books. A lovely, tense story and a well presented comparison of the two interpretations of the Nativity story this week!



North America

Oscar for working really hard during lessons and persevering through the challenge of recovering from a broken finger. He's been giving his best in math, showing great effort.

Max for taking good care with his English work and thinking carefully when doing long pieces of writing. Max always puts in the effort to meet the expectations with care.



Europe

Eros for a wonderful setting description of a volcano. He was resourceful, using his plan as an excellent word bank. He's writing covered all the criteria set and I was very proud to see his progress. Well done Eros.

Emma H for Excellent behaviour this week. Emma was reciprocal to her classmates, particularly on Thursday, being helpful and polite. She was a real asset to our class and her team. A great role model.

Keep it up Emma!