

Highfield CE Primary School

Weekly Update

A message from Mrs Walford



Road Safety



Earlier this week, there was a road incident that occurred outside our infant department after school club pick up.

While we are relieved that the child is safe, it serves as a stark reminder of the importance of road safety education for our children. Teachers have completed road safety lessons in ALL classes across the school, to remind pupils of how to cross roads and stay safe. We kindly request that you take a moment to discuss the following key points with your children:

Zebra Crossing Safety: Please remind your children to always use zebra crossings and traffic signals when crossing the road. Stress the importance of looking both ways before stepping onto the street.

Helmet Usage: If your children ride bicycles or scooters, reinforce the importance of wearing helmets to protect themselves in case of any accidents.

Walking in Groups: Encourage your children to walk in groups whenever possible. There is safety in numbers, and it reduces the likelihood of accidents or unwanted interactions.

Emergency Contacts: Ensure your children know how to reach you or another trusted adult in case they find themselves in an uncomfortable or unsafe situation.

By having open and honest conversations with your children about road safety, we can collectively work towards creating a safer environment for them. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and let's prioritize the well-being of our community's youngest members.



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Theme of
collective worship
next week:

Christmas



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School Improvement Priorities

2023/2024

Attendance

Our attendance this week: 96.21%
National attendance average: 93.6%

Writing



Mrs. Bond attended day three of her 'Greater Depth in Writing' course, where she observed an exceptional Year 6 writing session. The lesson showcased a variety of successful ways to structure a writing lesson. She is looking forward to using this learning to further develop the structure of writing lessons in year 5/6 to make them even more successful.

Developing Leadership



Mrs Walford attended the Aspire Trustees group on Tuesday evening. The headteachers and governor representatives discussed common themes and looked ahead to make further improvements and build links across our group of schools.

Ms Lewis attended the ELSA network group training.

Mr Iszatt completed his 2x day DSL (designated safeguarding lead) refresher training.

Will Collinson (our well-being governor) came into school to discuss wellbeing in pupils and staff. He and Mr Iszatt discussed current positive strategies.

Curriculum



Miss Ellis attended the writing TRG (teacher research group) at Swaythling Primary School. There are some exciting plans ahead to improve vocabulary in children at Highfield.

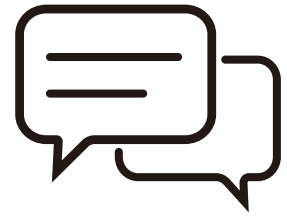
Christian Values



Mrs Shorey (our RE leader) planned collective worship for the Spring term. She has completed training on child-led worship which will be launched after the Christmas break.

Parent Forum Feedback

Thank you to the parents (and parent reps) who attended the parent forum on Tuesday morning. We discussed a range of important topics and have some really exciting plans ahead! We would love for more parent representatives to join our group to discuss any issues, concerns or ideas with SLT.



Please follow this link from the NHS with some helpful recipes that you can cook at home with your children. We would love to see any photos of children that have had a try at making some of these recipes at home too!:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/>

Parking Update

Thank you to all the parents who have been parking safely around the site. It is fabulous to see such a positive change - thank you!

Mrs Walford and Mrs Bond met with the council this week and we have exciting plans ahead. We are having street safe assemblies on Monday 15th January where we will launch some of our new walk to school initiatives with the children!



School Lunch Feedback



Some of our junior pupils met with the kitchen team on Tuesday, in response to the pupil surveys last week. The children prepared beautifully and pitched their menu ideas and suggestions to further improve lunches. Thanks to the children, we now have a salad bar (pictures left) which will be arriving in coming days. Thank you James for your idea - we think the children will LOVE it!

We now have more themed days planned, and our children will be involved in designing the summer menu.

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On Wednesday December 13th,
we invite all children to come to
school dressed in their favourite
Christmas jumpers or festive
clothing.

Additionally, we would like to
remind you that Wednesday,
December 13th, is also the day
for our special Christmas lunch.



Highfield Church Christmas Services for families this year

Highfield Church will be having a Crib Service on Sunday 17th December at 10AM. Children are encouraged to dress up as characters from the Christmas story and will be able to take part in the retelling of the story during the service.

On Christmas Eve they will be having a Christingle Service at 4PM. Everyone is welcome.



Here is a link to all of their Christmas Services:

<http://www.highfield.church/christmas>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



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

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

Monday 11th December, 9.45am - Year R Christmas Performance (see above)

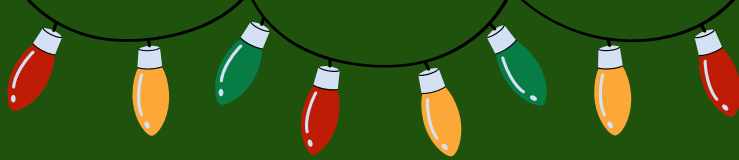
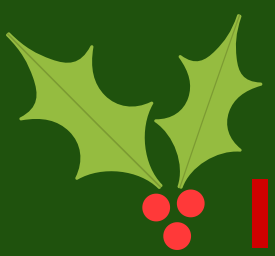
Tuesday 12th December, 9.00am-9.45am - Junior Orchestra Concert in the Junior hall

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Dinner

Friday 15th December - School finishes 1 hour early, 2.15pm (Infants) 2.25pm (Juniors)

Tuesday 2nd January - INSET Day (School closed)

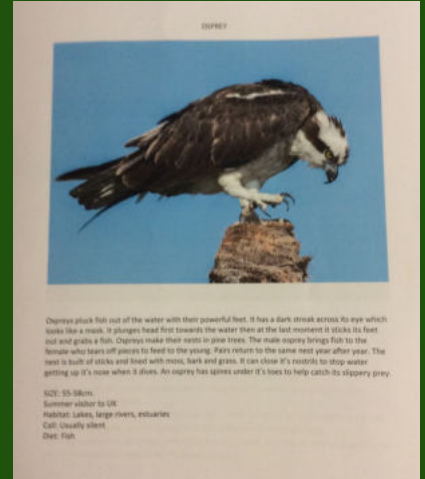
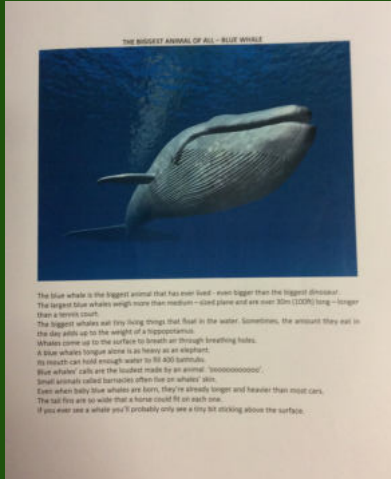
Wednesday 3rd January - First day back to school after the Christmas break



IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

KS1

In Beech class this week, Joseph shared his non-fiction animal book that he has been writing at home. We loved learning all the interesting facts about lots of different animals. It is so great that Joseph has taken the time at home to put together his own book!



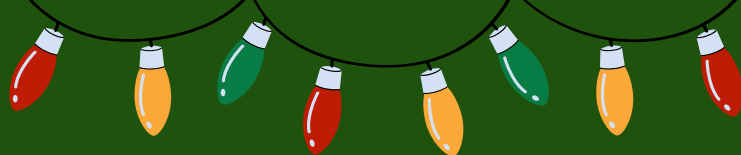
Guildhall

On Monday evening, 30 children from both departments, took part in a Christmas concert at the Guildhall where schools from across the city performed Christmas songs to a packed building. Our children performed and behaved beautifully. Many thanks to Mrs White for organising and rehearsing the children in her own time in after-school clubs. Thanks too to Mrs James, and Mrs Christians for helping out on the night.

Mrs Caveney



Last night, Mr Iszatt and Mrs Caveney attended the Southampton Youth Wind Bands Christmas Concert, featuring four different music ensembles: The concert showcased a wide range of abilities from those who have only been playing for a year or so, right up to players of Grade 6+ standard. TWENTY Highfield pupils - past and present took part, and we were thrilled to see how much many of the players have progressed in their musical journey since leaving our school. We are so lucky to have excellent music provision in the city, and so proud of all our musicians.



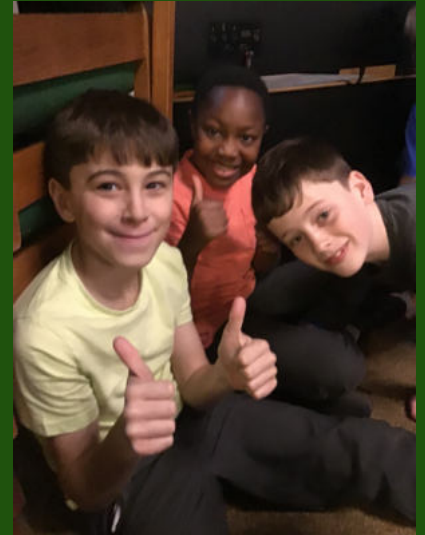
KS1 NATIVITY



A massive well done to all the children in KS1, we were so impressed with their wonderful singing and fabulous acting! All the children worked really hard to remember their lines and it paid off with a spectacular final performance!



JUNIOR CAROL SERVICE



On Thursday, the Junior Department gathered at the church to rehearse and perform for their annual carol concert. We have been learning our songs for weeks, and it was great to finally be able to show them off to an audience! It was a lot of fun taking over the usual Thursday church service with our mix of singing and reading, but as always, the evening service felt extra special, when we got to come back to church and perform after school hours. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to bring their children back for this! Congratulations to everyone in the department who helped make the service happen, including the singers, Year 6 readers, the teachers for helping children learn their class song and Mr Dodson for putting it all together!

YEAR 5/6 CLAY DAY!



This half term in Art, Year 5/6 have been learning about different sculptors and sculpting techniques, and this afternoon, Asia and South America classes got the clay out to have a go at some 3D modelling themselves! Inspired by last term's work on Ancient Greece, the children designed some mythical monsters of their own and made them out of clay. It took a lot of resilience and a steady hand, but the children ended up with some terrifyingly terrific results!



SPORT IN SCHOOL



On Monday 4th December the Year 6 boys took part in a football tournament at Stoneham Lane Football Complex. Our Highfield team may not have clinched victory, but their unwavering resilience and respect for the school were truly commendable.

Despite facing challenges on the field, these boys never surrendered. Their perseverance and determination were evident in every match, reflecting their passion for the game and their refusal to give up.

Their conduct, both on and off the pitch, was exemplary. They upheld the values of sportsmanship, demonstrating maturity and grace in victory and defeat. Well done boys!



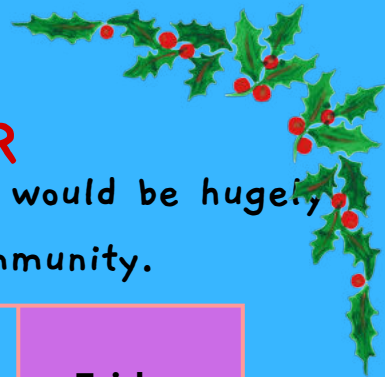
We had an absolutely brilliant time at an inter-school hockey tournament last month. Highfield took a team of Year 6s and Year 5s and both played against lots of other teams and each other. Both teams played absolutely fantastically and finished first and third! There was so much teamwork and sportsmanship shown by both teams and lots of resilience with a few injuries suffered by our brave players. Our Year 6 team will be going on to play in the county tournament for winning, next year!



Well done to our 3/4 football team for their fantastic training session this week! Despite the rain, cold and boggy pitch, they showcased great teamwork, resilience and skill to play so well together! They have their first game of the season after half term!



LAST WEEK OF THE REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



Below are the items for the last week. Any contributions would be hugely appreciated and will greatly benefit our local community.

Monday 11th Hot chocolate & Coffee	Tuesday 12th Tinned Veg	Wednesday 13th Shower gel & Shampoo	Thursday 14th Tinned Spaghetti	Friday 15th Cook-In Sauces
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Next week at Re:Minds

11th December - 15th December

Autism Advice Clinic

Wednesday 13th December 10.30am

You can book a private 10 minute virtual appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues related to Autism via Zoom

The clinic is led by the Southampton Autism Assessment Service and is open to all members of Re:Minds

Please contact Info@reminds.org.uk to book

Please note they are unable to give advice about CAMHS services outside of Southampton

CAMHS Advice Clinic

Thursday 14th December 10am

Book a 10 minute private appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues CAMHS deal with via Zoom

The clinic is led by the Southampton Specialist CAMHS Service and is open to ALL members of Re:Minds for general advice.

Please note, they are unable to give information about CAMHS services outside of Southampton

Adult Mental Health Clinic

Friday 15th December 2pm

Sarah Leonard, Head of Adult Community Mental Health Services will be able to give advice and information for anyone needing mental health advice for themselves or their young person over 18.

Parents are welcome to attend with their young person

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





HSFF

Highfield School Family and Friends



Thank you James and Gethin!



The HSFF would like to say a huge thank you to James and Gethin in year 6 who ran an after-school snack stall for a whole week. They have very kindly donated 20% of their profits to the HSFF! Well done boys for your hard work and dedication, we hope you had lots of fun and thank you so much for giving back to the school's charity!

Exclusive Highfield School Calendar for 2024

Today is the last opportunity to order the amazingly fabulous and very unique Highfield School Calendar for next year.

At just £9.00 it will make a great gift for family and friends and if you have one at home too you will have all of the schools' term dates and HSFF event dates to hand!



Order today for a delivery before the end of term!

<https://forms.gle/mdovq9J4QvJRFonX7>

Once you have placed your order a payment link will be emailed to you from familyandfriends@highfieldschool.co.uk.

Please then pay for your order. If you haven't received a payment link please check your junk folder and if you still can't see it send a quick message to familyandfriends.co.uk.



Highfield Staff Collection

Every year the schools families come together to raise funds for the staff at Highfield, just so they know how much they are appreciated!

This year the money raised will be used to create two hampers full of goodies for the infants and juniors staff rooms, any surplus will be given to the staff for little treats in the Spring and Summer terms!



If you would like to make a contribution please follow this link-
<https://pay.collectiv.com/highfield-staff-christmas-treats-12304>

and then please leave your Christmas message for the staff in our online card

<https://app.grouptoegether.com/HighfieldStaffChristmasThankYou>



This collection closes on Sunday 10th December.

2024 HSFF Dates for your Diary.

We have lots of exciting events planned for next year so please do save the dates:-

26th January- Christmas Panto for the whole school

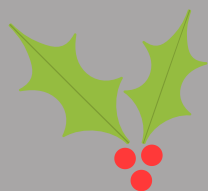
2nd February- School Disco - infants and then juniors

2nd March- International Day- where the schools families share their cultures.

27th April- Musical Afternoon Tea- after last years success we thought we should do it again!

15th June- The Summer Fayre with lots of outdoor activities and the year 5 enterprise stalls.

5th July- Parents Social.



INFANT CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Maple

Billie who has been so reflective this week in her maths work. She didn't give up when she found some of the addition and subtraction tricky, and worked out how to get them right.

Well done Billie!

Emily has been working so hard at school recently and is making great progress. She also sings beautifully and it was great hearing her at the Guildhall concert on Monday night.

Kee-eeep SINGing!!!!



Ash

Bella hill has been trying super hard in her learning this week, she has put lots of effort into her addition and subtraction in maths and has done a super job in her end of unit maths assessment! To top off the week, she did a brilliant job as one of the angels in our Christmas performance. Well done, Bella!

Tommy has been doing some brilliant work this week and he has done a super job of following our Golden Goals. His artwork was a really good demonstration of line-work and shading, which he then published so well for his best book. To top it off, Tommy did such a good job of being an inn keeper in our Christmas performance. Great effort,

Tommy!



Beech

I am so impressed with how resilient **Joe** has been in year 2 this year. He is working really hard to increase his confidence and face activities he has previously found difficult with a brave attitude. Well done Joe we are really proud of you in Beech!

Oren has wowed not just myself but the whole Highfield School Community with his performance in the Christmas show. He worked so hard to make sure that not only he learnt his lines and cues but also acted them as his character. You are born for the stage Oren!



Willow

Felix and **Sienna** have both worked really hard during our Christmas performance rehearsals this week. They've remembered all of the actions and have used their loud singing voices. Both Felix and Sienna have also been the Reciprocal Raccoon by helping other children during practice too! Amazing work guys!



Oak

Max for working really hard in all his learning this week and for being very reciprocal in class.

Rachel for showing love and kindness to everyone and working very hard on the Christmas performance rehearsals.

JUNIOR CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Asia

Well done to **Luca** for his brilliant effort across the curriculum. He has shown resilience and determination in all his learning. Well done.

Well done to **Betty** for showing love and kindness to her friends and for also being so resilient in her school work, despite having just had her teeth taken out!



North America

We've had a packed week - finishing our practice SATs, practicing and performing for the Christmas Concert and celebrating the end of the week with our Class Treat watching a Christmas film!

Poppy for trying your best in all your subjects and reading wonderfully at the Christmas concert!

Bernard for putting in fabulous effort and doing really well in your practice NFERS!



South America

Ishaan for always being polite, well behaved and showing brilliant resilience in all aspects of his learning. He also did his best in the carol concert - some great singing!

Daniel for showing a love of learning in everything that he does. It's always a pleasure to see a pupil with so much energy and enthusiasm for learning in classes, and it's clear how reflective he is in his thoughtful contributions and ideas too!



Africa

Asmaa for brilliant resilience shown in literacy creating a brilliant story plan for her diary entry with lots of detail which she has then put in her lovely diary entry. Asmaa also has shown lots of care and kindness in the class this week to her peers. Well done Asmaa.

Tiana for representing the school value of serve in how she served her peers in French this week, putting her hand up and answering questions and really engaging with all the activities. She was also very enthusiastic in our class performance and I noticed her really trying her best. Well done Tiana.



Australasia

Dayaan has tried really hard this week and sped up with all his work. He has been finishing on time and trying his best to give his full effort. Super resilience, keep it up Dayaan.

We would love to celebrate **Amelie** for showing the school value trust as this week she has been a wonderful lead and support for the class in our carol concert and we have noticed she is looking out for others and being a super role model for behaviour. Well done Amelie.

Europe

Maryam did wonderful work with Mrs Bond this week. She carried out her own research on the author Roald Dahl and then gave a brilliant, clear presentation to the group. Well done to **Alesha** for a brilliant start to her time at Highfield. We have really enjoyed getting to know her and she is already a lovely and friendly addition to our class :)

