

Highfield CE Primary School

Weekly Update

A message from Mrs Walford and Mrs Bond

Dear Highfield Parents,

It's been another very busy week at school with lots to celebrate.

Sports

Our junior athletes have been busy representing Highfield with pride on the sports field! A huge congratulations to our football, cross country, hockey, tag-rugby and netball teams for their outstanding performances. Your dedication and teamwork truly shine through, and we couldn't be prouder of your achievements.



Red Nose Day

A HUGE thank you to all the parents who generously supported Red Nose Day. Your contributions have made a significant difference, and we have raised an impressive amount of money for this important cause.

Active Travel Appreciation - the Big Walk and Wheel

We extend our gratitude to all parents for supporting our active travel initiatives and for the hard work from our Junior Travel Ambassadors. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to creating a greener future. The challenge continues next week until Friday 22 March. We can take part for all ten days of the challenge but only the best five days will decide our final position. We hope to win some great prizes!

Next week:

Walk, wheel, scoot or cycle to school as many times as you can!

Ask your teachers about the inclusivity guide if you think you have any barriers to taking part

Encourage your friends to join in too!

Remember to tell your teacher about your active journey so it can be logged and added to our total!



Term: **Spring** Number **10**

Date: 15.03.24

Theme of collective
worship next week:



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Highfield CE Primary School, Hawthorn Rd,
Southampton, SO17 1PX

Neurodiversity Celebration Week:

Next week marks Neurodiversity Celebration Week at Highfield School. During this special time, our pupils will have the opportunity to learn about the diverse ways in which children learn and process information. Through various activities and discussions, they will explore the importance of respecting differences and practicing kindness towards one another. We believe that embracing neurodiversity enriches our learning environment and strengthens our sense of empathy and inclusivity.

Please take a look at the webinars on neurodiversity in the pages below and take a look for yourselves on the website: <https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/>

As always, we encourage open communication and collaboration between home and school.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in nurturing the growth and development of our pupils.

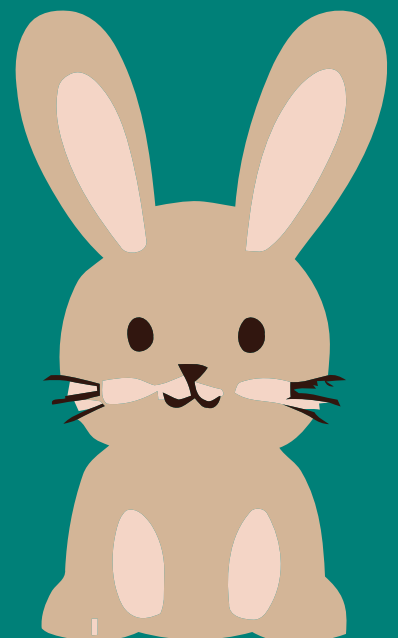
Warm regards,

Mrs Walford and Mrs Bond

Reminder

The last day of school for children is Wednesday 27th March and school will finish one hour early (Thursday 28th is an INSET day) .

This means the infants will finish at 2.15pm and the juniors will finish at 2.25pm.



School Improvement Priorities

2023/2024

Attendance



National attendance rate across the academic year to date was %

Highfield CE Primary attendance to date this week:
96.1%

Writing



Mr Dodson and Mrs Bond had training in 'greater depth writing'.

Developing Leadership



We have several PGCE students starting in both sites. We work closely with Southampton, Chichester and Winchester university to support trainee teachers. Mr Iszatt, Miss Ellis, Mrs Ahmed, Mrs White and Mr Hodder completed their full paediatric first aid training.

Curriculum



Subject leaders have planned to complete 'deep dives' in their subjects. A deep dive is a phrase given to the process that inspectors use to gain a deeper understanding of the curriculum. Teachers will look at planning, talk to children to see what they know and remember about their curriculum, observe lessons and review documents.

Mr Iszatt and Miss Bignell prepared for an autism in school's review day.

Christian Values



This week, our junior child led worship ambassadors captured pupil responses in worship to add to the reflections book. We were very impressed by their thoughtful ideas. On Wednesday, Sue Bowen from the Diocese came into school to deliver collective worship training for all our staff.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Year 3/4



Year 3 and 4 have been busy reading maps and locating different settlements and areas of the New Forest. They discovered lots of human and physical features of the New Forest, including many places they have visited themselves!





SPORT IN SCHOOL



Year 5/6 Boys Football Team

A HUGE well done to our year 5/6 boys football team for their excellent performance last week! They showcased excellent teamwork, skill and resilience to win their quarter final match and make it through to the next round. After a 2-2 draw at the end of added time, the match went to penalties...All the players showed fantastic courage to score some great goals and win the shootout 4 - 1!



Cross Country

Well done to all the 3/4 children that took part in the lower school cross-country race last week! They ran with courage, determination and resilience (and in one case, no shoes!) to brave the wet and muddy conditions! They should all feel so proud of how well they did.

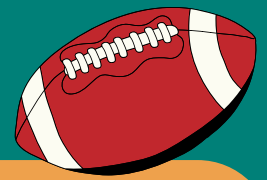
Year 5/6 Girls Football Team

Well done to the year 5/6 girl's football team that WON their quarter final cup match this Tuesday! They showcased fantastic resilience and teamwork to play as a team and work together for a well earned win. After leading 2 - 0 at half time, they defended incredibly well in the second half to win the match 2 - 1! There were many wonderful moments from the match, which included some fantastic goal line saves from Ottilie, Emily's length of the pitch run in the final moments of the match, and Betsy's opening goal. With her back to goal, she dribbled round three of the opposing players and took a shot at goal (from her own half!) which ended up in the bottom corner - definitely the goal of the season! Well done everyone who took part!





SPORT IN SCHOOL



Year 5/6 Netball Team

A huge well done to the year 5 and 6 children who played netball so brilliantly in the tournament on Monday. Considering many had never even played netball, they absolutely played their socks off! After a bit of quick coaching, they were all ready and raring to go! The Year 6 team took to the court confidently and showed great skills and teamwork, passing the ball accurately between each other and won the majority of their games. The year 5's, who had never played before, showed great resilience to begin with and as each match passed they began to show more and more skill, they learnt how to find a space and pass the ball accurately. Soon they were flowing up and down the court and won their last few matches. Despite Mrs Walford and Mrs James freezing on the side-lines, a great afternoon was had by all! The year 6 team came 4th out of 12 teams and our year 5s won 3 games and were the only year 5 team amongst the schools. We are very proud of their sportsmanship and efforts. A HUGE well done.



Year 3/4 Tag-Rugby

Well done to all the children in 3/4 who braved the rain and wind to take part in a tag-rugby competition this week! The children all played so well! Throughout the afternoon, they learnt new rugby skills, tactics and how to play as a team. It was wonderful to see the children all loving the event, scoring lots of great tries and working so well together!



NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION WEEK

March 18th - 24th

<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/events>

We are excited to share the schedule of events with you for Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2024!

This year we're bringing you more panel discussions than ever before, with inspirational speakers from a range of backgrounds and professions. The discussions will all be focussing on key neurodiversity topics, and aim to educate while inspiring conversations about neurodiversity.

All events are free of charge and open to all. Please do sign up to as many events as you like and share with your networks, so we can all join together in celebrating different minds!

Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2024 Events

Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22
09:30 - 10:30 An Introduction to Neurodiversity	08:00 - 08:45 Neurodiversity at Work Q&A: Ask the Experts	08:00 - 08:45 Neurodiversity at Work Q&A: Ask the Experts	08:00 - 08:45 Neurodiversity at Work Q&A: Ask the Experts	08:00 - 08:45 Neurodiversity at Work Q&A: Ask the Experts
11:30 - 13:00 Neuro-inclusive Language & Communications	09:30 - 11:00 Culture, Community and Class in Neurodiversity: Who Gets Left Behind?	9:30 - 11:00 Neurodivergent & LGBTQIA+: The 'Double Rainbow' Intersection	9:30 - 11:00 Neurodiversity for HR Professionals	9:30 - 11:00 Neurodiversity: Understanding Alternative Education Provision
13:30 - 15:00 Neurodiversity: We Don't All Fit into One Box!	12:00 - 13:30 The Benefits of Neurodiversity in the Workplace	12:00 - 13:30 Connecting Classrooms to Careers: Neuro-inclusive Tech for Future Leaders	12:00 - 13:30 Late Discovered Autism & Menopause	12:00 - 13:30 The Experiences of Neurodivergent Women & Girls
15:30 - 17:00 Neurodiversity in Higher & Further Education	14:30 - 16:00 Creating a Neuro-inclusive Classroom	14:30 - 16:00 Neurodivergence isn't a Mental Health Problem	14:30 - 16:00 Empowering Yourself as a Neurodivergent Woman in the Workplace	14:30 - 16:00 Global Perspectives: Neurodiversity around the World
	16:30 - 18:00 Neurodiversity: Fuelling Creative Minds	16:30 - 18:00 Understanding Neurodiversity as a Family	18:30 - 20:00 Neurodiversity for Parents & Carers	16:30 - 18:00 Good Practice for Neurodiversity Professionals



Do save the date and talk to your
young musicians about performing at
the
HSFF's



Spring Musical Afternoon Tea

on

Saturday 27th April 2024



Letters will be given to all peripatetic
learners and the School's Orchestra next
week.

A parentmail message will go out for
children who play an instrument outside
of school.



Do email the HSFF if you have any
queries:



familyandfriends@highfieldschool.co.uk





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



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

Wednesday 20th March, 5.30pm - Year 6 SATs Meeting at the junior department

Thursday 21st March, 9.30am - Year R & KS1 Easter Performance

Thursday 21st March, 2.45pm - KS2 Easter Service

Friday 22nd March, 9.15am - Asia Class Assembly

Wednesday 27th March - Last day of term, finish 1 hour early (2.15pm Infants & 2.25pm Juniors)

Thursday 28th March - INSET Day (school closed)

Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April - Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April - First day back to school

Wednesday 22nd May, 1.30pm-7.00pm - Parents' Evening (details tbc)



Bikers Breakfast

The junior bikers breakfast will be held on **Tuesday 19th March** from 8.40am to 8.55am in the junior school library.

The infant bikers breakfast will be held on **Wednesday 20th March** from 8.40am to 9.00am in the infant staffroom.



Change of date for Europe Class Assembly!!

The date of Europe Class assembly has had to be changed from Friday 10th May to **Friday 7th June**, sorry for any inconvenience.



If you would like your child to receive milk at school and they are not already receiving it, please see below on how to register:

BOOST THEIR HEALTH HYDRATION DEVELOPMENT



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SCHOOL MILK

Our school works with *Cool Milk* to provide fresh school milk!

Register online today at
www.coolmilk.com

- ✓ **Calcium** for strong bones and teeth
- ✓ **Protein** for muscle repair and growth
- ✓ **Vitamin B12** to boost the immune system
- ✓ **Vitamin B2** to aid energy release
- ✓ **Potassium** to regulate fluid and blood pressure
- ✓ **Phosphorus** to strengthen bones and generate energy in the cells
- ✓ **Iodine** to support healthy cells and metabolism

Our milk is supplied with financial support from the **Department of Health** and **DEFRA**.



For more information, ask a member of staff.



MMR Vaccine



The MMR vaccine is given as part of the childhood programme and protects against measles, mumps and rubella. It is given in two doses:

These two doses are given at 1 year of age, and then again at 3 years and 4 months old.

These highly infectious conditions can easily spread between unvaccinated people.

Getting vaccinated is important, as these conditions can also lead to serious problems including meningitis, hearing loss and problems during pregnancy.

If you think that you or your child have missed doses, contact your GP Surgery or Health Visitor to check, or if you have queries about other vaccinations or the Childhood Immunisation Programme, visit [Healthier Together](http://HealthierTogether).



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Is your child protected?

Has your child received both doses of the measles, mumps or rubella (MMR) vaccine?

The MMR vaccine is the best possible defence against these diseases, so make sure to protect your child with both doses of the vaccine.

If you're not sure if your child is protected, contact your GP.

To find out more, search 'MMR' on the NHS website or visit the [Healthier Together](http://HealthierTogether) website.

KIDS HOLIDAY CAMPS

TEAM SPIRIT

SPORTS COACHING

APRIL 2ND -
APRIL 12TH



**SOUTHAMPTON
HAF**
Holiday Activities & Food

**FREE spaces available for
children in receipt of free
school meals as part of
Southampton HAF**



**Visit
our site**

**Join us this Easter for some action packed days full of
enjoyable activities! MULTI-SPORTS, CRAFTS,
FOOTBALL AND GYMNASTICS! SO MUCH FUN TO BE
HAD THIS HALF TERM - DON'T MISS OUT BOOK
TODAY!**

Shirley Junior School (Week 1) / Redbridge Community School (Week 2) /
Highfield CE Primary School (Both weeks)

Short day option 9am - 3pm / Long day option 9am - 5pm



For More information, contact us :
admin@teamspirit4sport.co.uk
023 80 658 636

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DISCOVER THE AMAZING



**SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING DAY**

Saturday 16th March 2024

Highfield Campus and
Boldrewood Innovation Campus,
Southampton



Visit
www.sotsef.co.uk



#SOTSEF



Saturday 16th March is the University of Southampton's Science and Engineering Day. We'd be delighted if you could extend the invitation to this event with your pupils and parents via your school newsletter.

Run in parallel with British Science Week, Science and Engineering Day is a completely free fun-filled event, celebrating all things science and engineering! Giving young people a chance to see science up close. Explore over 140 activities, including workshops, shows and laboratory tours of the state-of-the-art facilities at the Highfield and Boldrewood Campuses at the University. No prior knowledge required. Free tickets can be booked through the festival website: www.sotsef.co.uk/SED.

Here is a short video showing last year's highlights to give you a taster of what to expect: www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyX3xDJEfqw

There's even a competition to win a family pass for the Winchester Science Centre for those who travel sustainably to Science and Engineering Day.

www.sotsef.co.uk/SED/find-us



FRIDAY 22
MARCH



KIDS

Easter Fun



Easter egg hunt



Easter craft activities



Special Easter BINGO!



Chocolate eggs for kids

Don't miss our Easter fun day
Highfield After School Club

Highfield Church Hall 3.15pm - 6pm

The Club will pick up the kids straight from school

Open to all at the
regular session price → **£13**

Subject to availability.

Book early to avoid disappointment



To book please email Melody Knight
manager@highfieldafterschoolclub.org.uk



Do you want to know how to support your children's learning?

Itchen college are excited to offer this free course where we will show you how to support your children's learning and development.

Dates: 29th February and 7th, 14th and 21st March

Times: 12.45pm-2.45pm

Venue: Family Hub Honeysuckle
Honeysuckle Road
Swaythling, Southampton. SO16 3BZ

We look forward to meeting you!

Next week at Re:Minds 18th - 22nd March 2024

SEND LEGAL ADVICE Wednesday 20th March 12.30pm Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book a 30 minute appointment. We are linking with Shereena Solicitors to offer free SEND legal advice clinics to Re:Minds families. These will be for those families requiring further legal advice around education, tribunals, appeals etc.	CAMHS Evening Advice Clinic Wednesday 20th March 6pm 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.	CAMHS Advice Clinic Thursday 21st March 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.	Sholing Support Group Friday 22nd March 10am A chance to talk to other parents/carers and get advice and support. You can also access our Sensory and Book library on request. Children Welcome. Meet at St Mary's Church, St Monica Road, Sholing, Southampton, SO19 8ES. Limited parking on site. Street parking is available.
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Please email Info@reminds.org.uk to book your space at one of the clinics. You will have at least 10 minutes in a private session, held virtually via Zoom.

You do not need to book to attend the Support Groups - Just turn up!



with thanks to

For parents/carers and their children aged 10-14 years

A 10 week group programme

Breaking behaviour patterns such as:

- physical violence
- damage within the home environment
- stealing from family members
- threatening behaviour in the home
- attempting to control

We are now taking referrals for our next programme:

Early Years Programme

A 10-week programme for Mothers/carers who have experienced unhealthy relationships.

Separate Thera-Play sessions for their children (3-5 years) delivered by a qualified Play Therapist.

Covering:

- The effects of domestic and sexual abuse on women as mothers and on children and young people
- Effective communication skills with children and young people
- Working with challenging behaviour
- Protective behaviours and strategies for keeping mothers, children and young people safe

Where: 30 Brookvale Road, SO17 1QR

Dates: 23rd April 2024 Time: 10am - 12pm

Referrals can be made via Yellow Door email info@yellowdoor.org.uk or call 02380 636312

Are you dealing with child to parent violence?

Get help at

Building Respectful Families

Where: 30 Brookvale Road, SO17 1QR

Dates: Tuesdays (excluding half term)

Time: 10am - 12pm

Drinks, snacks (and pizza for the kids) provided

Referrals can be made via Yellow Door - email info@yellowdoor.org.uk or call 02380 636312



Yellow Door are pleased to be able to offer a range of psychoeducational programmes and groups developed specifically for those affected by domestic abuse.

Pattern Changing

This 12-week educational programme is available for women who have experienced domestic abuse and are looking to break the cycle of ongoing abuse in the future.

The weekly sessions offer participants the opportunity to reflect on their experiences with others in a safe and comfortable space, and focuses on the following topics:

- The impact of domestic violence and abuse
- Managing emotions and developing coping mechanisms
- Assertiveness skills
- Decision making & goal setting
- What makes a healthy relationship



Contact Us

For more information about the service and how to access support, please get in touch with us.



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Southampton
SO17 1QR

(by appointment only)

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When is it?

The next course will take place:

- **From** - Thursday May 2nd to July 18th
- **How long for** - 12 weeks, excluding school holidays.
- **Time** - 10am-12pm
- **Venue** - Yellow Door, 30 Brookvale Road, SO17 1QR



I am more aware of what a healthy relationship looks like and what I can expect and want. I know how to better take care of myself and don't feel scared in setting boundaries. I am saying no to things that do not give me fulfilment and I do not let myself feel guilty about saying no. I don't let others guilt trip me in to anything.

Client who completed the Pattern Changing course



How can I refer?

If you are interested in this course, you can complete a referral form on our website www.yellowdoor.org.uk or call the admin team on 02380636312.

If you are completing the referral on behalf of someone else, please ensure you have their consent before submitting the referral.



PATTERN CHANGING COURSE

DOMESTIC ABUSE TEAM



Preventing and
Responding to
Domestic and
Sexual Abuse

INFANT CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



Ophelia is always showing the school value of peace with all her interactions with her peers and staff. She goes out of her way to make others feel relaxed and calm and ensure they have a smile on their faces. She is an absolute pleasure to be around!

Al-Ameen has been working incredibly hard to be resilient recently in all areas of his learning. He has taken on board a positive and motivational attitude towards his work and it is inspiring to be around. Keep up the incredible work Al-Ameen!



Willow has been working so hard at being the Resilient Rhino with his reading and writing; he has been really trying to independently blend his sounds. Arjan did a fantastic job of thinking of adjectives for Evil Pea during literacy this week. Keep being resilient Arjan, you are amazing!

Frankie has also been a Reciprocal Raccoon this week by sharing his fantastic drawing skills with his friends. He showed the school value of Courage by becoming the teacher and using the board to carefully teach everyone how he draws his characters. Thank you for sharing your talent with us, Frankie!



Oak
Freddy who has been a fantastic resourceful rat and worked so hard at his independent writing this week. You have wowed us, well done Freddy!

Rosie who continues to show our value of respect and is a wonderful friend to everyone. She has also been a resilient rhino in her writing this week, we are very proud of you Rosie!



Ash
Bella k has been super resilient this week in her learning and as a result has made a really good plan for her great Fire of London diary entry, and she has started to write some excellent sentences for the first paragraph! Bella is also always polite and respectful and a great role model for Ash base. Great effort, Bella!

Henry W has been following our school value of respect this week, he's always so polite and kind to other people and he is always trying his best in his learning. As a result, Henry has produced some great writing this week and has done so well in maths! Well done, Henry!



Maple
Millie has been such a reciprocal raccoon this week. She was such a start helping her friends and being a mini teacher this week. Well done Millie!

Ivy has been a resilient rhino this week working so hard in her writing both her handwriting and her punctuation. She has even been using conjunctions and exclamation marks!



JUNIOR CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK!



South America

Lucas B for continuing to show resilience and imagination in all aspects of his writing work. His recent story inspired by the story of *The Savage* by David Almond was so engaging and enjoyable to read!

Isabella P for always showing respect when it's time to sing in our collective worship, at school and at church, participating fully in the song with loud words and lively actions!



Asia

Well done **Caterina** for another fantastic week! She has applied a determined, positive and reflective mindset to all she has done, and she should feel so proud of all she has achieved. She showed excellent courage when playing for the school football team on Tuesday, scoring the winning goal for the team! She also demonstrated a really resilient mindset to her maths practice SATs papers – dropping only 1 mark across all 3 papers! Well done Caterina! Well done **Grace** for all your hard work this week! She has entered the classroom each morning with a smile on her face, and as always, a wonderful attitude to all she does. I have been particularly impressed with her writing this week, and she has written an incredibly engaging, descriptive and gripping narrative! She has really focused hard on her word choice, sentence range and impact she wants to have on the reader.

I have been loving reading it!
Well done Grace!



Africa

Jack H for showing more and more resilience in his learning, particularly with his writing. Challenging himself to keep going, complete his work to the best of his ability. Jack demonstrated this resilience in the Year 3/4 rugby tournament where he kept going and really challenged himself.

Lara A for showing brilliant courage this week not only during our NFERs where Lara really challenged herself to do the best she could in all of her assessments but also in her literacy where she worked hard to create a detailed plan for her formal letter.



Australasia

We would like to celebrate **Josie** for her excellent effort and resilience with her learning. She never gives up and we are so proud of the progress she is making. Well done Josie.

Bevin is such an incredible role model to his peers. He shows all of our golden goals and school values and makes us proud every day. You are a star Bevin!



North America

James for showing resilience and perseverance during lessons, even when things get tough. Your hard work in class is truly impressive!

Lyra A for your display of respect for others and your dedication to improving your math skills are shining examples for all of us. Keep up the fantastic work!



Europe

Suzy for concentrating hard on her art today and not being distracted by anything.

Esmé for accepting the challenge in maths and working hard to complete it.