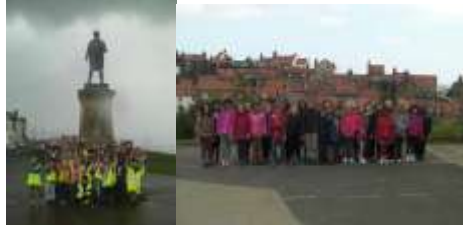




Highfield Primary School Newsletter October 2013

Dear Parents and Carers

The new school year has got off to a great start and last week our Year 4 children had a wonderful time on their residential at Robin Hood's Bay. Many thanks to all the staff involved in ensuring the trip was a success.



36 of our Year Six children took part in Bikeability training last week. The instructors commended the children for their excellent behaviour during the course. On 18th October we will be having a "Scoot to School" training day for those children in KS2 whose parents requested places. Mrs Booth will work with the trainers on the day and will then roll out training to children in KS1 at a future date. Watch out for new scooter racks arriving in school to make storage easier.

Our new Reception children have all settled in really well and are enjoying their first term at Highfield.



Harvest Festival will take place on October 16th. Reverend Charles Dobbin from St John's Church will be leading Assembly on that morning. Any donations of tinned food will be taken to Moortown Methodist Church for their food bank which supports needy members of the local community.

Staffing and Governor News Our governing body met together last week and re-elected Nancy Lester as Chair and Margaret Maiden as Vice Chair.

Reminders You may have noticed a school banner on the main fence reminding parents to park and drive safely when dropping off and picking up their children. Sandringham Green has very little parking and my advice to parents is not to attempt trying to find a parking space but to park and then walk children safely to school. Last week our Year 4 children found it difficult to get to their bus for swimming due to a car parked illegally on the hazard lines outside the school gates. Also last week a parent reported to me that a parent in a car had driven far too fast around the Green and had nearly knocked them off their bicycle. Please do not block drives as people need to get to work as well as gain access to their homes.

School clubs are all up and running now. Highfield offers a wide range of clubs for children. Obviously we rely on the goodwill and commitment of staff to give up their time at lunchtime or after school to run these clubs. We also have to limit numbers due to hall space and adult to child ratios. Mrs Wood has worked very hard to ensure that every child who requested a club has been given a place in a club of their choice. Please inform the school office if your child is not attending their after school club. Registers are taken every week and absences have to be accounted for.

Nearly all our parents have signed up to Parent Mail which is a fast and efficient way of sending out newsletters and other school information. If you haven't signed up or your e-mail has changed, please contact the school office with your e-mail address.

Please remember that if you are sending cash into school, it must be in a named envelope. Also cheques for trips should be payable to Highfield Primary School.

School Council. Our new school council have had their second meeting of the term and have decided to support The World Wildlife Fund charity this year. They have also decided to keep organising the very popular "Bun Day Mondays" on the last Monday of every half term. The cost of the buns will be 50p and Year 6 will be asked to bring the buns for the first Bun Day Monday on October 21st. Money raised on Bun Day Mondays will be used to buy playground equipment as well as supporting the WWF. The School Council have decided to sponsor a different endangered animal for each class in school. The children have also agreed that they want to send Christmas gift boxes to our link school The King Jesus Orphanage in Ghana. Last year we sent 180 boxes filled with small gifts and toys, which were very well received. Our children as you know have exchanged letters with the children from the orphanage over the past year. If you would like to send a Christmas shoe box to school please have it in school after half term. We will be sending the boxes on November 8th in order for them to arrive by Christmas. Please ensure your gifts are clean and as good as new. Do not seal up the boxes but put whether they are for a girl or boy on the lid. Gift ideas could include small books, toys and stationery.



Last year's boxes ready to go and arriving at The King Jesus Orphanage.

The Friends Our AGM was well attended on Monday evening. Our new chair is Kate Coldwell, our secretary is Sam Ross and our treasurer is Cath Storey. The Friends have agreed to spend the money raised last year on playground markings, games and equipment, which will make playtimes more fun for all the children in school. They have organised a Pumpkin Disco for the children on 23rd October and a Rock'n'Roll bingo evening for parents on Friday 8th November. Letters for the bingo evening will be sent out this week and attached to them will be raffle tickets. We have some super prizes and are selling the tickets at three strips for £2.50. This is The Friend's 25th Anniversary and they are planning lots of exciting events to raise money for our school play areas .

Fruity Friday We need parents to volunteer to run Fruity Friday. Please contact the school office if you are able to help buy fruit and prepare it for sale on Friday mornings.

Open Morning for 2012 parents Please tell friends or relatives who have children starting school next September that our open morning will be Thursday 21st November. Just drop in any time between 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

November and December dates for your diary (all dates can be viewed on the school website diary page)

November 4th School staff Training Day. School closed to children

8th Rock n Roll Bingo evening

11th Friends meeting

12th 3BC Victorian classroom school trip

13th 3B Victorian classroom school trip

13th Play in a Day 5FH

15th Children in Need Day

20th Year 4 Robin Hood's Bay production 9.20 a.m.

21st Open morning for parents of children starting school in 2014 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

22nd Year 4 visit to Doctor Who event at Wetherby High School

27th 5FH visit to Murton Park WW2 day

28th 5B visit to Murton Park WW2 day

December 3rd Year 4 visit to Moortown Baptist Church "Rewind to Christmas workshop"

6th School orchestra and choir Christmas concert 2.30 p.m.

11th Year 2 Christmas concert 9.20 a.m.

11th Reception Christmas concert 10.30 a.m.

12th Year 5 Christmas concert 9.20 a.m.

13th Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas party afternoon – free dress

16th Presents for Parents day (in the studio)

16th Bun Day Monday (Year 5 cake donations)

17th Years 3 and 4 Christmas cinema afternoon – free dress

18th Key Stage 2 Carol service at St John's Church 2 p.m.(parents welcome)

19th Reception and Key Stage 1 Carol service at St John's church 2 p.m. (parents welcome)

20th Years 5 and 6 Christmas cinema afternoon – free dress

School closes for the Christmas holidays and reopens on Monday 6th January

