



# Highfield Primary School Sept 2014

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Welcome back to a new school year everyone and I hope you have all had a lovely summer break. The children all look very smart wearing their black school shoes and school uniforms. In the next few days you will be receiving curriculum letters from your class teachers with useful information about timetables and topics to be covered this term. Please check the school website where each year group's curriculum has been published. We will also be sending out a club letter next week with information regarding all the extra-curricular clubs Highfield will be offering this year.

## Staffing News

Congratulations to Mrs Wragg who is expecting her first baby in February. We will be interviewing for a teacher to cover Mrs Wragg's maternity leave later this term.

## Parent events this half term

Our active parents' group, The Friends, will be holding their AGM on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30.p.m. in the community room. Please come along if you feel you can give some time to supporting the group in the planning and organisation of our events. Several of our committee members left in July and we desperately need some new faces if we are to continue with all our events for parents and children.

Phonic information evening for new Reception parents is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 6 p.m. in the school hall.

Every Friday morning parents are invited to have a coffee and a chat in the Community Room straight after school starts. This is a great way to meet new friends and get involved in the life of the school.

The Friends first event this year will be a "Call My Bluff" cheese and wine evening to be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

## Payments to school

Our school kitchen has been upgraded in the summer holidays and we have been able to cater for the increased demand for school dinners this term.

Dinner money for children in KS2 this year is £10 per week and can be paid for the whole half term if paid in advance. Please make cheques payable to **Leeds City Council**. Cheques for music fees should also be made payable to Leeds City Council. Music tuition fees are £50 per term. All other cheques for school trips, etc. should be made payable to Highfield Primary School.

**MILK** Parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2 and Reception (the term they turn five) should continue to register and pay for school milk at [www.schoolmilk.co.uk](http://www.schoolmilk.co.uk)

**School pump bags (£4) and book bags (£5) are available from the school office**

## Open Morning for children starting school in 2014

Please tell friends or relatives who have children starting school next September that our open morning will be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

## Open Morning for all current parents October 16<sup>th</sup> 9.15 – 10.30 a.m.

This is a chance for you to pop in to school and see your children at work in their new classrooms.

**Parents' Evenings this term will be** held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. A letter and a reply slip will be sent out in a couple of weeks.

All our parents sign 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 new e-mail address.

Our first full governing body meeting this year will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. There are likely to be some vacancies on the governing body this year so please come and talk to me if you are interested in becoming a school governor.

### **Class Sharing Assemblies and Concert Dates 2014/15**

Sharing and celebrating children's work and performing concerts for our parents is a very important part of the Highfield curriculum.

As your child travels through school they will take part in three Christmas productions, one Easter/Spring production, one Robin Hood's Bay production and one Year 6 Summer Musical Theatre production. They will also take part in two class sharing assemblies each year. Parents are welcome to all our sharing assemblies and concerts. Class Sharing Assemblies take place at 3 p.m. in the school hall. Other concerts and productions take place in the mornings at 9.20 a.m. in the school hall. The Year 6 leavers' production takes place at 6.30 p.m. in the school hall. Every Friday at 3 p.m. we have our Celebration Assembly (alternate weeks KS1 and KS2) Parents are very welcome to watch their child receiving their certificates.

#### **Autumn Term Class Sharing Assemblies and Concert dates 2014/15**

17th 6P and 6HW

24th Meet the new school council class assembly

October

1st 3BF

8th 5B

15th Harvest festival led by Year 2

November

5th 1W and 1S Bonfire Night

12th Year 4 Robin Hood's Bay Production ( 9.20 a.m. not 3 p.m.)

19th 5R

26th 3T

#### **DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME**

Friday 5th Orchestra and Carols 2.30 p.m.

Wed 10th Year 2 Christmas Production 9.20 a.m.

Wed 10th Reception Christmas Production 10.30 a.m.

Thurs 11th Year 5 Christmas Production 9.20 a.m.

#### **Travelling to school**

It is great to see so many children travelling to school on their scooters and bikes. Please ensure they park their scooters and bikes in the cycle and scooter racks tidily and remember children do not ride their scooters and bikes once they have entered the school grounds.

You may have noticed Mr Walsh has worked very hard growing new grass around the edges of the banking. Please do not allow your children to walk on the grass at the start or end of school. Can I also remind you that for reasons of health and safety no-one is allowed to play on the ball court or trim trail area before or after school.

If you park in the neighbourhood please do so with respect for local residents and pedestrians. Do not block drives or obstruct the pavements. The Highfield Mini Police will be patrolling again this term and will issue Highfield parking tickets to drivers seen breaking the law. Please do not allow your children to get out of cars in the middle of Sandringham Green and run across the road to school. It is very dangerous. Please take extra care when driving near school.

Finally don't forget to check our school Web Site [www.highfield-primary.co.uk](http://www.highfield-primary.co.uk) if you need to see the school diary, check your child's curriculum plan, read a school policy or access other useful information about the school..

**Dates for the term** (please check the diary section of the webpage as more dates will be added as the term progresses)

September

- 24<sup>th</sup> Individual and family photograph day
- 26<sup>th</sup> Friends "Call My Bluff" evening
- 29<sup>th</sup> Robin Hood's Bay residential 4E

October

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Robin Hood's Bay residential 4H
- 6<sup>th</sup> Friends AGM 7.30 p.m. Community Room
- 14<sup>th</sup> Phonics' Evening for Reception parents 6 – 7 p.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> 2BM visit to Abbey House Museum
- 14<sup>th</sup> 6P visit to Oakwell Hall
- 15<sup>th</sup> 2F visit to Abbey House Museum
- 15<sup>th</sup> 6HW visit to Oakwell Hall
- 15<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival (tin donations to be sent to St George's Crypt)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Open Morning for all parents 9.15 -10.30 a.m.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Bun Day Monday (Year 6 children bringing the cakes)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Parents' Evening
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Parents' Evening
- 24<sup>th</sup> Shakespeare day - Macbeth year 6
- 24<sup>th</sup> Break up for half term holidays

November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> School training day
- 7<sup>th</sup> 3BF visit to Armley Mills
- 7<sup>th</sup> 5B visit to Murton Park
- 10<sup>th</sup> 5R visit to Muton Park
- 14<sup>th</sup> 3T visit to Armley Mills
- 20<sup>th</sup> Open Morning for children and parents starting school in 2015

December

- 11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 theatre visit "James and the Giant Peach"
- 12<sup>th</sup> Reception and KS1 parties
- 15<sup>th</sup> Presents for Parents day
- 16<sup>th</sup> Year 3 and 4 film afternoon
- 17<sup>th</sup> Reception and KS1 Carol Service at St John's Church
- 18<sup>th</sup> KS2 Carol Service at St John's Church
- 19<sup>th</sup> Year 5 and 6 film afternoon

Our four remaining training days this year are: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Monday and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July

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