



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

The great Katherine Johnson was the subject of my assembly with the children this week, an inspirational woman we study in Year 5. Born in West Virginia in 1918 she overcame significant racial and gender hurdles to make giant leaps for mankind. She worked tirelessly to master her maths and at 34 joined NASA where she helped calculate the trajectory for the first human spaceflight and later, the path for Neil Armstrong's Apollo 11 mission. A wonderful example of how barriers can be overcome through resilience, determination and dedication.

It was also timely considering the report released regarding English cricket this week. Whilst much progress has been made since Katherine Johnson first helped put a man on the moon, there are sections of society where discrimination is still rooted. As educator and civil rights activist Maya Angelou once said, 'Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible.' It is our duty as parents, carers and educators to ensure that the future for our children is not threatened, but a wonderful opportunity to fulfil their dreams and contribute positively as global citizens. Education has a vital role in fulfilling that aim and we take that as both our responsibility and privilege. Our ambition is not just for Highfield children to understand the challenges Katherine Johnson overcame, but to take the baton and set the example for society to follow.

Thank you for your support and have a great weekend.

Mr Feeley

Mr Moran is Dubai-bound!

We are sorry to announce that **Mr Moran** is leaving us for pastures new. After 3 fantastic years at Highfield, he has made the decision to sample living and teaching in a different country and secured a post in Dubai. We wish him all the very best of luck for the future. He has made a massive impact since joining us and is a very popular member of staff. We will miss Mr Moran's sense of humour, endless

positivity and wonderful teaching. Thank you for your contribution to Highfield Mr Moran, a true inspiration.



### Welcome to Team Highfield Miss Ladley!

We are really excited to share the news that we will have a new member of the teaching staff in September! After a rigorous and demanding interview process, Miss Ladley was offered a teaching post which she was delighted to accept. She brings a great deal of energy and passion for teaching and made a great impression. She also has a wealth of sporting knowledge from coaching and playing various sports. Miss Ladley will join us for the last week of term to meet her new class and the Highfield community.

### Miss Elson so proud of her Netballers

At the netball league finals in Guiseley this week, our Year 6 team played brilliantly and represented the school with pride. They won 3 games, lost 2, always shook the opposition's hands and thanked them for each game. A brilliant example. Thank you so much to Miss Elson for your time and commitment; we are all grateful and lucky to have you.



### The Kents are on point!

A big thank you to the Kent family who kindly donated 50 holders that can be used with very short pencils, to allow them to be used right to the very end. We've done lots of work this year, so our pencils are getting smaller - these will come in very handy in the next few weeks!



### Parents we Need You!



The summer fair is a wonderful Highfield tradition for the whole community. It brings us together and raises valuable funds for school. But we need you to make it happen. Please contact Kate or Elaine if you can spare some time to volunteer on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July to help out:

[kate.colbourne1@gmail.com](mailto:kate.colbourne1@gmail.com)

[e.stevens@btinternet.com](mailto:e.stevens@btinternet.com)

## Highfield Park and Stride



The Highfield Park and Stride scheme started this week and it was really encouraging to see so many supporting it. We are striving for cleaner air around school, encouraging families to walk/cycle/scooter and reduce congestion. Thank you to those who have already used the scheme.

For those who would like to support Highfield Park and Stride but are unaware of the details, the **Tree Tops Community Centre Car Park** will be available for Highfield parents to use for **drop-off and pick-up**. There is a pelican crossing on Shadwell Lane near the entrance to the car park which can be used to allow safe passage across the main road and then in through the school Shadwell Lane entrance.

### Fencing medalist

Well done Adrian in Year 4 - on Sunday he got 1st runner up on Northern Youth Challenge U10 Boys Foil. Keep it going!



## Highfield Signposting



Welcome to the Highfield Signposting section of the newsletter. Here you will find information which you may find useful to support your children.



Lots of top tips on supporting your child with bedtime routines, creating the best bedroom environment for sleep and information about common sleep problems. This website comes highly recommended by parents:



## SHADWELL TENNIS CLUB



**WEEK 1 Mon July 31<sup>st</sup>, Wed and Fri Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

**WEEK 2 Mon, Wed and Fri Aug 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Camp 1: For 4 to 8 years (9 am to 12 pm)**

**BOOKING LINK: [SUMMER CAMP 1](#)**

**Camp 2: For 8+ years (12 to 3pm)**

**BOOKING LINK : [SUMMER CAMP 2](#)**

**\*\* Players will be split into age groups for a great tennis experience. Should you require special arrangements let us know. Sibling combination or Full day Camp attendance by arrangement.**

**Limited places left, Book a place for your child/ren now: VISIT**

**[Shadwell Tennis Club / Holiday camps \(lta.org.uk\)](#)**

For more information contact Tee on  
07966987744 or

email: [shadwell\\_tennis\\_club@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shadwell_tennis_club@hotmail.co.uk)

**Safeguarding.** For child protection concerns you can contact any of our Designated Child Protection Officers: Mr Feeley, Mrs McVeigh, Mrs Bowker and Mrs Calvert. There is some useful information on the LSCB website about online safety with some useful tips for parents: <http://www.leedslscb.org.uk/Parents-Carers-Wider-Family/Keeping-children-safe-online>. If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm please contact Leeds Children's Social Work Services on 0113 222 4403.



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**SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS 2023**  
**MONDAY 14TH AUGUST - FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST**  
**MONDAY 21ST AUGUST - FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST**

**MINI BOUNCE (5-7 YEAR OLDS)**  
**09:00-16:00 @ LBU ARENA**

**BOUNCE (8-11 YEAR OLDS)**  
**09:00-16:00 @ LBU ARENA**

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### Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Heckmondwike Transition (Y6), 1066 workshop (Y2), Audiology School Nurse (Y1)
- **Tues 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Heckmondwike Transition (Y6), Allerton High Transition (Y6), Charity Drug-ed4children (Y6)
- **Weds 5<sup>th</sup> July:** St John Fisher Transition (Y6), **NEU STRIKE DAY**
- **Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July:** **NEU STRIKE DAY**

### **Proposed Strike Action update for parents**

RE: The NEU (National Education Union) planned strike dates on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Dear Parents and Carers,

In preparation for the strike days next week, I would like to state my planned course of action to keep you fully informed. The strike action is a result of a national pay dispute between the NEU and the Government. It is a matter for the NEU and the Government to resolve independently of the school.

The procedure at Highfield will be as follows:

At the earliest opportunity, I will send out a Parentmail to all parents advising them of whether or not their child's class is open or closed.

Whilst we will do all that we can to minimise disruption, we would advise you to begin considering alternative childcare arrangements, where needed, for the above dates should your child's class be closed. I realise that is not the ideal situation, however the purpose of strike action is to cause disruption in order to highlight their cause hence why I am not entitled to know the intentions of NEU members.

I will keep you updated with developments and the arrangements for the planned strike day as soon as I am able to do so. As soon as I know, you will know. I can assure you of that.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks,

Mr Feeley