



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

Last week I wrote about the importance of uniform and the positive attitude it creates towards learning and school. Punctuality also plays an important role in supporting this. When children arrive on time, they are organised, ready and prepared for the day ahead. Being punctual means being at school before the doors open at 8.55am. We understand that it gets very busy around school at drop off time, but please take this into consideration as you plan your morning routine.

Have a great weekend and thank you for your support.

Mr Feeley

## News & Updates

### Celebration Assembly

**Congratulations** and a huge well done to the children in Key Stage 2 who were recognised for their fantastic effort and attitude this week by making it into the **celebration book**. We are all proud of you for setting such a high standard! The children we are celebrating this week are:

3O – Aadya, Jack, Jasmine, Naomi

3T – Anika, Jack, Isabel, Kyle

4FN – Akari, Anay, Khadejah, Luke

4O'M – Abigail, Aizan, Harshika, Madeleine, Seth

5E – Daisy, Lucas, Sam, Yousuf

5M – Amrita, Max, Sinead, Tyler

6BH – Charlie, Coby, Henry, Siyam

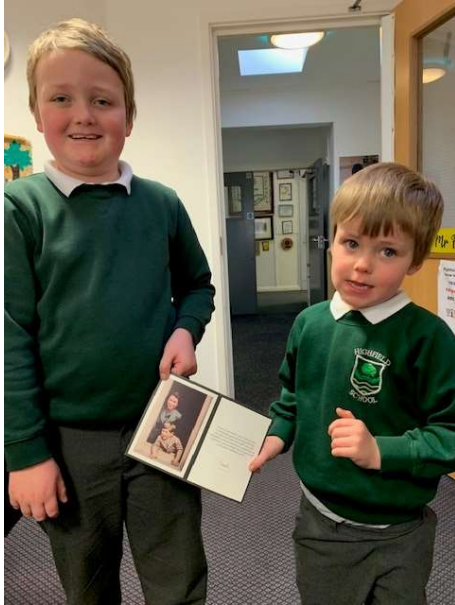
6G – Caleb, Edward, Olivia, Surya

## A Fine Performance on the Road!



On a very cold and windy afternoon at Middleton St Mary's, our Year 6 football team took to a muddy field. They ran out 5-2 winners in an excellent team performance. A huge thanks to the parents who travelled across to Middleton to transport and support the team, and also to Mr Brassil for his time.

## A Letter from the King for two thoughtful brothers



Following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, Theo and Henry wrote to King Charles to express their sorrow and to wish him well as our new king. King Charles was so grateful for the thoughtful message that he wrote back with a picture of him as a child with his mum. A really lovely gesture. Well done boys.

### School Dinners Price Freeze

Despite the rising cost of food, the school and Governing Body have made the decision to freeze the price of school dinners at £2.40. We recognise that the cost of living is rising and we do not want to place further pressure upon parents and carers. Should you have any issues regarding this then please do not hesitate to contact the school in confidence. Our first priority is the safety and wellbeing of our children.

### Looking After Our Mental Health

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. At the age appropriate level, our classes will be talking about how important it is to talk to someone about feelings and staying mentally healthy. If you would like some further information regarding this, take a look at the official website below and talk to your child:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk>

### 4FN Assembly

This week 4FN shared the learning that has taken place in their class over this half term. It was lovely to hear their interpretations of inspirational people, from both the past and present. They spoke clearly and confidently and we hope they realise that they too are inspirational!

### Allerton Grange Staging Grease

This year, Allerton Grange's school musical is Grease. They would like to offer Highfield children and parents the chance to join them on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February or Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at a special rate of £5 per ticket. If any families would like to join them, please email [vikimciver@allertongrange.com](mailto:vikimciver@allertongrange.com) to reserve a ticket, for payment on the night. There is more information on their school website.

### Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February will mark Safer Internet Day. Being safe online means individuals are protecting themselves and others from online harms and risks which may jeopardise their personal information, lead to unsafe communications or even affect their mental health and wellbeing. Our staff took time in our weekly staff meeting to discuss the dangers of social media platforms and how we can help protect and educate the children at Highfield. If you would like to learn more, please visit: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/> or speak to your child's class teacher.

On **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 2.15pm** the NSPCC will be running a parent workshop in the school hall, promoting awareness on the issues around social media and how to protect children from online abuse. Please see the form section of ParentMail for further information.

### Strike Action:

Thank you to all parents for their patience and support in the run up to the strike action. We all hope that an agreement can be reached before the next scheduled date (28<sup>th</sup> Feb) so that children do not miss out further.

### The RED award

This week, a competition has been launched in school as part of our commitment to achieving the RED award.

The RED award has been developed to support schools in reviewing, strengthening and celebrating their provision in terms of RESPECT, EQUALITY and DIVERSITY. We see this as a great opportunity to celebrate Highfield's diverse community alongside recognising the extensive work already being done in school.

All children from Years 1-6 are welcome to enter the competition which has been added to Seesaw.

We look forward to singing the winning entry!

### Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Y6 Football Vs Thorner (H)
- **Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Break-up for half-term
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Training Day (school closed for children)
- **Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb:** School Opens
- **Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Feb:** Online Safety Parent Workshop 14:15-15:15 in school hall



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Equality  
Diversity  
**AWARD**

**HIGHFIELD**  
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## HIGHFIELD SONG CONTEST

**YOUR TASK IS TO COMPOSE A SONG ABOUT HIGHFIELD TO THE TUNE OF THE CLASSIC 'LET IT BE' BY THE BEATLES**

**THE SONG NEEDS TO INCLUDE HOW WE RECOGNISE EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY WITHIN OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY, PLUS OUR COMMITMENT TO BEING READY, RESPECTFUL AND SAFE**

**IT MUST HAVE 3 VERSES AND 1 CHORUS, WHICH IS TO BE REPEATED AFTER EACH VERSE**

**YOUR SONG MUST BE SUBMITTED ON SEESAW OR BY HAND TO YOUR TEACHERS BY FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**

**THE WINNING SONG WILL BE SUNG BY THE WHOLE SCHOOL AT OUR RED EXHIBITION ON WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY. MAKE SURE TO HAVE FUN BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY...**

**GOOD LUCK!**

**Safeguarding.** For child protection concerns you can contact any of our Designated Child Protection Officers: Mr Feeley, Mrs McVeigh 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.