



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message: A Great Start to the New School Term!

Good afternoon and welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer.

As we embark on a new school term, I am delighted to share with you the wonderful start we've had here at Highfield. It's been a whirlwind of excitement, learning, and togetherness and we couldn't be more thrilled about what lies ahead.

First and foremost, we extend our warmest welcome back to all our children, teachers, staff and parents. It's heartwarming to see familiar faces returning and our wonderful new Reception cohort joining us. The buzz of enthusiasm has made our school community truly special.

You will have noticed the building work is not yet finished but there has been a great deal achieved. New radiators and LED lighting in the school building will not only improve the warmth in winter and brightness of rooms but also improve efficiency and consequently reduce our carbon footprint. The radiators will be supplied by our new heat source pumps situated at the back of school near the hall. The fitting of solar panels will be the next project, hopefully starting around half-term.

Upcoming Events and Initiatives:

We have a calendar full of exciting events and initiatives planned for the upcoming school year. As you can imagine it is extensive, but there are a number of new projects we are planning to try. I would like to increase the opportunities for parents to engage with their class teachers and understand more about the learning that takes place. The calendar will be released next week.

We are incredibly excited about the journey ahead and look forward to achieving great things together. Thank you for being a part of our vibrant Highfield community.

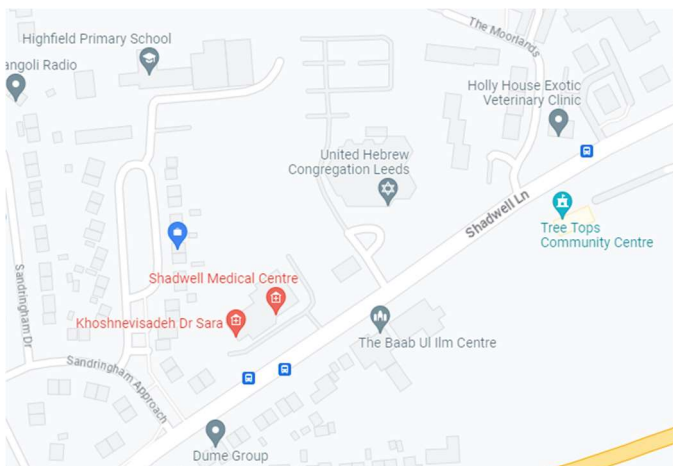
Thank you for your support and a great first week back!

Mr Feeley

Highfield Park and Stride

A reminder that the **Tree Tops Community Centre car park** is again available for Highfield parents to use for **drop-off and pick-up**. There is a pedestrian 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.

We need to be considerate of our whole community and, where possible, support the **Park and Stride** scheme by using the Tree Tops car park if you need to drive to school. We want to build the best possible environment for our children to grow in.



Pedal Power!

Rather than drive, consider cycling or scootering to school! Cycle to School Week will take place between Monday 25th - Friday 29th September 2023. This would be a great time to try it out. For more information about the initiative, visit:

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycletoschoolweek>

Don't Forget The Newsfeed!

The newsfeed on the school website is a great place to catch up on events and see pictures of the children in action! Here are two of our classes starting this week:



Plan ahead:

- **Monday 18th Sept – Weds 20th Sept:**
Year 4 Residential

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.