



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

This week we have had a number of visitors in school: The NHS nurses delivering flu vaccines, Bikeability trainers delivering cycling safety, Prospective parents at our 'Open Morning'. The common theme threading through all the feedback we received was the warmth, good manners and respect shown by our fabulous children. Opening doors, asking after well-being, wishing good morning, saying please and thank you, eye-contact and listening.

Oracy is on our school improvement plan this year: oracy being the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language. But good manners and respect are more than just oral skills. They are a reflection of our values, habits and behaviours. They play a crucial role in personal, social and professional interactions that contribute to positive and respectful communication. Good manners are not just a set of arbitrary rules; they form the foundation of positive social dynamics and help build a more harmonious and respectful society.

Receiving such wonderful comments this week is a terrific reflection of the culture created in the Highfield community and we should all be proud of that. Thank you everyone and have a great weekend.

Mr Feeley

News & Updates

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations and a huge well done to the children in Key Stage One 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 who we are celebrating this week are:

1B - Amber, Chloe, Rex, Shloka

1LW - Aiden, Layla, Lucas, Masalsu

2F -Aadhya, Holly, Oscar, Orson

2H - Archie, Cherisma, Daniel, Joseph

Highfield Community Iftar

In our newsletter on 13th October, we announced that Mrs Dogan, a Year 3 parent, had the great idea of breaking the fast together at school. She has very kindly organised this and I am grateful for all those who have expressed an interest in joining. If you would like to join the event or indeed help out with the organising then please either get in touch with Mrs Dogan at: dogannadia@icloud.com

Mrs Dogan would appreciate knowing numbers as early as possible so that she can plan ahead for what will be a wonderful community event.

Chalk Talk 3: 'Teaching and Assessment' from the Teaching Guru



Assessment in Highfield classrooms is a crucial aspect of the education process, providing valuable information about children's progress and understanding. It serves multiple purposes including informing instruction, measuring learning outcomes and guiding educational decision-making. We listened to it in our staff meeting this week and absorbed the wise words of Mr Brassil. Find it here:

<https://highfield-primary.co.uk/parents-carers/news/chalk-talks/>

Children in Need Reminder

A reminder that it is Children in Need on Friday 17th November. Children are encouraged to wear bright clothes and make a voluntary donation of £1 towards the good cause.

If your child would like to enter the 'Unusual Pudsey Bear' picture competition then the closing date for any entries is next Wednesday 15th November. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter.

Football season off to a great start!

The Highfield Under-11 football team have kicked-off their season well this year. We have played Shadwell Primary School and St. Paul's Primary School so far. Whilst we haven't won a match yet, we have scored excellent goals, played brilliant passing football, played well as a team and shown respect to our opposition.

There is a lot left to play for this year, both in our local football league and the Falkingham Cup.

A terrific start to the season. Well done everyone!



Welcome to Highfield Mrs Dagleish!

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Dagleish successfully interviewed for the role of SENCo at Highfield. She joins us from Parklands Primary School with a wealth of knowledge and experience. We very much look forward to welcoming Mrs Dagleish into our community and to her leading our fantastic inclusion team.

Birthday Sweets

Just a reminder that unfortunately we cannot give out birthday sweets at school and this includes in the playground. We have children with allergies and therefore on safety grounds we ask that they are not brought in.

Highfield Signposting



‘Families Under Pressure’ is a Parenting website developed by the Maudsley Charity to help parents and carers manage issues around behaviour.

It is a resource and guide with simple tips and tricks for parents on dealing with challenging behaviour and negative emotions, developed by researchers & NHS mental health experts.

Find it here:

<https://maudsleycharity.org/familiesunderpressure/>

Unusual Pudsey Bear Picture Competition

WHEN?

Competition Date: FRIDAY 17TH November 2023

Submission Date: Wednesday 15th November 2023

WHAT?

- Unusual Pudsey Bear Competition.
- Take a Photo of yourself holding a Picture (downloaded from Seesaw or picked up from the office) but the photo needs to be unusual
- For Example, you could be holding it whilst swinging on a swing at the park, Kicking a football in to a goal or even while you are in your swimming lesson.
- Aim to take a great Photo but remember to keep yourself Safe!
- Please submit either on Seesaw or hand in to your class teacher no later than Wednesday 15th November 2023

On The Day

- Children can wear Colourful clothing (non-Uniform) or spots.
- Please bring in £1
- The Competition Winner (One per year group) will be announced in assembly



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.