

Headteacher's Message



Last week Mrs Homan and I had the pleasure of presenting our equality and diversity work to the Collaborative Learning Trust at Elland Road. We are proud to be the first, and still only, school to have achieved the Respect, Equality and Diversity Award. Our strategy and curriculum are driven by our context and meeting the demands of not just the Highfield community, but the global community.

Achieving the award was a community effort; every one of you should be proud for playing your part. But our ambition doesn't stop there; in addition to building our own legacy we are excited to now be supporting other schools who aspire to achieve the accreditation. As well as sharing our skills, knowledge and expertise, working with other schools and multi-academy trusts is an opportunity for us to learn from benefit Highfield others and children. Broadening our base of expertise can only be a great thing for the school!

Thank you to everyone in the community for your support and have a great weekend.

Mr Feeley



Book Look

Thank you to everyone who supported the book look on Thursday after school. It was fantastic to see so many parents and children enjoying sharing their work together. Also a big thank you to all the support staff who stayed behind to help – they gave up their time and we are all grateful.

Lost Property

We will be putting all lost property on the table under the canopy between Tuesday and Friday next week.

The Alwoodley Buzz

Alwoodley 2030: Climate Action Hub invites you to their stall at the upcoming Festive Market at Alwoodley Community Association where you can make Christmas or Chanukkah gifts of bee-feeding bulb pots! Using recycled pots and ribbon, and bespoke gift cards, you'll leave the market with a nature-friendly gift for a loved one and for the bees. Santa Claus will also be making a guest appearance! See their website for details:

https://www.alwoodley2030.org/the-alwoodleybuzz

Dates for your Diary!

- Monday 11th Dec Friends Christmas jumper swap after school
- Tuesday 12th Dec: Year 2 Christmas Production 9.20 am Reception Christmas Production 10.30 am
- Wednesday 13th Dec: Year 5 Christmas
 Production 9.20 am
- Thursday 14th Dec: Y6 Dodgeball @ Roundhay, Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day. Rec Stay & Craft
- Friday 15th Dec: Rec Stay & Craft

Supporting Kevin's Marathon Challenge

Shay and Nylah really enjoyed cheering on Kevin Sinfield on the Friday training day during his 7 in 7 Challenge to raise money for MND research. They waited patiently off the A64 and got a wave and smile from Kevin himself! The 7 in 7 Challenge has seen Kevin run an ultramarathon every day for seven days in seven cities.



Christmas Fayre Thanks

Thank you to the army of volunteers who helped with the Christmas Fayre on Wednesday. It is a wonderful Highfield tradition which helps make Highfield Christmas so special. The Fruity Friday raffle raised £83 and congratulations to the winners Daisy and Oliver. Please get in touch with Mr Feeley or the Friends directly if you would like to help with future events.

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: <u>http://www.leedslscb.org.uk/Parents-Carers-Wider-Family/Keeping-children-safe-online</u>. If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm please contact Leeds Children's Social Work Services on 0113 222 4403.



Park & Stride Competition Winners!

Following a rigorous judging process by our School Council, the three winners of our Park & Stride 'Design a Banner' competition were selected. We had so many wonderful entries we wish we could have awarded more! Everyone who entered will receive a Headteacher's Award sticker for their efforts. Thank you to everyone supporting this and we will be publishing updates on the banner in future newsletters.





Highfield Signposting: Community Events:



Santa is coming to Alwoodley for his annual visit to our ward this coming Sunday 10th December 2023.

He is coming to the Alwoodley Farmers market at the Alwoodley Community Association from 10am to 3pm - all who come to see him will get a gift and have the chance to have a photo and chat with the man himself.

As always there is no charge for this event, which is being sponsored by the Alwoodley Ward Councilors and the Housing Advisory Panel.





CLYM Christmas Concert

Pudsey Civic Hall Friday 22nd December 2023, 7:00pm

An evening of music performed by;

Leeds Schools' Brass Ensemble Leeds Youth Singers Leeds Schools' String Orchestra

City of Leeds Youth Training Orchestra

Tickets available to purchase **online** at <u>www.ticketsource.co.uk</u> or scan the QR code below!

Adults £6.00 Under 18s free

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