



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message



Christmas at Highfield has officially started; the Christmas Tree has arrived!

It symbolises a theme running through this newsletter: our thanks to the community for their support in helping make the school the wonderful place it is for our children to **grow** and **learn**. Mr Purvis kindly donated the tree, Mrs Bavill decorated it and we are grateful to them for their help. The active involvement and support of the community are integral to the success and well-rounded development of Highfield. A strong partnership between schools and their communities creates a positive, enriching environment that benefits pupils, teachers, and the community as a whole.

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

Mr Feeley

Celebration Assembly

We were very **impressed** with the Y3 dodgeball team this week who visited Roundhay High School to take part in a Leeds Well School Partnership Dodgeball Event. They showed impressive skills levels and energy levels throughout.

Also on show were the core values of **determination, respect, teamwork and honesty**. Importantly, they also enjoyed it and we saw some real **resilience** and **maturity** too. We're proud of you!



Highfield Christmas Tree – where to get yours!



Chalk Talk - Oracy



Oracy is on the School Development Plan this year. But what is oracy? Why do we teach it and how? Our pedagogical guru Mr Brassil answers these questions and more in his latest Chalk Talk podcast. Find it [here](https://highfield-primary.co.uk/parents-carers/news/chalk-talks/) (<https://highfield-primary.co.uk/parents-carers/news/chalk-talks/>)

Cross-Country Stars!

We are really proud of all our children who took part in the cross-county race at Roundhay High School. Our Year 5 boys team qualified in 2nd place for the next round, with outstanding results from Will, Rory and Seth as individual runners. Poppy in Year 6 also qualified as an individual.

There was a huge turnout for the competition with over **900** runners from across the city competing! So it's a well done to all of our runners. The date for the next round is Thursday 1st February 2024 at Temple Newsam.



New Benches for the hall

A huge thank you to Mr Bracewell who has supplied school with some new benches for our school hall. This was extremely thoughtful and he went to some effort getting the transport and people organised to get them to school! Well done Mr Bracewell!



Thank you Armadillo Toys!



Thank you to Armadillo Toys in Chapel Allerton for their partnership work and generosity over the last month. They have supported The Friends and given up their time for which we are most grateful. If you would like to pay them a visit and support a local business, find them at:

Address: 112a Harrogate Road, Chapel Allerton,
Leeds, West Yorkshire. LS7 4N
Telephone: +44 113 2667500
E-mail: armadillo.toys@virginmedia.com

A very Creative Christmasy display from the PTA



After their amazing pumpkin party display, The Friends have unveiled their latest creation – a Christmas presentation celebrating all the Christmas events at Highfield! This wonderful design was put together by Mrs Porter and Mrs Bavill, thank you from all the children and staff!

Book Look this Thursday

Don't forget next week, **Thursday 7th December from 3:30pm-4:00pm** we will open up our classrooms for parents to come in with their children and look at a selection of their work. This is for parents to engage with their children and talk about their work.

Dates for your Diary!

- **Monday 4th Dec:** NSPCC Parent Workshop
Deadline for Parent Governor applications
- **Wednesday 6th Dec:** Christmas Fayre
- **Thursday 7th Dec:** Y6 trip, Book Look

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.

Highfield Signposting



NSPCC Mental Health and Well-being Parent Workshop



Following on from what was a very successful parent workshop around Online Safety this February, we are delighted to welcome back Gail Sayles from the NSPCC to talk to you all about online safety further, in particular, mental health and well-being. Safeguarding our pupils is of paramount importance to all at Highfield and we feel it is equally important that you, as parents, are a part of that strong link to keep children safe.

Next week's workshop, Mental Health and Well-Being, will be taking place on Monday 4th December at 2.15-3.15 in the school hall.

We have two more workshops being planned in the spring and summer term which we hope you will be able to attend. They are:

Spring Term: Online Friendships

Summer Term: Modelling Good Behaviour

Mental Health & Well-being Web page:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/>