



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

A carol service at church, a carol service at school, presents for parents hosted by The Friends, Fruity Friday juice, Christmas parties and magic acts; all in the 15<sup>th</sup> week of the Autumn Term. An amazing finish to the calendar year. **Thank you** to all the children, parents, volunteers and, of course, staff for making it happen. The festive rest is well deserved!

Before signing off in 2023, I'll finish with a Christmas quiz linked to my favourite TV programme of the year: who can name the five footballers (all male) prior to 2022 to have won the BBC Sports Personality of the Year? Answers at the end of this newsletter.

Why that quiz question? It took **54 years** for a female footballer to **defy the norm**. Then on Tuesday night **Mary Earps** made it two in two years when she succeeded **Beth Mead**. Barriers are there to be broken, no matter how insurmountable they might appear. It takes **resilience, determination** and **hard work**. But **nothing** is impossible. In 2024, let's look forward to helping the children of Highfield continue breaking down those barriers and **realising their potential**.

**Thank you** to everyone in the community for your support, have a wonderful Christmas break and great new year.

Mr Feeley

### Highfield Primary School



**VISITOR**

**SANTA CLAUS**

**No Company**

Visiting: Elizabeth BOWKE

**Thu 21 December 2023**

Visitors are required to read and observe the visitors rules, a copy of which is available from reception.



Santa Claus came to town!

Highfield had a very special visitor yesterday – Santa Claus! He came and read stories to all the children in Reception and Key Stage One. The children also had the opportunity to ask questions and of course tell him what they'd like for Christmas! Even though he is incredibly famous, he still had to go through Highfield safeguarding checks – here is the proof! Thank you for taking time in your busy schedule Santa.

### Parent Governor Election

We would like to extend our gratitude to the six candidates who stood for the Parent Governor election. Their dedication, passion, and willingness to serve Highfield was so clear and is what makes our community so strong. Our congratulations to Dan Bell who was the successful applicant and the Governors look forward to welcoming him to the Governing Body.

### Year 1 Poet at the Playhouse



Zog and the Flying Doctors is coming to The Playhouse in February. The writer, Julia Donaldson, is our Year 1 key poet and is famous for many brilliant titles. Visit [here](#) for more details if you are interested. Our Highfield year group poets are:

Reception: A poem a week!

Year 1: Julia Donaldson

Year 2: Michael Rosen

Year 3: Jack Prelutsky

Year 4: Joeseeph Coelho

Year 5: Benjamin Zephaniah

Year 6: George the Poet

You can also visit our English page on the school website and see our poets [here](#).

### Latest edition of the Highfielder

The Autumn 2023 edition of the Highfielder is out now and available [here](#). The Highfielder is our termly news bulletin written by the children which every year group contributes to. In this edition, look out for the interview with a former pupil who is now an airline pilot and also front-page tribute to Mrs McVeigh, who is sadly leaving Highfield after 21 years.

### Swimming to Gold

Congratulations to Adrian who was selected to take part in the Junior Swim League 2023 final in November. He achieved the gold medal with his teammates in the U9 boys 4 x 25m medley relay event. Well done Adrian!



### Ofsted Parent View

This is an online questionnaire that allows parents and carers to give their views on their child's school at any time of the year. The 12-question survey can be accessed at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> where you can register to complete the questionnaire. The questions have been carefully chosen to cover those issues that parents have told Ofsted are the most important to them.

If you have a spare moment we would appreciate it if you can fill in a questionnaire about our school. All questionnaires are anonymous.



Carols in church



Year 3 Victorian Christmas card making



Year 4 first aid and CPR

BBC Sports Personality of Year football winners (pre 2022):

- Sir Booby Moore
- Paul Gascoigne
- Michael Owen
- David Beckham
- Ryan Giggs

## Highfield Signposting: Community Events:



**CITY OF LEEDS BASKETBALL FOUNDATION**

### JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS 2024

**BOUNCE (8-11 YEAR OLDS)**  
**TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2024**  
**WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2024**  
**09:00-16:00 @ ALLERTON HS**

**NEW HEIGHTS (12-14 YEAR OLDS)**  
**THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY 2024**  
**FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY 2024**  
**09:00-16:00 @ ALLERTON HS**

**LIMITED SPACES REMAINING**

BOOK NOW AT  
[WWW.CITYOFLEEDSBASKETBALLFOUNDATION.COM/CAMPS](http://WWW.CITYOFLEEDSBASKETBALLFOUNDATION.COM/CAMPS)

Logos for Leeds Beckett University, Allerton High School, Leeds Basketball Foundation, and All Girls Basketball are visible at the bottom.

### Dates for your Diary!

- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan: Spring Term starts!

**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.