



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

This week, a shout out to **The Friends of Highfield**. So far this year the PTA have run 2 fabulous, fundraising events for our school raising an amazing profit of ...



£1603

There are 2 more events arranged by the Friends taking place next week. Tuesday (KS2) and Wednesday (Rec and KS1) sees the return of the brilliant 'Presents for Parents' shopping opportunity. Children have the chance to purchase a maximum of 2 presents from the Friends shop. All presents are wrapped ready to be given. This is always a great occasion where children love the responsibility and chance to shop for you. Please send money in a named envelope / purse as well as a named carrier bag to school on your child's day. Presents range in price from £1 to £5 so please send a maximum of £10.

Thursday (Rec and KS1) and Friday (KS2) are Christmas party days. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes, ready to celebrate with their classmates in the afternoon. The Christmas parties are fully funded by the Friends, providing each child with the opportunity to watch a magic show as well as receiving a party treat.

All of the money raised at Friends events is given back to school in different ways. For example - to pay towards visitors, workshops or buy resources to enhance learning. The PTA are always looking for new faces to join their team. You don't need to be able to be in school every week or even support them at events. You may just be able to help them in preparing. All help is greatly received.

If you would like to know more about them or become part of the team, please email [Friends@highfield.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:Friends@highfield.leeds.sch.uk). As a school we are extremely grateful for the hard work of The Friends.

Thank you!

Dodging, ducking and diving!



Here is our Year 6 dodgeball team who competed at Roundhay High School this week. They were a credit to the school and had a brilliant time! Thank you to Mr Brassil for organising and taking the team.

### Reporting Absence

We appreciate that there are a lot of bugs and unfortunately illness at this time of year. If you ring the office to report your child's absence, please also report the nature of your child's illness.

### Dates for your Diary!

- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS2 Presents for Parents
- **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Rec & KS1 Presents for Parents, KS2 Carols at church
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Rec & KS1 carols with Rev Sharon in school, Rec & KS1 Christmas parties
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** KS2 Christmas parties

### Highfield Signposting: Community Events:



How might Christmas affect my mental health?

Christmas can affect our mental health in lots of different ways. This could be if Christmas is part of your life, or if it's happening around you. It's a time of year that often puts extra pressure on us. Mind can help.



### Mind's services

- [Mind's helplines](#) provide information and support by phone and email. Our Infoline is open Monday to Friday, 10am to 6pm. It will be closed on 25 and 26 December 2023, and 1 January 2024.
- [Local Minds](#) offer face-to-face services across England and Wales. These services include talking therapies, peer support and advocacy. You can check your local Mind's website for Christmas opening times.
- [Side by Side](#) is our supportive online community for anyone experiencing a mental health problem. You can access the community any time, including on Christmas Day and other bank holidays.

**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.