



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

Thank you for all your support for our children in their productions, concerts and carol services over the last few weeks; from learning lines to making costumes we all appreciate how much effort goes in. The audiences which then followed and the encouragement you have shown has been fantastic.

One other significant event that took place this week was the interview process for our vacant Assistant Headteacher role. I am delighted to announce that Mr Brassil was the successful candidate. Part of the interview involved a presentation and amongst other topics Mr Brassil spoke about, he detailed the importance of moral leadership and the currency of trust. He used one particular phrase that stood out for me:

*'Trust is a mediator of collaboration'*

Trust is the bridge that connects home and school in our shared goal of achieving the best possible futures for our children. Everyday, you as parents and carers, trust us to guide and educate your children. In return we trust you to reinforce our values and support learning. The result of this partnership is what I see each day; children thriving academically, socially and emotionally. Watching our children sing, read, perform, dance and play has been an absolute privilege and a result of that partnership. I can't wait to see what 2025 will bring for our children.

Enjoy your break and thank you for your support.

**Mr Feeley**



## Parent Governor Election

Congratulations to Lucy El-Shafi who has been elected as the new parent governor. We were blessed to have 3 strong applicants, all with significant educational backgrounds. The Governors would like to express their thanks to the applicants for their time and effort and hope that they will all continue to support school with their talent and experience.

## Game, Set and Match



Last Friday afternoon saw the final after-school tennis session take place at Highfield. Our coach, Tee from Shadwell Tennis Club, led the girls through a Team Challenge session where every single player was active either as a player or umpire. It was a really inspiring session and I could see the development in confidence and skill that has taken place as a result of this club. In 2025, Tee will be coaching groups of pupils from each year group from Year One to Year Six. We are very grateful to him for this amazing opportunity.



**Safeguarding.** For child protection concerns you can contact any of our Designated Child Protection Officers: Mr Feeley, Mrs Dalglish, 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.

## The legendary Friends of Highfield

Take a look at just how much The Friends have raised for our children on the next page – incredible! This year was capped off by the 'presents for parents' and magic shows this week. A huge thank you to Melody and all the volunteers who help make such a difference.

## Highfield Signposting



**When:** Friday 17th January 2025 at 9am.

**Where:** Small hall in school

**Who for:** parents/ carers of children on the SEN register or for those with concerns around their learning/ development.

**Who will be there:** The SENCO and other members of the Inclusion Team.

We hope to see you there!

## Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025:** School Opens
- **Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025:** Open afternoon for prospective parents
- **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025:** SEND coffee morning

# So far this year this is how we've done!



**PUMPKIN PARTIES**  
COST US - £426  
MADE PROFIT OF - £618



**CHRISTMAS CARDS**  
COST US - £0  
MADE PROFIT OF - £231



**CHRISTMAS PARTIES**  
COST US - £900  
MADE PROFIT £0



**PRESENTS FOR  
PARENTS - TBC**



**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
COST US - £25  
MADE PROFIT OF - £877

## Money we have given to school this term!

£4000 to help pay for trips and workshops (this was raised at the summer fair.)

£2,200 which paid for the new hall projector

£500 visualisers for each classroom

£1500 for two 3D printers