



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

Staff meetings focus on so many different areas of learning and school life; its impossible to cover everything so prioritising what makes the greatest difference is so important. That's a crucial part of my job. Education is constantly evolving and we are constantly striving to find that extra 1% that will make outcomes better for our children. But we haven't lost sight of what makes the greatest difference: relationships.

We all remember that teacher who made the difference, the teacher who believed in you, inspired you, made you feel important and you were desperate to impress because that teacher's opinion of you really mattered. Teachers all want to be that teacher. Building those relationships is the gateway to achieving that. Its for that reason that this term our staff have been focusing on how we build them. Every teacher has taken time to visit another classroom and observe how their colleagues create that special bond: body language, tone of voice, eye contact, smiles, sincerity, understanding and warmth. These qualities have never featured on any teacher training programme I've ever been involved with, but I can't think of a more valuable skill set.

Enjoy your weekend and thank you for your support.

Mr Feeley

News & Updates

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations and a huge well done to the children in Key Stage Two who were recognised for their fantastic effort and attitude this week by making it into the **celebration book**. We are all proud of you for setting such a high standard! The children who we are celebrating this week are:

3FL – Daniel, Louis, Lucy, Riley, Aleena
 3T – Jad, Aadhya, Orson, Saanvi
 4O – Roman, Jason, Ellie, Thea
 4V – Albie, Meredith, Fayyaz, Dilraj
 5E – Jiwan, Jadon, Hasnain, Karyn
 5L – Gursehaj, Jack, Emily, Nancy
 6BH – Maddie, Padra, Tiana, Matteo
 6G – Madinah, Karby, Mariyam, Micah

An eggciting change!

Seems as though the supermarkets are already stocking Easter eggs in the aisles, so we thought we'd update you on a change to our annual Easter competition in 2025. This year, we're going for an egg-free Easter competition idea instead of the traditional egg decorating. We will be decorating an egg box. It's food waste free and allergy friendly. So make sure you save an egg box and get your imagination working.



Dates for your Diary!

- **Tues 28th Jan:** Full Governing Body meeting
- **Weds 29th Jan:** 4V Class Assembly
- **Thurs 30th Jan:** Weight and vision checks for Rec & Y6
- **Fri 31st Jan:** Y6 football fixture (a)

Highfield Signposting



Leeds Safeguarding
Children Partnership

<https://www.leedsscp.org.uk/>

The Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership is a valuable site which is purely dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Here you can find some really valuable resources for families, children and young people. This includes agencies and groups who can support with a range of different services, including Mindmate and NHS Healthy Start.

You can also register for their newsletter here:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKLEEDS/signup/32325>



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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.