



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break with your families and had an opportunity to recharge. It has been great to see all our families back. The summer term is only just beginning but it goes by in a flash. Most notably, we'll see sports days, residentials, transitions to new classes (or schools for Year 6!), numerous visits or visitors, RED Exhibition, SATs, triathlons, class photos, skipping festivals, orchestra performances, pirate day, steel pans and of course the Highfield Summer Fair. And that doesn't even cover it all.

As a staff, we are already looking at what lessons we have learned from this year to make the Highfield experience even better for our families in 2025-26. We know we want to revisit the teaching and learning of maths and Mrs Hargrave has already fully reviewed our Religious Education Curriculum with a view to making it more reflective of our ever-changing and increasingly diverse school community. In terms of classroom practice, we are thinking carefully about the skill of questioning; it can be a powerful catalyst to spark deeper thinking and engagement, allowing teachers to learn more about our children's understanding then respond to it. It is closely linked to this year's work on formative assessment. I am sure Mr Brassil will treat us to one of his outstanding podcasts on this at some point!

Enjoy your weekend and thank you for your support.

Mr Feeley

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.

News & Updates

Katherine's wonderful gesture

We wanted to share something amazing that Katherine in Year 5 did over the Easter holidays. She had nearly a foot of her hair cut off to donate to a charity called the 'Little Princess Trust,' which creates wigs for children undergoing cancer treatment. We are very proud of her selflessness and thought for others less fortunate. The Giving page for the charity has raised over £400 so far! More information about the charity can be found on her fundraising page if you would like to contribute:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/teresa-hines-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM&utm_campaign=015



RED Exhibition

Don't forget our RED exhibition is next week! Please see our poster on the following page for more details. Reminder - all children and staff are welcome to dress in either cultural dress linked to heritage, colour of national flag or uniform for an organisation such as Beavers or Brownies. But no football kits please.

Picture news

This morning, children at school received a special visit from Arlo the Owl to help launch the upcoming Walk to School Week (19th–23rd May). Organised by Alwoodley 2030 and linked to the Alwoodley Walk to School Week campaign, Arlo reminded everyone about the importance of walking safely to school. He was met with big hugs and lots of smiles as he helped hand out leaflets to children and parents, highlighting the benefits of walking and top tips for staying safe.

To help families get fully prepared, Alwoodley 2030 also ran a brilliant Bike MOT event, where children and parents could check in their bikes for a safety check in return for a small donation. A fantastic turnout showed just how committed the community is to making Walk to School Week a success!





Dates for your Diary!

- Mon 28th April road safety officer in school
- Tues 29th April Phonics meeting Yr1 parents 3.30pm
- Weds 30th April 4V play in a day. Assembly for parents 3pm
- Thurs 1st May RED exhibition 2.30pm

