

Highfield Primary Newsletter



Thursday 24th October 2024

The first half term at Highfield, as always, has been a busy one and we welcomed many new families to Highfield School.

Last week we had our long awaited Ofsted Inspection, our last one was 2019. Whilst we are not yet in a position to share the outcome with you, I do want to thank the very many parents who wrote such positive comments about the school. Throughout the inspection, the children fully engaged with our guest and enjoyed the opportunity to share their learning and views about Highfield.

Attendance Awards. Every child who has 100% attendance during a half term will be entered into a Prize Draw. The first 5 names pulled out will win a £10.00 voucher, which can be spent on books or toys. At the moment, we have 187 children who will be included in the attendance prize draw which will be drawn on the first Monday back after half-term. Our overall attendance for all children is 93.12% which is below the government minimum expectation of 95%.

Our top 3 classes this half term are:

1st Tarantulas 96.09%
2nd Pandas 95.77%
3rd Scorpions 93.97%

Please note we do not authorise any absences for holidays. To report your child absent please email the school office.

Parent Governors

We wish to welcome Sarah Berry as a new Parent Governor. After attending just one meeting Miss Berry fully participated in the recent Ofsted Inspection.

We still have a vacancy for another parent to join us. If interested please do contact the school office for further details.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all that were able to attend. Due to the generosity of staff donating the cakes and parental contributions we raised £96.00. Well done to the Year 6 hosts.

Jeans for Genes Day As always the children really enjoyed the non-uniform day and we raised £175.00 for this charity.

After School Child Care

The School Friends after school childcare details and joining instructions can be found on their website <https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/our-clubs/>

After School Activities at Highfield 4.11. – 12.12.2024 Clubs offered this half term are:

Monday	Girls Football:	Years 3 - 6
Tuesday	Football:	Years 4 - 6
	Tennis Club:	Years 2- 6
Wednesday	Choir:	Years 2 - 6
	Football:	Years 1 - 3
Thursday	Tag Rugby	Years 3 - 6
	Multiskills	Years 1 - 5

Some of the clubs still have a few places available. Please contact the office for details. The links for Girls Football Club and Tennis Club will be sent during half term. Girls Football will start on Monday 4.11.2024 or Tennis will start on Tuesday 5.11.2024.

Party Invitations

Please note with immediate effect teachers will no longer be able to distribute party invitations. This is to avoid pupils being upset when not invited.

Key Dates for the remainder of Autumn Term

8 th November	Individual & Sibling Photos
12 th November	2:30 Parents welcomed into classes to view pupil books
14 th November	Parent Consultation Evening – details to follow via parentmail
15 th November	BBC Children in Need
6 th December	Christmas Tree Assemblies
11 th December	Carol Service St John's Church – parents are invited to join us
13 th December	9:15 & 2:15 Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 Nativity
17 th December	End of Term Disco
	3:15 – 4:15 Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3
	4:30 -5:30 Year 4, 5 and 6
18 th December	Christmas Lunch
19 th December	Pantomime and End of Term Parties
20 th December	1:15 Term Ends

Spring Term starts Monday 6th January 2025

As always we thank you all for your continued support and look forward to welcoming you all to events over the half term.

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