



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2020

Headteacher's update

Today marks the end of the most challenging year of my career. However, I want to use my last update to reflect on the many positives that can be taken from it. In September we had our OFSTED inspection. Although we were expecting them to visit during the Autumn term, it did come as a shock when we received the phone call in the third week. They recognised that we are a *GOOD* school. They made particular comments about how fairly the pupils are treated and the support they receive. They also praised our curriculum and the progress that the children make. In October I got the opportunity to teach Sycamore class for 4 months. This allowed me to put into practice some of the initiatives that we have introduced over recent times, including Power Maths, Talk for Writing and Bug Club comprehension. It also allowed me to spend more time with some wonderful pupils and teaching assistants. The Covid pandemic has also shown the best in people. We have seen staff come to work and care for pupils, putting to one side their own concerns, during a situation that no one could have anticipated. Our pastoral and office staff have supported families throughout school closure providing FSM vouchers, breakfast packs, food parcels and craft packs. Staff have picked children up from home and brought them to school, worked through the school holidays and worked extra hours to ensure the school has had increased cleaning. Highfield really is a community school; we care about all of our pupils and family and we have missed those that we haven't seen for the last few months. On behalf of all the staff can I say a big thank you for the lovely messages, cards and gifts. It means a lot to everyone. Have a great summer and see you all in September.

Uniform

Uniform has arrived and you will be contacted individually and given an appointment time to collect from next Thursday.

Summer holiday

We close today and children return to school on **Wednesday 2nd September.**

Free school meals

Vouchers will continue to be issued over the summer period in the same format as previously.

They will be issued on or around:

Monday 20th July (3 weeks) £45 per child

Monday 10th Aug (3 weeks) £45 per child

Snack

In September, teachers will be organising snack for their class. If your child would like to partake then the cost is £1 per week which must be paid up front.

Reports

You should have received your child's report this week. With that were the arrangements for September. Please keep hold of these as you will need them when we return in September.



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BBQ

On Tuesday we held our leavers BBQ and awards ceremony. The weather was kind to us and the children seemed to enjoy their burgers and ice-cream. A big thanks to the staff who stayed to help. Our Y6 winners were:

English Prize: Maida Siddique

Maths Prize Connor Riley

Sue Dean Writing Award: Nicoll Kruprovicz

Sports Prize: Scarlet Draper

Progress Award: Madeline Longworth

Behaviour Award: Abbas Anwar

Highfield Hero: Waleed Mehmood

Prize for the Arts: Morgan Clipsham

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Kalisha Allen, Sebastian Kolasinki, Byron Kay, Cassie-Leigh Bennetton, Matilde Beijinho Romeiro, Morgan Clipsham, Bella Kay, Inaaya Ahmed, Freya Hollingdale, Brooklyn Bolton, Alexandru Horumba, Max Hardcastle, Brooke Roworth, Nina Borbiro, Dilawar Khan, Adam Hanif, Zara Parker, Brooke Bennetton, Jack Taylor, Lucas Gatenby, Rolands Brants, Ruby Taylor, Ava Dyer, Blake Higham, Ethan Lancaster, Leo Joyce, Megan Belsevica, Kayla Allen, Emily Kinloch, Saladin Ahmed, Connor Riley, Theo Bradley, Oscar Melnicenko, Alexander Newton Jayden Cottam & Kayden Cottam

This week in school

This week the children in Reception have learnt about the seaside, making beach scene collages, salt dough starfish and Punch and Judy puppets. The children in Year 1 have enjoyed activities linked to the Smartest Giant in Town. They have written thank you letters, designed a tie and made origami boats. Year 6 have enjoyed leavers' parties today.

Values Star of the week

The following children have been nominated by their families or teachers for demonstrating empathy: Lily-Mai Russell, Alice Hunter, Noah Griffiths, Nola Delaney, Alyssia Carter, Kayla Booth, Ava Gardner, Regan Russell, Lau Torok & Rodrigo Da Silva Galhofo

Forest school

Mr Bear and Miss Croft were very impressed with the manners and behaviour of Nola Delaney.

Learners of the Week

The following children have been awarded learner of the week for the learning they have completed at home or in school: Amelia White, Jacob Bowker, Jacob Cartledge, Wasiaq Ghufuran, Mohammed Nadeem, Emily Kinloch, Rowan Futter, Sheza Khalid, Hadiya Aslam, Jessica Jolly, Martyna Piorkowska, Thomas Boyle, Brooklyn Bolton, Sophie Connolly.

Updated guidance on keeping children safe online

The Home Office and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, have updated advice and guidance to help parents and carers to keep children safe online during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to include new information on apps to help children stay safe online. The advice and guidance on keeping children safe online can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online>



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