

Highfield Update March 25th 2020

HIGHFIELD PRIMARY...WE ARE MORE THAN JUST A SCHOOL

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

I hope you are managing to enjoy the sunshine today, either in your gardens or perhaps you have been able to go on a little walk. We are looking after 13 Key worker children today in school. For our other 437 children at home today: Mrs. Colley and all the Highfield staff would like to say **hello and we miss you!** We are going to have our lunches outside on the tables under the canopy because it is lovely and sunny and a bit warm (We might not even need our coats!) I wonder where you are all having your lunch today?

All the Highfield outstanding daffodils have now turned yellow. We planted them nine years ago after our Ofsted inspection and there are 450 of them - one for every Highfield child. So when I look at them they really do remind me of you! The school field is still a bit muddy so we are still going to play on the playground. I do hope you are going to learn the words and sing on Friday at 3 p.m. in our "Magic Celebration Assembly."

Here are the words and a link to the song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XulvnXo6BJk>

Somewhere over the rainbow
Somewhere over the rainbow,
Way up high,
There's a land that I heard of,
Once in a lullaby,
Somewhere over the rainbow,
Skies are blue,
And the dreams that I dare to dream,
Really do come true.
Someday I'll wish upon a star,
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me,
Where troubles melt like lemon drops,
Away above the chimney tops,
That's where you'll find me.
Somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds fly,
Birds fly over the rainbow,
Why then, oh why can't I?
If happy little bluebirds fly,
Beyond the rainbow,
Why, oh why, can't I?

SEESAW ON LINE LEARNING PLATFORM UPDATE

We are going to be sending out some instructions of how to log on to the new SEESAW on line learning platform tomorrow via PARENTMAIL. We want to launch the platform next week so that the teachers can all begin communicating with the children. There will be no maths or English lessons set next week because it's not the right time for that and we want to get things right. The teachers will be uploading a letter onto the platform for the children in their year group with some ideas for Easter/spring activities. These would be the kinds of things we would have been doing in school next week if we had been open. This learning platform will be an offer to you. It's your choice whether you use it and you won't be judged if you do or don't. You should not feel under any pressure at all because every day is so different for us all in terms of our own situations. We are feeling all kinds of different emotions at the moment, which can change from one hour to the next. The worst thing you can do is try to force your child to do something when you or they aren't feeling positive. The same of course applies to my staff too. So please don't worry about it. We'll send the instructions out soon and will be able to help you with any problems you have logging on etc.

Take care everyone.
Mrs. Colley