

Highfield Primary School February 2016 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

The half term holidays are just a week away and the children have been working very hard this term. Highlights for me have been: the gingerbread house and descriptive writing in Year One, seeing the Reception children with their new reading books, Year 2 's amazing Little Red Train stories, Year 3's brilliant division work, Year 4's Roman siege machines, Year 5's Iron Age project work and Year 6's science evolution and classification work. You will be able to see all this fantastic work in the classrooms when you come to parents' evening in March. This year parents may book their ten minute appointment times on line using our new Parentmail on line facility. You will be receiving a letter after half term explaining how to go about this.

The School crossing patrol Service at Leeds City Council is hoping to recruit a school crossing patrol warden to work on Sandringham Approach. If you know anyone who may be interested in this position please ask them to contact: *Passenger Transport on 0113 3781820—Option 4*

I am very unhappy to see the state of the Green at the moment. A few parents are choosing to drive their cars onto the Green which is so dangerous and has resulted in the grass being churned into a muddy mess!

Mrs Wood needs some wool in shades of greens, browns, greys and blues for an art project she is doing in Year 5. If you have any spare wool please can you send it to school.

Highfield has joined The Red Kite Teaching Alliance. Red Kite is a partnership of schools, across all phases: Primary, Secondary and Special, from inner city locations to rural contexts, based around Leeds and Harrogate and extending into North Yorkshire. As members of Red Kite we will have opportunities to train teachers who are undertaking initial teacher training, join staff development networks and share expertise.

The hall extension programme is running well and work will begin at the start of May. The new bicycle shelter will be fitted in September, after the hall extension has been completed, at the side of the new playground next to School Club.

The Friends are busy organising the Spring Term's fund raising events. These include our annual quiz night on 26th February, the magic show on 19th March, a table top sale on April 23rd and an auction of promises in May. Money raised will be used to buy a new projector and sound system for the hall extension.

The School Council have been leading on two initiatives this term. The first one has been our participation in the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) Winter Bird Watch. The children are identifying and counting the birds seen in school and we are then submitting our findings to the RSPB. Several children have brought bird feed (no nuts) to school which has been very kind. The School Council's second initiative has been the appointment of two food critics in Year 5. Oren Asghar and Joel Rudd will be conducting some lunchtime questionnaires, reviewing school dinners each half term and writing a report for the school newspaper "The Highfielder." It is great to work with children who have so many good ideas and such enthusiasm for school life.

Finally, remember next Friday, 12th February, is a school training day.

Julie Colley



KEEP CLEAR

**NO WAITING!
NO PARKING!
NO EXCUSE!**

**DON'T PUT OUR CHILDREN'S LIVES AT RISK!
YELLOW LINES ARE THERE FOR A REASON!**

Please park in a safe and legal manner



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