

# Highfield Newsletter

## July 2015

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Dear Parents /Carers,

As we approach the end of another school year I can reflect on yet another wonderful year with so many positive events and achievements. These are far too numerous to mention them all and I am sure every child and adult will have their own special memory. Mine has to be climbing the leap of faith with the Year 6's in Marrick – clearly a requisite for all aspiring and serving head teachers!

### School Bulge building works update

All the building works associated with the additional reception cohort will be commencing on 20<sup>th</sup> July and will be finished before school opens. School club will be running throughout the summer holidays and will be moving into the new modular unit once it has been completed. We are all very excited and looking forward to seeing all the completed works when we return to school in September. Planning for the new school hall will begin in September and we look forward to sharing the designs with you all next term.

### Curriculum News

Our SATs results across the school this year have been excellent. This is a result of hardworking children and staff and supportive parents. Please have a look at the results which you can find on the school website. Please return your questionnaire to the school office this week as they provide good evidence for the school in terms of parent partnership.

### Governors' Computing Learning Walk

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, the governors visited all the computer suite and classrooms in school and looked at the computing work the children have done this year (School improvement priority). They were impressed by our computing curriculum and standard of learning and teacher knowledge.

One of our governors commented:

I have planned a computing and on line safety meeting in the school hall with Miss Thackrah and Miss Elson on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9 a.m. Parents will be able to see and find out more about our computing and on line safety curriculum. We will also be having our open morning for parents to visit their children's new classes on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### Staff list for 2015 - 2016

Class	Teacher
6PW	Mr Potter/Mrs Woodward
6LH	Mrs Lewis/Mrs Homan
5B	Mr Brassil
5R	Miss Ryder
4E	Miss Elson
4H	Miss Harrower
3T	Miss Thackrah
3BF	Mr Beresford/Mrs Fritz
2F	Mrs Flynn
2BM	Mrs Barratt/Mrs McVeigh
1L	Mrs Lupton-Walker (Mrs Swales)
1BW	Mrs Wragg/Mrs Busch
RBH	Mrs Bowker/Mrs Hargrave
RG	Mrs Garbutt

## Summer Fair

The sun shone again for us and you all supported the school brilliantly. We raised just over £5000 which is a record for Highfield. Once again, On behalf of the school I would like to say a huge thank you to Kate Coldwell our chair and all The Friends who organised the whole event so well this year. Unless you have organised something as big as a Highfield Summer Fair you can have no idea how much hard work and time goes into the planning. We can now pay for the school blinds and begin our next development project. Please consider joining the PTA next year; we are losing some members and will desperately need new people to join. Our AGM will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7 p.m. so come along and find out more about The Friends.

### Leeds School calendar academic year 2015-2016

Holiday Schools close Schools  
open

**Highfield opens on Wednesday  
9<sup>th</sup> September due to school  
move emergency closure days**

Summer Monday 7 September  
2015

Autumn mid-term Friday 23  
October 2015 Monday 2  
November 2015

**Highfield training day on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Christmas Friday 18 December  
2015 Monday 4 January 2016

**Highfield training day on Friday  
12<sup>th</sup> February**

Spring mid-term Friday 12  
February 2016 Monday 22  
February 2016

Easter Weekend Thursday 24  
March 2016 Tuesday 29 March  
2016

Easter Friday 1 April 2016  
Monday 18 April 2016

May Bank Holiday Friday 29 April  
2016 Tuesday 3 May 2016

Summer mid-term Friday 27 May  
2016 Monday 6 June 2016

**Highfield training days on  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>  
July and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

Summer Weds 27 July 2016

## PE AT HIGHFIELD an update from Mr Brassil

It has been an outstanding year for PE at Highfield.

- We have introduced our new scheme of work (Real PE) to ensure that all pupils have opportunities for PE in line with Curriculum 2014
- We have provided pupils with wonderful opportunities for extra curricular sport and competition including...hockey, football, cricket and netball
- Our commitment to and development of competition, school sport and PE has been recognised with the award of **School Games Mark Silver**- a government led scheme award. Next year we will be going for gold.

- Next year we aim again to provide the same and more opportunities including sports hall athletics, triathlon and more!

### **Marrick**

Our Year 6 children had a safe and enjoyable residential experience this year at Marrick Priory Outdoor Adventure Residential in the beautiful North Yorkshire Dales. The three day residential worked really well and all the children enjoyed all the activities normally covered. The head of centre at Marrick mentioned how much better the smaller group is and how well the children behaved. We have managed to secure the same week in June for next year so that the children will be able to go for three days in their two class groups of 30.

### **Lost Property**

There is a huge pile of lost property outside the school lift. Please ask your child to have a look if they have lost any items of clothing this term. All the lost property will be sent to charity if it is not claimed by next week.

### **School Uniform**

Our school uniform can be ordered on line at [www.ahyde.co.uk](http://www.ahyde.co.uk) or purchased from Rawcliffes The Schoolwear Specialists on Roundhay Road 0113 2026721

### **School Shoe Policy**

When buying your child's shoes for September please be reminded of our policy of wearing black school shoes both inside and outside of the building.

### **Staffing news**

Mr Potter and Mrs Woodward will be reducing their hours from September and will be continuing to teach in Year 6. Mrs Lewis will be teaching in Year six full time and then part time once Mrs Homan returns from her maternity leave in December. Mrs Wragg has now returned from her maternity leave. Mrs Garbutt has also now returned to the UK and has been helping in school this week. Thank you to Mrs Fforde and Mrs Straker who have been working in school this year and have both done excellent jobs whilst other staff have been absent.

It is also time to say goodbye to Mrs Slupeck and Mrs Walsh who are both retiring on Friday.

We will miss: your wisdom, your positivity, your outstanding commitment to Highfield and your absolute loveliness!

Take care and enjoy the exciting times that lay ahead for you all.

### **And finally goodbye to Year 6**

We are proud of you and we know you will continue to be brilliant students in your different high schools. We also know you will never forget Highfield and we look forward to hearing about all your successes in years to come.

Stay safe and have a happy summer holiday everyone  
Julie Colley