

Highfield Primary School



Welcome back to school, everyone. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. It is lovely to be back and see all the children again, looking so smart in their new school uniforms. The school is looking very clean and smart with all the classrooms beautifully set up for learning. We have an **Open Morning on October 11th** from 9.10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. for you to come and have a look at the classrooms and see your child at work. Highfield is celebrating its 60th birthday this academic year and so watch this space for some special events and visitors.

New People at Highfield. We are welcoming several new children into school this week and will be full again with no spaces in any year group. We have also welcomed two Red Kite teaching students who will be working alongside Miss Thackrah and Mrs Busch. They are Miss Smith in Year 3 and Miss Williams in Year 1.

Mrs Helen Calvert has joined the team as our new Learning Mentor. She is working closely with Mrs Bailey who is retiring on Friday 14th September after over thirty years at Highfield. We are having a special celebration assembly on Friday 14th September starting at 2.30 p.m. After the KS2 celebration certificates have been given out we will be celebrating Mrs Bailey's time at Highfield and saying thankyou and goodbye. We don't have room for all parents to attend the assembly but if Mrs Bailey has supported you or your child over the years and you would like to come and say goodbye we will try our best to squeeze you in. Linda Bailey is a true Highfielder in every sense of the word and it has been a privilege to have worked with her. I have learned so much from her and will miss her wisdom and kindness. She has helped and touched the lives of many children and families and often supported them through very difficult times. Now of course we wish her a fabulous retirement which sounds amazing as she travels the world supporting her daughter Corinne and spending more time with her other two daughters Rhea and Candice.

Dates on the Website. The website is very up to date with lots of diary events for the term, class assemblies/ concert dates for the whole year and year group curriculum plans. Please look at the website regularly for newsletters, blogs, dates and information. You will also be receiving a year group newsletter with more information about your child's curriculum and events this term. The Friends are holding their annual general meeting at The Lord Darcy pub on **8th October at 7.30 p.m.** Please come along and offer your support in fundraising and providing fun experiences for the children throughout the school year.

Payments and school office reminders. There are no changes to the way payments are made to school this year. **School dinners** for children in KS2 are £12 per week. They can be paid for on line, cash or by cheque. Please make cheques payable to Leeds City Council. Music tuition fees are £70 per term (£210 for the year). Cheques made payable to Leeds City Council. School trips can be paid for on line, cash or by cheque to Highfield Primary School.

Please remember that for allergy reasons you should not include nuts in packed lunch boxes. **MILK** Parents of children in Years 1 -6 and Reception (the term they turn five) should continue to register and pay for school milk at www.schoolmilkuk.co.uk **School pump bags** (£4.50) and **book bags** (£5.50) are available from the school office.

Remember school is a **NO NUT ZONE** as several children have serious allergic reactions to any kind of nut.

Remember safe and appropriate parking and driving near school. No stopping for any reason on the zigzag lines outside the school gates. No parking on the grass green or in front of residents driveways and no school run parking is allowed at the Shadwell Medical Centre complex.

Clubs. We will be running a variety of extracurricular school clubs at lunchtime and after school on Mondays and Thursdays this academic year. Our clubs are aimed at giving children a taster of different activities and are mainly aimed at children in KS2. After school clubs are not intended to replace your normal child care arrangements as of course they can occasionally be cancelled due to weather or staff absence. Please make sure we can contact you on the day of after school clubs if they have to be cancelled at short notice. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Teachers will send out application letters for their year group clubs. Your child's teacher will inform your child as to whether or not they have a place on their requested club. Clubs this year include; Mini Mermaid running club, football, netball, gardening, rugby, choir, French, Taikwando, gymnastics, library, recorders, Computer Explorers and drama. Most of our clubs will commence the week beginning 1st October after the Robin Hood's Bay residential.

After school Clubs run by external companies who charge a fee.

Computer Explorers, Mondays: Letters will be sent out later this term by the company Computer Explorers

Taekwondo-Do club, Mondays: Call Susan Khafagy on 07895 062 611 to book a place (Reception to Year 6).

Key Stage 1 lunchtime French Club. Call Zoe Dooley at La Jolie Ronde 2500809 to book a place.

Mini Mermaids: Letters have been given out to all year 3 girls.

Gymnastics: Letters will be given out by Mrs Barratt.

SATs results 2018

We are thrilled with our SATs and other assessment results this year which are well above the national average. The results are a reflection of the hard work of the children, all the staff team and the fabulous support of our parents. The full list of results are on the school website.

Parental Questionnaires and Feedback 2018 Thank you for returning your questionnaires in July. 218 (48.4%) feedback forms were returned and 1962 responses were graded : We have collated and read your very positive comments and taken note of the few concerns raised. Here is a summary of the questionnaires:

A SELECTION OF POSITIVE COMMENTS

6HW -{***} has started to mature into a young man and to think for himself, which is a testament to school which allows children the opportunity to grow

6FH - {***} has absolutely loved Year 6 and I am so proud of all she has achieved and the young woman she is becoming

5B - {***} is excited to tell all about her school day and really happy to start each new day

5E - I am very pleased with {***}'s progress this year; I can't ask for more

4P - Wow! We are incredibly proud of the amazing progress this year. Fabulous experience (Robin Hood's Bay)

4FW - I am so happy that my children go to Highfield; it's a lovely, inclusive and happy school

3D - Thank you for being such a great teacher!

3T - {***} has not had one moment when she hasn't been enthused and excited about what she is doing at school

2H - Excellent teaching again in Year 2

2BM - {***} has found so many things to enjoy, especially DT and history and has been so enthusiastic at home

2F - {***} is part of an amazing class who appear to thrive together and really care about each other

1BW - {***} has really enjoyed Year 1 and goes to school with a smile on her face every day

1LW - Thank you for making Year 1 enjoyable and learning fun

RG - {***} has absolutely loved every day of his first year at school

RBH - You have all been superstars, thank you so much for looking after {***}so well

Please remember that in addition to our two parent consultation evenings, one SEND meeting and annual school reports you are welcome to contact your class teacher to make an appointment at any time during the school year if you wish to discuss your child's progress or welfare in school.

On Monday the staff reviewed our Personal Health Social and Emotional curriculum. All the lessons have been updated and include additional lessons to support our children's mental health. We believe these lessons are as important as maths and English lessons as we all learn and work better when we are calm, healthy and happy.

Best wishes

Julie Colley

Question	Agree %	Disagree %	Don't know %
My child likes school	99.5	0.5	0
My child is making good progress	99.0	1.0	0
Behaviour is good in school	98.5	1.0	0.5
I am kept well informed about how my child is getting on in school	95.9	4.1	0
The school works closely with parents	96.8	3.2	0
I would feel comfortable about approaching the school with a problem	99.5	0.5	0
The school is well led and managed	99.0	0.5	0.5
The school provides an interesting range of activities, eg clubs, workshops, trips, visits	96.7	2.8	0.5
Teaching is good	99.5	0.5	0