



Highfield Primary School September 2019

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 9th** 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. We are also going to hold a Diversity Day on Friday 4th October and will be inviting children to wear national or traditional dress or national sports tops to celebrate the many rich cultural heritages at Highfield.

New People at Highfield. We are welcoming several new children into school this week and next and will soon 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 Harrower and Mrs Busch. They are Mrs Eatock in Year 3 and Miss Akhtar in Year 1.

Mrs Hills who works as a teaching assistant in Reception is leaving us for pastures new at the end of the month and we will be recruiting a new replacement for her. Mrs Hills has seen her two children travel through Highfield and has worked as a teaching assistant for four years, also spent four years as a school governor. We wish her well in her next job.

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 curriculum information. You can also access your child's year group section which has termly newsletters with useful dates as well as curriculum information. These photos show some of the children enjoying the new Jungle Play Ship which was installed during the summer holidays and paid for by The



Friends. It's a magical space now where all ages can play and have fun. We also have a new

carpet in the school downstairs corridor and entrance which looks very smart and has a subtle Highfield green fleck.

Payments and school office reminders. School dinners should now be paid for on Parentmail for children in KS2. The cost is £2.40 per day. Music tuition fees are £70 per term (£210 for the year) payment via Parent mail or cheques payable to Leeds City Council. School trips should be paid for on Parentmail or by cheque to Highfield Primary School.

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

Please park and drive safely 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. Please do not park in the Shadwell Medical Centre complex or in the Moorlands flats private carpark.

Clubs. We will be running a variety of extracurricular school clubs at lunchtime and after school on Mondays and Thursdays. 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 football, netball, gardening, rugby, choir, French, taekwondo, gymnastics, library, recorders and Computer Explorers.

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.
- 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.
- Gymnastics: Letters will be given out by Mrs Barratt.

SATs results 2019

We are thrilled with our SATs and other assessment results this year which are well above the national average for the third year in a row. 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 is on the school website.

Parental Questionnaires and Feedback 2019.

Thank you for returning the annual questionnaires and for responding so positively. The fact that 100% of you say our teaching is good is wonderful recognition for the staff.

Question	Agree %	Disagree %	Don't know %
My child likes school	99.7%		0.3%
My child is making good progress	97.8%	0.4%	1.8%
Behaviour is good in school	98.7%		2.2%
I am kept well informed about how my child is getting on in school	98.7%	0.4%	0.9%
The school works closely with parents	96.5%	0.8%	2.7%
I would feel comfortable about approaching the school with a problem	99.2%	0.8%	
The school is well led and managed	98.7%	0.4%	0.9%
The school provides an interesting range of activities, eg clubs, workshops, trips, visits	97.4%	0.8%	1.8%
Teaching is good	100%		

A selection of your comments:

6FH - (...) has made such great progress, resulting in excellent SATs results and a superb report. She has improved so much it's a credit to the Year 6 teachers.

6G - (...) has progressed well and really enjoyed his last year at Highfield.

5B - I am delighted with (...) report and extremely proud of him. I will be forever grateful for the unfussy, but ever-present support and love that (...) has had from Highfield.

5E - (...) has had a fantastic year and made excellent progress. Thank you to Miss E and team.

4FW - Extremely happy with (...) progress. Thank you to all at Highfield for making wonderful experiences for our children.

4P - (...) has progressed so well, Mr. P has been great.

3D - (...) has had an amazing year, she has absolutely loved being taught by Miss D. Thank you so much for inspiring her this year.

3H - (...) enjoyed year 3, I feel she has made lost of progress in her English and Maths. She is looking forward to starting year 4

3T - We are so pleased with (...) and his progression, especially his mathematics which he enjoys so much.

2F - (...) has progressed in all areas in year 2. His communication and understanding of different topics is great. We have seen him push himself in his spellings and reading every week.

2BM - (...) progress is amazing, she really enjoys coming to school and has good knowledge of maths and science. She has improved her reading and writing too.

1B - We are really pleased with (...) progress and proud of how well she is developing her reading is excellent. she is happy at the school, making great friend and she loves to learn and play.

1LW - (...) has thoroughly enjoyed year 1 and has made great progress with his reading and writing. He has grown in confidence and really likes learning new things and telling us about what he has been doing in school. Thanks for a super year!!

RBH - (...)’s progress has been evident term by term The report clearly points out areas of improvement. Overall , we are happy with his progress and are hoping to see him exceed in a few areas next year.

RGW - (...) has come on leaps and bounds over the year her reading is incredible, her artist flair has improved massively. She has confidence and has learnt and enjoyed so much this past year.