



Highfield Primary School



Newsletter

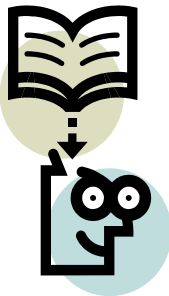
March 2015

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World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March we enjoyed World Book Day in school. Mr Beresford treated us all to an exclusive reading from his new draft manuscript for his new book "Fish Fingers versus Chicken Nuggets!"



We also enjoyed listening to the winning entries from our story writing competition.

Safer Driving and Parking Project

In our next school newspaper "The Highfielder" the children have decided to report on some of the dangerous driving and parking around the school community and in particular around Sandringham Green. The Safety Rangers are leading this project and spoke to the school about their worries in a recent assembly. Children are writing reports, designing posters and making Highfield parking tickets. Here are two super parking tickets made by Harshita in 4E and Xavier in 6P.



Staffing and Governor News

Our governing body has now reconstituted and has a full membership of thirteen. Lisa Henry and Kevin Carson have attended their first meetings since their election last term. In addition Steve Binns and Ashutosh Paul have been asked to join the Resources Sub Committee as associate governors.

Mrs Wragg has had a baby girl Amelia May. Mrs Wragg will be returning to Highfield on a part time basis in July and we are currently recruiting a new part time teacher to join our staff team. Mrs McVeigh is recovering well following her surgery and we look forward to her return to work before the end of the summer term.

Welcome to Mrs Vicky Ferguson who will be our new admin assistant following Mrs Duce's retirement at Easter.



Office Reminders and requests

If anyone has any spare outdoor paint (any colour) for a gardening project Mrs. Fritz is doing with the children in the summer term please bring to the school office



Curriculum Fun and Learning

Reception children had a super morning at Temple Newsam Farm this week. They are looking forward to the arrival of the incubator and chicks after Easter. They also celebrated Down Syndrome Awareness day on Thursday by wearing yellow sunshine and smiles for school (and eating some lovely sunshine cake!)

Year One children are enjoying their annual model village building project which was displayed in the school hall on Friday morning. They also enjoyed a visit to Thwaites Mills to learn about houses and homes in history.

Year Two children have visited York Railway Museum and enjoyed a skipping workshop in school.

Year Three children enjoyed a science day led by a scientist from Leeds University. They are also busy preparing for their production of "Joseph" which is sounding great.

Year Four children are looking forward to their visit to Murton Park next week to spend the day as Vikings.

Year Five children have enjoyed a bridges workshop and have also visited Malham as part of their Geography work. They also enjoyed a trip to the Moortown Baptist Church to learn about Easter.

Year Six children have enjoyed a sculpture workshop and a visit to The Barbara Hepworth Gallery. They have also had a drugs awareness talk in school.



Sporting Success

This half term our Year 6 hockey "Quick Sticks" team have qualified to take part in the West Yorkshire Winter Games which take place next week. Ella Hollis in Year 4 has also been specially selected to take part in the running event at the games. Good luck to you all!

Our football team have been playing really well and won their last three matches.

Our netball team have been practising hard and have a tournament and four matches planned for the next few weeks.

Red Nose Day Fun

Thank you for supporting Red Nose Day in school last week. We had a great day and raised just over £500

In assembly last week I showed the children some photographs of a school in the Gambia where I worked in the 1990's which was re-built using Red Nose Day money. It was nice to be able to share with the children where some of their money goes.



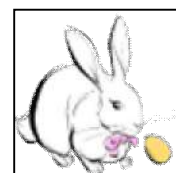
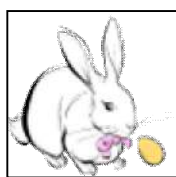
Spring Concerts and Easter Egg Competition

Highfield Easter Egg Competition 2015

Reception and KS1 children may bring their hard boiled eggs on Monday 30th March and they children will then decorate the eggs at school

The winners will be announced on Thursday 2nd April in our Easter Assembly (sorry no room for parents)

KS2 children are asked to decorate their eggs at home and bring in their finished eggs for judging on Thursday morning 2nd April



Spring Performances

Year 1 Tuesday 31st March 9.20 a.m. KS1 "Springtime" concert for parents

Year 3 Wednesday 1st April 9.20 a.m. KS2 "Joseph" for parents

School closes on Thursday 2nd April and reopens on Monday 20th April

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Mission Statement

Highfield Primary school lays the foundations for life by offering a rich enjoyable and fulfilling experience for all its pupils. It is characterized by a broad and balanced, creatively delivered curriculum facilitated by high standards in literacy, numeracy and computing. We aim to prepare our children to be citizens of the future – promoting wellbeing through safe, healthy lifestyles and nurturing respect of self and others. Social, emotional, spiritual and cultural development is a priority, ensuring all children feel valued. We are proud of our inclusive ethos.

We have a firm commitment to enable all our children to succeed as well rounded individuals. This is underpinned by strong relationships with parents and carers and the community enhanced by experiences beyond our immediate environment.

We offer every child the chance to achieve their full potential in a well supported atmosphere that inspires passion for learning and a firm foundation for life – a place where we want to be!



Summer Term dates for your diary (don't forget to check the website for all Wednesday class sharing assemblies and more trip dates as they are planned)

Tuesday 5th May SRE meeting (6p.m. studio) for parents in years 5 and 6. Robin Hood's Bay meeting (6p.m. hall) for parents of children in year 3

11th May—22nd May SATs week Year 6 children

11th May—22nd May Assessments will be taking place in all other year groups during this fortnight

Thursday 14th May Evening for new Reception parents

Friday 15th May Fashion show (Friends evening event)

Monday 18th May Bun Day Monday Year 2

Thursday 21st May Class Photographs

Friday 22nd May - school closes for half term

Wednesday 3rd June Year 6 visit to The Grand Mosque

15th June—19th June Year 1 phonic check week

Thursday 15th June 2BM Skipton Castle

Thursday 18th June 2F Skipton Castle

Saturday 20th June Fun Run at Roundhay Park

22nd June –26th June Year 6 Marrick Residential week and Fit Week in school

Thursday 2nd July Year 1 trip to Scarborough

Friday 3rd July Teddy Bear's Picnic in school for all children

Monday 6th July Sports Week Reception - 6th Years 5 and 6 - 7th Years 3 and 4 - 8th Years 1 and 2 - 9th July

Friday 10th July School Reports

Friday 10th July Steel Pans Year 5

Saturday 11th July Summer Fair

Monday 13th July Bun Day Monday Year 1

Thursday 16th July Year 6 end of year production 6.30 p.m.

Friday 17th July Year 6 leaver's assembly and bowling trip.

Friday 17th July School closes for the summer holidays and reopens on Monday 7th September