



# Highfield Primary School Sept 2013

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Welcome back to a new school year everyone and I hope you have all had a lovely summer break.

In this informative newsletter you will find this year's club letter and application form, a letter regarding attendance from Paul Brennan, Deputy Director of children's services, and my own newsletter. I normally send my newsletters out via parent mail, so please make sure the school office has your current e-mail address.

## Staffing News

Welcome back to school Mrs Homan and Mrs Fritz who have been on maternity leave.

Mrs McVeigh and Mrs Bailey Wood have both had operations over the summer holidays and will be returning to work on 16<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Boothe will be covering 2BM with Mrs Barratt until Mrs McVeigh returns.

Welcome to Miss Harrower who is our new teacher in year 4 and Miss Waite who is our new teaching assistant in year 4. Welcome also to Mrs Boothe and Mrs Hollick our two new higher level teaching assistants who will be providing cover for teachers planning time and absence across the school.

We are also looking to recruit two new dinner supervisors to join our growing team. Please ask for an application pack at the school office (closing date 16<sup>th</sup> September)

## Parent events this half term

Our active parents' group, The Friends, will be holding their AGM on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7 p.m. in the community room. Please come along if you feel you can give some time to supporting the group in the planning and organisation of our events. Several of our committee members left in July and we desperately need some new faces if we are to continue with all our events for parents and children.

Phonic information evening for new Reception parents is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6 p.m. in the school hall.

Every Friday morning parents are invited to have a coffee and a chat in the Community Room straight after school starts. This is a great way to meet new friends and get involved in the life of the school.

Our parents and toddlers group meets every Monday at 9 a.m. in the school club room.

We will be holding an International Breakfast morning for all parents on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 9 o'clock in the school hall. Please bring some food to share.

## Dinner Money

Dinner money this year is £10 per week and can be paid for the whole half term if paid in advance. Please make cheques payable to **Leeds City Council**. Cheques for music fees should also be made payable to Leeds City Council. All other cheques for school trips, etc. should be made payable to Highfield Primary School.

**MILK** charge for KS1 children is £15 per year (cheques to Leeds City Council)

**School pump bags (£3.50) and book bags (£4) are available from the school office**

## Open Morning for children starting school in 2014

Please tell friends or relatives who have children starting school next September that our open morning will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 9.30 – 11.30 a.m.

## Open Morning for all current parents October 10<sup>th</sup> 9.15 – 10.30 a.m.

This is a chance for you to pop in to school and see your children at work in their new classrooms.

**Parents' Evenings** will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. A letter and a reply slip will be sent out in a couple of weeks.

Nearly all our parents sign up to **Parent Mail** which is a fast and efficient way of sending out newsletters and other school information. If you haven't signed up or your e-mail has changed, please contact the school office with your new e-mail address.

### **Class Sharing Assemblies and Concert dates 2013/14**

Sharing and celebrating children's work and performing concerts for our parents is a very important part of the Highfield Curriculum.

As your child travels through school they will take part in three Christmas Productions, one Easter/Spring production, one Robin Hood's Bay production and one Year 6 summer musical theatre production. They will also take part in two class sharing assemblies each year. Parents are welcome to all our sharing assemblies and concerts. Class Sharing Assemblies take place at 3 p.m. in the school hall. Other concerts and productions take place in the mornings at 9.20 a.m. in the school hall. The Year 6 leaver's production takes place at 6.30 p.m. in the school hall. Every Friday at 3 p.m. we have our Celebration Assembly (alternate weeks KS1 and KS2) Parents are very welcome to watch their child receiving their certificates.

#### **Autumn Term**

##### **September**

**18<sup>th</sup> 6P class assembly**

**25<sup>th</sup> 1W class assembly**

##### **October**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 1S class assembly**

**9<sup>th</sup> 6WH class assembly**

**16<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival 9 a.m. (sorry no room for parents)**

##### **November**

**6<sup>th</sup> 3B class assembly**

**13<sup>th</sup> 5F class assembly**

**20<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Robin Hood's Bay Production 9.20 a.m.**

**27<sup>th</sup> 3B class assembly**

#### **DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Orchestra and Carols 2.30 p.m.**

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Christmas Production 9.20 a.m.**

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Reception Christmas Production 10.30 a.m.**

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Christmas Production 9.20 a.m.**

#### **Spring Term**

##### **January**

**15<sup>th</sup> RBH class assembly**

**22<sup>nd</sup> 6WH class assembly**

**29<sup>th</sup> 4H class assembly**

##### **February**

**5<sup>th</sup> 2T class assembly**

**26<sup>th</sup> 4E class assembly**

**March**

**5<sup>th</sup> 6P class assembly**

**12<sup>th</sup> 2BM class assembly**

**26<sup>th</sup> RG class assembly**

**April**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year 1 Easter concert 9.20 a.m.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year 3 Moortown concert 9.20 a.m.**

**Summer Term**

**April**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Play in a Day 5B class assembly**

**30<sup>th</sup> 5F class assembly**

**May**

**7<sup>th</sup> 2T class assembly**

**14<sup>th</sup> 4H class assembly**

**21<sup>st</sup> 1S class assembly**

**June**

**11<sup>th</sup> 1W class assembly**

**18<sup>th</sup> 3B class assembly**

**25<sup>th</sup> FIT WEEK AEROBICS led by 4E 3 p.m.**

**July**

**2<sup>rd</sup> 3BC class assembly**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Choir and recorders 2.30 p.m.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Orchestra 2.30 p.m.**

**11<sup>th</sup> Year 5 steel pans 3 p.m.**

**17<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Production 6.30 p.m.**

**Other Dates for this half term**

**25<sup>th</sup> Individual photos today**

**September**

**30<sup>th</sup> Robin Hood's Bay week – Year 4**

**30<sup>th</sup> Bikeability week for children in Year 6**

**7<sup>th</sup> Friends AGM 7.30 p.m.**

**8<sup>th</sup> Phonics Evening for Reception parents 6 – 7 p.m.**

**14<sup>th</sup> Oakwell Hall 6P**

**15<sup>th</sup> Abbey House Museum 2BM**

**16<sup>th</sup> Abbey House Museum 2T**

**15<sup>th</sup> Oakwell Hall 6WH**

**10<sup>th</sup> Open Morning for all parents 9.15 -10.30 a.m.**

**16<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Assembly 9 a.m. (donated tinned goods will be sent to St Georges Crypt)**

16<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening  
17<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening  
24<sup>th</sup> Shakespeare day - Macbeth year 6  
25<sup>th</sup> Break up for half term holidays

**Other training days this year are: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Swimming** for Year 4 starts again on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Thank you for ensuring your child returned to school this week wearing their full school uniform including a black pair of shoes. They all looked very smart in Assembly.

#### **Travelling to school**

It is great to see so many children travelling to school on their scooters and bikes. I am hoping we can afford to extend out cycle store this year. Please ensure they do not ride their scooters and bikes once they have entered the school grounds.

If you park in the neighbourhood please do so with respect for local residents and pedestrians. Do not block drives or obstruct the pavements. The Highfield Mini Police will be patrolling again this term and will issue Highfield parking tickets to drivers seen breaking the law. Please do not allow your children to get out of cars in the middle of Sandringham Green and run across the road to school. It is very dangerous. One of our children was nearly knocked off their bicycle on the way to school this morning. Please take extra care when driving near school.

Finally don't forget to check our school Web Site **[www.highfield-primary.co.uk](http://www.highfield-primary.co.uk)** if you need to read a school policy or check on dates and other school information.

**Julie Colley**