

Highfield Primary Newsletter



Tuesday 31st October 2023

After a very busy start to the school year we hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful half term. With the colder and wetter weather upon us please remember children will be going out at both break and lunchtimes unless it is raining so they will now need to bring coats into school on a daily basis.

Hot School Lunch – Reminder

Hot Lunches are now available to **all** children in Reception to Year 6 under Universal Free School Meals. Once registered with Colham Catering (our school lunch provider) a hot lunch may be ordered up to 9am on the day it is required.

Please note there is a different menu for infants and juniors.

Attendance

This year we recommenced our half-termly **Attendance Awards**. Every child who has 100% attendance during a half term are entered into a Prize Draw. The first 5 names pulled out will win a £10.00 voucher, which can be spent on books or toys. The children who received 100% rewards for the first half term, 5th September to 19th October 2023, were:

Arianna	Year 1 Doves
Delia	Year 3 Ocelots
Lethokuhle	Year 3 Ocelots
Tasfia	Year 3 Robins
Phoebe	Year 6 Squids

Our overall attendance for all children is 93.28%, which is below the minimum 95% target.

Please note we do not authorise any absences for holidays. *To report your child absent please email the school office.*

PGL October 2023

The children in year 6 returned from a very exciting and challenging trip to Osmington Bay, Weymouth. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their experiences. I would like to thank **Mr Irons and Miss Brouder who made the week so enjoyable for all the children.**

After Christmas we will be holding a short information session for Year 5 parents. To establish numbers for the October 2024 trip.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who were able to attend. Due to the generosity of staff donating the cakes and parental contributions we raised over £80.00. Well done to the Year 6 hosts.

After School Activities at Highfield

Clubs on offer, until Christmas, are:

Monday	Art & Craft: Girls Football:	Years 3 - 6 Years 4 - 6
Tuesday	Football: Lego: Choir:	Years 4 - 6 Years R - 2 Years 2 - 6
Wednesday	Football:	Years 1 - 3
Thursday	Ukulele: Phonics Club:	Years 3 - 6 Years R - 2
Friday	Trick Shots: Fencing:	Years 1 - 6 Years 3 - 6

Some of the clubs still have a few places available. Please contact the office for details.

Key Dates for the remainder of Autumn Term

9 th November	Parent Consultation Evening
10 th November	Individual & Sibling Photos
10 th November	PTA Diwali stall after school
16 th November	Author Banji Alexander visit
17 th November	Children In Need
8 th December	Christmas Tree Assembly
11 th December	Nasal Flu Sprays for children
13 th December	Visit to St Johns & Christmas Lunch
18 th December	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 Nativity
20 th December	End of Term Parties & Disco
21 st December	Term ends 1:15pm

Staff Update:

This week we say a sad goodbye to Mrs Evans who will be leaving us and next week Miss Lewis will be starting her Maternity Leave. We wish them both all the very best for the future.

We are also happy to announce that Miss Walker is also having a baby and will be with us until the end of Spring next year.

As always, we thank you all for your support.

Ms L Corrigan

Headteacher