

# Highfield Primary School



Newsletter 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

As we start half term I wanted to share with you some reflections on the last two months. The children have settled back into school life very quickly and I am pleased to say they have adapted well to the lifting of some of the COVID restrictions that we had in place.

**School Lunches** – the children are now eating their lunches in the hall in year groups and are thoroughly enjoying their dining experience. We are pleased to confirm that after half term children will no longer be eating from flight trays and their hot lunches will be served from the food servery.

**After School Club and Activities** – School Friends have continued to be our After School Club provider; which runs from 3.15 -5.45pm. Please follow the link on the website or contact the office should you require any further information.

This half term the after school activities have proved very successful and we will continue to offer a range of after school activities for the next half term. We have a limited number of places available for netball, Cartoon Illustration Club, Contemporary Dance and Phonics` Games Club. Should your child wish to take part please email the office so the details may be sent to you.

**Year 5 Swimming** – The Year children and staff have completed their first week of lessons. The children really enjoyed the novelty of being able to go out of school on the coach. They have all progressed well during this week and we look forward to seeing their continued progress after term.

**Girls Football Tournament** – After a two year absence competitive sport returned to Highfield with the girls taking part in a locally run football tournament. Due to the popularity of this event after half term Mr Darbon will be running a Girls Football club and is in discussions with other schools about the possibility of another tournament later in the year. I would like to thank Mr Darbon for organising this.

**Home – School Communications** - I hope that you have all found the Parent Teacher Consultations today informative. Undertaking these meetings during the day is a new initiative and I would very much welcome your feedback. Please feel free to speak to me in the playground after school or email the office.

**Birthday celebrations** - A reminder to parents that due to the increasing and varied number of food allergies of children across the school we are no longer able to accept `treats` to give out to classmates at school.

**Visitors to Highfield** – This half term it was lovely to welcome visitors back. This week we had a very successful open morning for prospective parents.

Our new violin teacher has commenced weekly lessons and has a few places available for Year 3 and Year 4 pupils. Please contact the office via email should you be interested.

Our Year 3, 4 and 5 children this half term have also had Cricket Taster Sessions with coaches from Middlesex Cricket. The children showed real skill and determination.

Our Junior children experienced a visit from the *Dogs Trust* in which they learnt about the responsibilities of keeping a pet.

This half term we have also commenced a new reading and maths initiative with Six Formers from *Oakwood School*. The students are coming in weekly to support children on a 1:1 or small group basis with these areas of the curriculum. Our pupils are really enjoying this opportunity to learn with these older students.

A couple of weeks ago our School Council also welcomed Councillor Riley to the school to talk about the School Street initiative. The children and Councillor also had their photo taken and this will be in a future issue of Hillingdon People.

This has been a busy and exciting half term for both children and staff. As always we thank you for your continued support and wish you all an enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

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