

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**So...** we come to the end of another very busy half term. This term we have had many new children joining us and I would therefore like to welcome all the new children and their families who have joined the school since September.

## **PGL**

Yet again our Year 6 children had a very exciting and challenging week at Osmington Bay, Weymouth for their residential trip. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their experiences. As always the children from Highfield were complimented for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm. Yesterday the children shared the experiences with parents and Year 5; we look forward to taking our current year 5 children next year.

## **School Lunch – Reminder**

With the cold weather upon us, we wish to remind parents that once registered with The Pantry (our school lunch provider) a hot lunch may be ordered up to 9am on the day it is required. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a daily free school lunch and should ensure they order by the deadline.

## **Attendance**

Top classes this half term are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Barracudas 98.2%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Falcons / Honeybees & Lynx 97.5%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lobsters 96.8%

We also have 180 children who will be included in the attendance prize draw which will be drawn on the first Tuesday back. Our overall attendance for all children is 96.66%.

Well Done to all children and a big thank you to parents who have supported the school in continuing to improve attendance at Highfield.

## **Friends of Highfield Primary School**

Following a meeting on the 16th October the Friends of Highfield are in the process of appointing new committee members. Another meeting will take place after half term; it is not too late to join this group so please come along to the meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, committee members and staff who have supported Friends of Highfield in the past.

## **Halloween Disco**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November the staff at Highfield are holding a Halloween themed disco for children in Reception to Year 6. Tickets are still available and a separate parentmail will be sent out as a reminder. We would ask all parents to ensure costumes are age appropriate and will enable children to dance and move around easily and safely.

## **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November Children In Need**

Due to many requests from the children we will be again supporting Children in Need. More information will follow next half term as the School Council are currently deciding on a theme for the school.

## **Key Dates for Autumn Term:**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** Individual Photographs

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** Halloween Disco

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** Yr5 & 6 British Cycling Visit

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** Remembrance Day

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** KS2 Parent Evening

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** KS1 Parent Evening

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Tree Assembly

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** Choir at The Pavilions

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** KS1 Christmas Production **9.15am & 2.15pm**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** Reception Production **9.15am & 2.15pm**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** FS & KS1 Parties

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** FOH Pantomime am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** KS2 Parties

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** School finishes for the Christmas Break at **1.15pm**

Finally we would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a happy and safe half term. School starts 8.40am on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

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