

Thursday 22nd October 2015

So... we come to the end of a very busy half term. Our Number on roll at Highfield continues to grow and we now have nearly 380 children attending. I would therefore like to welcome all the new children and their families who have joined the school since September.

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The children in year 6 returned from a very exciting and challenging trip to Osmington Bay, Weymouth for their residential trip. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their experiences. Thankfully the weather was very kind to us this year, on the Thursday all the children went swimming / playing in the sea following their raft building activity. After half term we will be holding an information session for year 5 parents. The date is yet to be confirmed.

School Lunch – Important Changes

As advised in September from week commencing Monday 9th November school lunches will need to be ordered by the previous Wednesday.

For example for lunches Monday 9th – Friday 13th November orders must be placed by Wednesday 4th November.

As all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a Universal Free School Meal we will be using parentmail to communicate with parents.

For Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 we will be using paper copies, as orders must be returned with payment for every meal requested each Wednesday for the following week.

With effect from Monday 2nd November there will be a new menu together with food allergy information. A copy of this new menu is attached and a paper copy will be sent home with children today.

Attendance

Top 3 classes this half term are:

1st Baboons 97.5% 2nd Dolphins 97.2%
3rd Foxes 97.1%

We also have 147 children who will be included in the attendance prize draw which will be drawn on the first Monday back.

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

Fund Raising at Highfield

Red/White/Blue Day

On Friday 9th October we held a non - uniform day in aid of the Forces Charity. This is part of the WW1 anniversary events. Children for a second year running came into school in the colours red, white and blue and raised a fantastic... **£357.97**

Friday 13th November Children In Need

Due to many requests from the children we will be again supporting Children in Need next half term. More information will follow next half term.

Friends of Highfield Primary School -

Following a meeting on the 15th October I am pleased to advise that new committee members have been appointed. They are:

Chair of Committee

Angela Codrington - Children in Y4 & Y6

Secretary Shakila Auj - Child in Reception

Treasurer Hodan Ahmed - child in Y3 & Y5

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

Important dates for Autumn Term:

November

Thursday 5th Individual Photos

Tuesday 17th Parents Evening – Year 3,4,5,6

Wednesday 18th Parents Evening Year 1 & 2

December

Friday 4th Dressing the Tree Assemblies

9.10am Nursery, Starfish, Owls, Jazzy Bears,
Foxes, Sharks & Ligers

2.30pm Nursery, Pandas, Parrots, Hedgehogs,
Koalas, Baboons

Tuesday 8th Nursery & Reception Christmas Show

Thursday 10th Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Show

Friday 11th Christmas Fayre TBC

Friday 18th Term Ends 1.15pm

I wish everyone a happy and restful half term and look forward to seeing you all on 2nd November 2015.

Mel Gannon, Headteacher