

School Lunch

Thank you for embracing the new changes for ordering school lunches. Please could parents be patient while we "iron out" any problems that occur. We will be sending out the menu choice for week commencing 30th November via Parentmail for Reception, Yrs 1,2,3,4,5,6. We welcome feedback on how to improve this system please feel free to catch me in the playground or via Parent Council – see below for details.

Free School Meals

Are you **entitled to claim** free school meals for your child?

To be entitled to a free school meal for your child you must be in receipt of one of the following:

- *Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance*
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit*
- *Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs*

If you receive any of the benefits listed please speak to Mrs Collins in the school office to apply for your child's free school meal.

Parentmail

Parentmail no longer supports Internet Explorer 9. If you are using this version they advise where possible for parents to upgrade their browser. They advise to use Firefox, Safari or Google Chrome.

Attendance

Well done to the top three classes:

1. Baboons 97.6%
2. Dolphins 97.2%
3. Ligers 96.7%

Dark Evenings

Now that it is becoming dark earlier, can we remind parents to be vigilant in and around the roads. If your child is in Year 6 and walk home on their own please could you remind them of safety while crossing the roads in the dark.

Parking

Can we please remind parents that at the beginning and end of the school day the local roads do become very busy. We would therefore ask that people are patient and courteous to others.

Charities

Thank you once again for your wonderful support we raised:

Poppy Appeal: £112.82

BBC Children In Need: £366.18

Friends Of Highfield Non- Uniform Day

On Friday 4th December we will be holding a non-uniform day the theme is "Christmas". Children may wear Christmas jumpers or the colours green, red, silver or gold. We are asking for donations for the Christmas Fair's chocolate tombola stall.

Parents' Meetings

Thank you to all parents and staff who attended our very successful parents' meetings.

We hope that the information leaflets that we handed out were useful and informative.

Parents' meetings provide an opportunity to meet the teacher, see your children's work and to discuss key matters. Can we please remind parents that Highfield has an 'open door' policy, the teachers are always willing to make appointments at mutually convenient times should the need arise.

Highfield Art Delivered To 2000 Local Homes

This year we have been selected to design Christmas cards for the local councillors. The whole school took part in a competition to design a Christmas card. Here are the well -deserved winners:

KS1 Arjun Jammu

KS2 Silva Cakoni

Parent Council

As the school continues to move forward and evolve it is essential that you have a voice. Therefore we would like to invite a representative from each class to attend the next Parent council meeting. This meeting will take place on **Tuesday 1st December at 9.00am**. To register your interest please submit your name to Mrs Collins via the school office. Topics on the agenda will include; 'parentpay', review of 'parentmail' and lunch ordering. We are also looking at how effective our current systems of site organisation are, e.g. morning and afternoon procedures.

Important dates for December:

Friday 4th Dressing the Tree Assemblies All Parents Welcome To Attend Their Children's Assembly

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

2.30pm: Nursery, Pandas, Parrots, Hedgehogs, Dolphins, Koalas & Baboons

Tuesday 8th Nursery Performance

11.00am – Ducklings

2.45pm - Cygnets

Reception Christmas Show

9.15am & 2.30pm

Thursday 10th Year 1 & 2 Christmas Show

9.15am & 2.30pm

Friday 11th Christmas Fair

Monday 14th FoHPS Christmas Pantomime

Friday 18th Term Ends 1.15pm

Once again thank you for your continued support; should you have any questions, queries or concerns please feel free to catch me in the playground or make an appointment via the school office.

Ms Corrigan
Headteacher