

HIGHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - 2nd December 2014



Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday 3rd December—
Christmas Literacy show for Reception and Year 1

Wednesday 3rd December—Friends of Highfields Gift Sales

Friday 5th December—Year 3 trumpet assembly at 9am (Parents welcome)

Monday 8th December—School band playing at Cradley Heath Salvation Army

Tuesday 9th December—Reception Christmas production at 2.15pm

Wednesday 10th December—
Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day

Wednesday 10th December—Group from choir to visit nursing home.

Thursday 11th December—Mufti Day—please see section in Newsletter

Thursday 11th December—
AM Nursery Christmas production at 11am
PM Nursery Christmas production at 3pm

Friday 12th December—Christmas Fayre 2pm—4pm—please see section in newsletter

Monday 15th December—
Prospective Nursery children 'Play and Stay' session. (Please enquire at the office if you have a child who will be due to start Nursery next September)

Tuesday 16th December—Years 1 & 2 production at 6pm.

Tuesday 16th December—Nursery party day

Wednesday 17th December—Year 3 Greek Living Museum in school. Parents welcome, please see letter sent.

Wednesday 17th December—
Reception class party

Thursday 18th December—Carol Concert at St Paul's—please see section in newsletter

Friday 19th December — Years 1 & 2 party day

Friday 19th December —Last day in school

Monday 5th January 2015—Training day

Tuesday 6th January—children return to school

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Not many sleeps left until Christmas now! The excitement has begun now that advent calendars have been opened! In our advent assembly yesterday, the lights on our Christmas tree were switched on so we are in the festive mood!

A big well done and thank you to all of the children in the brass band who took part in the switching on of Blackheath Christmas lights last week. As ever, they were wonderful ambassadors for Highfields. Their next 'gig' will be at the Salvation Army at Cradley Heath on Monday 8th December from 1.30pm.

We will also be sharing our musical talents with the community when a group from our choir will be visiting a Nursing home to sing to them as well as inviting some members of Age Concern to come and listen to our band in school and watch a dress rehearsal of one of our plays.



As you will see from this newsletter, there are many events in school from now until the end of term and we do hope that you will be able to come to some of them.

Events until Christmas

Year 3 Trumpet Assembly

Year 3 will be showcasing what they have learnt in their brass lesson in a special assembly on Friday 5th December at 9am. Parents of Year 3 children are welcome.

Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day

The children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper/top (and own clothes on bottom half!) on our Christmas dinner day. We are asking for a 50p donation. All donations will be sent to Save the Children.

Mufti Day

We will be holding a mufti day on Thursday 11th December. Children are invited to come into school wearing their own clothes and bring in a donation for the Christmas Fayre. This year, can we ask for the following items from the following year groups please:

Nursery, Reception—Any chocolate items please.

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3—Groceries such as tins, cereals, packets of food (please make sure all food is unopened and in date)

Years 4, 5 and 6— **bottles** (again, unopened and in date please, please send alcohol to the school office)

Your donations really help to make our Christmas Fayre a success, so thank you in advance.

Shoe Boxes Needed

If you have any old shoe boxes at home, please can you donate to school to help us make Christmas hampers?

Carol Service at St Paul's

We will be holding our annual carol concert at St Paul's church on Thursday 18th December at 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend. As we will be walking the whole school down to church, if you are able to help to escort children with staff, please let your child's teacher know. As last year, we will be asking for Police assistance to help the children cross roads.

Children who are playing/singing, will also be walking down in the morning for a rehearsal.

Christmas Fayre Friday 12th December – from 2pm – 4pm.

Our school brass band will be opening the fayre and all children will be making things to sell on school stalls. Father Christmas will also be making an appearance in his grotto! Please try and support us if you can. Due to our Christmas Fayre taking place during the school day, safety of the children is paramount. All children will be taken around the fayre with their class teachers prior to the fayre being opened to the public. Therefore, if you are unable to attend but wish to send some money in with your child in a named envelope, please do so and they can spend this whilst with their teacher. If you would like to collect your child at 2pm to enable you to visit the fayre with them, then please collect your child from the doors listed below and the teacher will sign them out. To reduce queues, children can be collected from various external doors as follows:

- Nursery – Nursery conservatory door
- Reception – Reception conservatory door
- Year 1 – School office
- Year 2 – Year 2 external classroom doors
- Year 3 – Mr Kemble's classroom door
- Year 4 – Miss Banyard's door
- Year 5 – Mr Roper's door
- Year 6 – Mrs Lewis' door

Please note that once they have been signed out, then they will be your responsibility for the rest of the afternoon.

Thank you for your co-operation and we hope that you enjoy our fayre as the children will be working very hard to produce items to sell.

Christingle

Collection candles will be sent home with Nursery and Reception children and collection envelopes with children from Year 1-6 on Monday 8th December. Please can you return to school by Monday 15th December.

On behalf of all of the staff and children, thank you for your continued support this term and I wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

