

# NEWSLETTER – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018



## Value of the Month – Forgiveness



12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest mufti day

15<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3.00-4.00pm Harvest food sale in the hall

16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Individual photographs

17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Reception afternoon tea

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Highfields PTA AGM 2.15 @ Highfields

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – 4.00-6.30pm – Parents evening

HALF TERM  
27<sup>th</sup> Oct – 4<sup>th</sup> Nov

31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Secondary school application closing date

## Value of the



Month – Kindness

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Highfields Remembers – WWII whole school topic week – more information to follow

## Positive Feedback!

I would like to start this newsletter by saying a huge thank you and well done to all of our children who have represented Highfields on trips or sporting events recently. I have received several calls and emails about our children's attitudes, behaviour and phenomenal manners! It is so lovely to hear all of these things. I am so proud of you all so thank you!

Mrs. S Garratt



## Football Report!

On 9<sup>th</sup> October we played Milking Bank Primary School. Sadly, we lost 4-1 but **Jacob Wilkinson** scored a free kick that was amazing. We all played well amazing 'Man of the Match' was Jacob Wilkinson, **Seb Macdonald** was also an amazing goalkeeper.

*Jonah Jones 6H and Seb Macdonald 6C*



Oh Yes He Is!! – Oh No He Isn't!!

Yesterday the children at Highfields were treated to a performance of Sleeping Beauty from the pantomime actors of The Grand, Wolverhampton. There were jokes, costumes, scenery and songs all of which the children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed! We booed the villain and cheered for the Prince and in true pantomime fashion everyone lived happily ever after! Please ask your child about the performance, they had a fantastic time!

## Black History Month

Black History Month is a month set aside to learn, honour, and celebrate the achievements of black men and women throughout history. At Highfields we celebrate and reflect on Black history in several different ways from a whole school assembly to individual sessions and activities in classrooms we have spoken about historical and current Black figures such as Rosa Parks, who are fantastic role models for today's children. I was really impressed with the home learning that a lot of our children bought to show me about the research they had done as well – well done!



## Golden Book – Well done to you all!

Since the last newsletter was published these children have received Golden Book certificates. . .



	October 5 <sup>th</sup>	October 12 <sup>th</sup>
Num	Mason Larkin	Dia Brah
Npm	Mikey Blanmchard	Broden Whitehouse
RWa	Ella Jones	Charlie Elwell
RWo	Harry Stewart	Ameerah Shabaan
ID	Taleah Priest	Elouise Attwood
IS	Bobby Burford	Yasmin Hasan
2P	Navneet Ghurman	Joshua Cox
2Q	Caila-Mae Davies	Broly Holmes
3B	Khayaam Ahmed	Kaid Razaqa
3G	Blake Hinton	Sadie Edwards
4P	Lucy Thompson	Liam Cox
4R	Archie Elwell	Rio Stephens
5K	Leah Dudley	Nathan Smith
5S	Alfie Jones	Darcy Jew
6C	Lucy Jones	Erika Fletcher
6H	Harley Johnson	Rukaya Hasan
PE	-	Oliver Jones

## Class Assemblies

I am always so impressed by the standard of our class assemblies here at Highfields! As you can tell, the children spend a lot of time and effort both at school, and at home, learning lines and song words for their assemblies. For some of our children it can also be quite a nervous experience to perform in front of so many children and adults but they all do so well. Can I please ask parents to remember all of the hard work that has gone into these performances! During a recent performance I was disappointed that not only were parents talking loudly over the children but they were also taking phone calls! I am more than happy for parents to use phones to take photographs and videos of their child's moment on stage but if you need to take or make a call in future you will have to leave the hall.

## School Packed Lunches

Please can I remind parents that children should not be sent in with hot items in their packed lunches. When food has been cooked and left for more than two hours to cool bacteria can grow. A new school 'Packed Lunch Policy' will be on the website in the next couple of weeks.

## Attendance and House Point Awards

Sandwell Local Authority sets our attendance target at **96.5%**. This week's whole school attendance was **97.1%** so this week we were **above** target! The winning classes attendance are. . .

**EYFS - 98.3% - KSI - 2P& 2Q - 98.3% KS2 - 6H - 99.7%**



Rowley  
280



Haden  
312



Clent  
298



Kinver  
308

## Nursery and Reception

Last week we celebrated World Animal Day.

We had a surprise in Nursery, the arrival of two pet goldfish who we will look after. The children should have all received a letter giving them the opportunity to suggest names for our fish.



Thank you to all of the Grandparents who attended stay and play in Nursery to celebrate National Grandparents Day, the children really enjoyed having their Grandparents in school!

Lots of children in Reception have been earning prizes in a reading challenge and if children would like to join in then they just need to read five times at home to receive a prize at the end of the week.

Thank you to the parents who joined us in Reception for the Phonics workshop, we hope it was useful. The children have been enjoying junk modelling and we are running low on smaller boxes and materials such as cereal boxes, tissue boxes, cardboard tubes, yogurt pots etc. If you have any at home, please bring them into Reception class. Thank you!

## Year 3 and Year 4

### Year 4

We have been busy rehearsing for our assembly in Year 4. We know that many parents have been learning lines with their children and we greatly appreciate all your efforts. By the time you read this the performance will be complete and we hope you enjoyed it! Technically, the date for signing up for the Kingwood trip has passed. However, if you wish your child to attend please speak to your child's teacher or the school office.

### Year 3

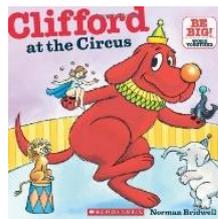
Year 3 have been really enjoying their studies of the Stone Age. This week the children have been creating cave artwork by spraying around their hands. As you can see the results are very effective!



## Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 and Year 2 have had an exciting few weeks back at school and would love to share some of their favourite learning with you!

### Year 1



**Alfie** – I like spellings and phonics, its hard but that's good.

**Jasmine** – I liked learning new words from Clifford in the Circus. I can use them in my own work now.

**Aaris** – I liked learning new words especially 'quit' it's a good word.

**Jason** – I liked learning about different animals in Science.

**Nathan** – I liked PE when we threw the beanbags at different targets like the basket.

### Year 2

**Izzie** – I have liked learning about Maths in Year 2. I think Year 2 gives you loads of ideas.

**Harrison** – I like doing Art in Year 2 because I like doing painting.

**Daniel** – We have done lots of fun stuff like painting, writing about the Great Fire of London and playing Rockstars in Computing.

**Ellie** – I have liked doing Art, writing in English and problem solving in Maths.

**Alexis** – I like new Maths. I also like English because we can do lots of writing.



## Year 5 and Year 6

What a fantastic few weeks we've had in Years 5 and 6!

### Promising Poets

Year 5 enjoyed their second trip to Blackheath Library where they were congratulated for entering poems into the competition. The top four places in the competition went to *Sydney Partridge, Amber Bragg, Rebecca Willetts and Ruby Slade!* Well done all!



### Wonderful work



A big well done to *Mary Simmonds*, in Year 5, who has been busy creating a replica of a World War II setting at home! It's great to see how much you're enjoying your new topic. Thank you for bringing it in to share with us.

### Fantastic Football

Further congratulations must go to the Y5/6 boys' **football team** who played their first match of the season this week. Although the 4-1 result didn't quite go their way, they all displayed excellent determination, respect and sportsmanship! We are all exceptionally proud of you and look forward to what seems to be a promising season!

