

## IMPORTANT DATES

**OCTOBER HALF TERM - 23.10.17 - 27.10.17**

**31.10.17** - Boys and Girls Football Matches at Four Dwellings

**31.10.17** - Secondary place application deadline

**10.11.17** - Friends of Highfields Neon Disco  
6.00-7.00pm - EYFS/KSI  
7.15 - 8.45pm KS2

**3.11.17** - Year 3 trip to Creswell Crags

**3.11.17** - Year 2 trip to Dudley Zoo

**3.11.17** - Year 6 trip to Chester Zoo

**7.11.17** - Netball match - Highfields v' Milking Bank

**17.11.17** - Children in Need Mufti Day - Children to wear spots to school

**28.11.17** - Reception to Year 4 - Flu immunisations

**20.12.17** - Training day - School is closed for children

See below for 'Christmas Dates'

**15.01.18** - Reception place application deadline

# NEWSLETTER - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017



## Term 1 - Done!

Firstly, can I think all of the parents who attended parent's evenings this week and completed the 'Food in School's' questionnaire. We will now collect up all of the information and I will write out to you again after the holiday with all of the findings, we had almost 200 replies so thank you very much!

I hope you all enjoy your half term breaks whatever you are doing and I will see you all back in school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October ready for the countdown to Christmas!

## Mrs Garratt

## Baby Update

I know you will all join in congratulating Mrs Seville and her husband who have welcomed a baby boy into their family, they are all doing well!



## Friends of Highfields

FOH are always looking for parents or family members (over the age of 18) to attend meetings and to volunteer at discos, fayres and other events during the year. It is not necessary to be available for all events; we appreciate all contributions made.

For more information about how to get involved, please call into the school office for a sign up form or please come along to our next FOH coffee afternoon on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 2.00pm**

## Black History Month

Black History Month is a time set aside each year to celebrate the achievements of black men and women in the past and today. At

Highfields we took part in a whole school assembly and KS2 talked about black men and women, such as Barack Obama, who are fantastic role models for today's children. I was really impressed with the home learning that a lot of our children brought to show me about the research they had done.



## Home Learning

Can I also say a huge thank you at all of the parents who have been sending in photographs of their children taking part in their home learning activities. As a school we love to see you out and about and staff have started to make a display board of the photographs we are being sent in. Please keep them coming in to your child's phase leader.

## Golden Book - Well done to you all!

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

Nam	-	Ellie-Mai Foley
Npm	-	Alayna Kouser
RW	-	Yasmin Hasan
RS	-	Riley Hunt
ID	Edwards Willetts	Darcy Macdiarmid
IW	Ellie Lester	Haroon Ahmed
2P	Haider Ali	Lexi Mole-Dudley
2H	Lilah Jones	Alfie Stanton
3T	Kirsten Hughes	Lucy Thompson
3B	Archie Elwell	Jasmine Rickard
4R	-	Ruby Slade
4C	-	Alexia jew
5P	Melissa Cockin	Trip
5K	Erika Fletcher	Trip
6C	Travis Parry	Mimi-Al'iss Tyson-Worgs
6P	Chloe Beckett-Whitmore	Arthur Mnisi
PE	-	Evie Harris

## Contacting Phase Leaders

We now have a new procedure for contacting Phase leaders. As well as phoning through the school office you can now contact Phase leaders on the following email addresses;

- EYFS@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk
- Y1Y2@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk
- Y3Y4@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk
- Y5Y6@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk

## Congratulations!

Well done to **Blake Hinton, Class 5P**. Blake has recently come into school after he was awarded a very special trophy during his judo lesson. Blake has been recognised by his teacher as someone who always hard in his judo lessons and is a great sportsman! Keep it up Blake!



### School Vacancies

We are currently looking for 2 vacancies here at Highfields. The first is for a lunchtime supervisors post, please ask at the office if you are interested.

**Vacancy 1** - School require a lunchtime supervisor. If you are interested, please ask for information and an application from at the school office

**Vacancy 2** - Catering assistant required, term time only, 10 hrs per week (11.30am to 1.30pm). Please call Tony Vale on 07903127457 if you are interested in the post

### Nut Allergy reminder

Please can I remind all parent and carers that we DO NOT allow any food or drink item onto site which contains nuts. This also includes snacks and packed lunches your child may take if they are going on a school trip!

We have staff and children at Highfields who have very severe nut allergies. Thank you



### Application Deadlines

A reminder that there are 2 deadlines approaching if you are applying for a Secondary or Reception place for 2018.

31.10.17 - Secondary place application deadline

15.01.18 - Reception place application deadline

To avoid missing out on a place in the school you would prefer please make sure you have applied before the closing date.



### Christmas Dates for the Diary

These are currently all of the events, celebrations and dates we have for the festive period so far here at Highfields. In the next few newsletters I will update this so please keep an eye out

5 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas production
5 <sup>th</sup> December - 2.00pm	Y1 and Y1 Little Voices concert
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas production
12 <sup>th</sup> December - 5.30pm	KSI Christmas production
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner day
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert at church
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre



Fantastic news...

Magical Maths is coming to Highfields Primary School!!

Magical maths is a super fun after school club designed to boost children's confidence and better engage them with maths.

The club runs for an hour a week after school week beginning **Mondays 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017** and will run for 6 weeks. Each week has a different theme and includes a dressed up character including Professor Poopenshtinken (maths genius), the Mathemagician, Stately Holmes (the maths detective) and the Olympic Mathletes!

Parents receive weekly email updates to see what their child has been learning (but you must give your email address to obtain this).

### Dates and Times of Clubs

**KS1 (Years 1 & 2 only)** - 3.25pm to 4.25pm on **Mondays** 30<sup>th</sup> Oct, 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov and 4<sup>th</sup> Dec

**KS2 (Years 3 to 6)** - 3.25pm to 4.25pm on **Mondays** 30<sup>th</sup> Oct, 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov and 4<sup>th</sup> Dec

Please ensure you register your child in the correct Key Stage club.

For more information and to sign up, visit

[www.magicalmathsclub.com](http://www.magicalmathsclub.com)

Or call

0121 392 7475

Cost is £37 for the 6 sessions. **Only 22 places** so sign up quick!

No quibble money back guarantee after the first week. Please call and speak to Anita for more details. Terms and Conditions apply

### House Point Winners

Since the last newsletter the house point winners have been 1<sup>st</sup> - Kinver 2<sup>nd</sup> - Haden 3<sup>rd</sup> - Kinver 4<sup>th</sup> - Clent

### Attendance Awards

This week's whole school attendance was **95.4%**

Don't forget, the whole school target we have to achieve every week is 96.5% so this week we were **below** target!

The recent winning classes attendance was **EYFS - RW - 98.6%** **KSI - ID 98.7%** **KS2 - 6P - 99.3%**

