

## IMPORTANT DATES

28.11.17 - Reception to Year 4 - Flu immunisations

5.12.17 - Reception Christmas production

5.12.17 - 2.00pm - Y1/Y2 Little Voices Concert

7.12.17 - Nursery Christmas Production

12.12.17 - Reception Trip to Wonderland

12.12.17 - 5.30pm - KSI Christmas Production

15.12.17 - Christmas Dinner day

15.12.17 - Christmas/Sparkly Jumper day

18.12.17 - Carol Concert at Church

19.12.17 - 1.45 onwards - Christmas Fayre

20.12.17 - Training day - School is closed for children

2.1.18 - Training day - School is closed for children

15.01.18 - Reception place application deadline

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Baby Update!!

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



# NEWSLETTER – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017



## Countdown to Christmas!

The countdown to Christmas has well and truly begun here at Highfields, the lines are being learnt the stage is being set and from what I have seen so far, this year's Christmas productions are going to be absolutely fantastic! In the last couple of weeks we've also had children out and about visiting different places. Thank you to everyone who helped out with our Children in Need fundraising activities and thank you to everyone who donated, as a school we raised £138.85 to help support a variety of causes throughout the UK!!

Mrs Garratt

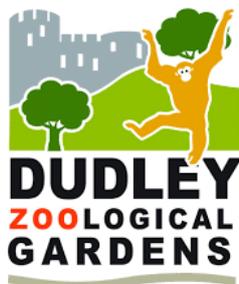


## Blackheath Library

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November Year 5 had a great opportunity to go to Blackheath Library so that we could find out what life was like in WWI. We walked to the library and when we got there we were introduced to the librarian, Lisa. She told us she had moved here from Wolverhampton and wanted to find out more about her new area. After researching some local history, Lisa found out that a woman called Hilda used to live in her house during WWI. Lisa shared some songs that they used to sing during WWI and if by magic, Hilda appeared. She greeted us and she made us take part in quizzes and sing more WWI songs. We received some interesting information about WWI like what they did in 'Dora' - Defender of Realm Act, rationing and market day in Blackheath. After that, they had an amazing surprise in store for us. We were allowed to ask some questions to real life soldiers. It gave us a great insight into what it is like to be a soldier now. Unfortunately, it had to come to an end but we left with more knowledge of WWI.

Arbnora Alshiqi, Class 5P

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## Dudley Zoo

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Year 2 went to Dudley Zoo and we had a great time. We even went to a workshop. We saw some penguins and they were black and white, one of them went high in the

air. We saw some flamingos, some of them were dark pink and some were light pink. My favourite part was when we went to the farm and we went to the park. Anastarsia Perks, Class 2H

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## Golden Book - Well done to you all!

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

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Nam	-	Alesha-Mae McDonald
Npm	-	Kyle Sandel
RW	-	-
RS	-	Bobby Burford
ID	Olivia Patrice	Stirling Crouch
IW	Caila-Mae Davies	Zak Hussain
2P	Kaid Razaq	Riley Barnett
2H	Jannat Shah	Falon Massey
3T	Ibrahim Rashid	Isabelle Lawrence
3B	Jude Sidaway	Tiree Whitehouse
4R	Orlaith O'Donnell	Maryam Ahmed
4C	Daniel Chima	Rahim Shabaan
5P	-	Oliver Cooper
5K	-	Athsari Gangabadage
6C	Millie Johnson	Thomas Matthews
6P	Malachi Ellis	Charlie Allport
PE	Kieran Jones	Harrison Hawkins

## Creswell Craggs

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

November Year 3

visited Creswell Craggs, we got into groups and then we were off! On the coach we were all chatting. When we got there we all did something different. We were split into three different groups, one of the groups was being archaeologists. The second activity was putting on a helmet and going down into a dry, dark and rusty cave! The last activity was searching for wild animals. We all had so much fun, we all hope to go back again! Dharma Meredith, Class 3T



On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Year 3 visited Creswell Craggs, the coach trip was very long but worth it. Our first workshop was being archaeologists and digging up sand and bones! Our second workshop was exploring a massive, dark cave. A man called Jack turned all the lights off and it was quite scary. Our last workshop was hunting wild animals and making a fire and spearing a statue! I had a lovely time at Creswell Craggs and hope to come back again.

Taylor Ryan, Class 3B

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### House Point Winners

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

A huge well done to *Oliver McRobert,, Class 4C* and *Jayden Harvey, Class 4C* for being awarded 'Men of the Match' last Sunday. Their team Halas Hawks South unfortunately lost 2-0 to Bilbrook but that didn't stop the boys clearly showing great determinations and sportsmanship. Well done boys they are great qualities to have!!



Congratulations to *Sydney Partridge, Class 4R* who recently brought in some photographs from her dance groups, as well as that she showed me a very special invitation. .she has been invited to perform at Disneyland Paris, we are all very proud of her accomplishment – well done Sydney!!



*Ruby Slade, Class 4R* also brought in her brown belt and photographs from her recent trip to Talin with the SKF England National Karate Team – she had a great time and has made some fantastic lifelong memories!

### School football team

Well done to Highfields football teams during their recent match's against Four Dwellings. The boys team won their match 9 - 2 and the girls won one match and drew another.  
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### Trousers for PE

As we now enter the winter months and the temperature starts to really drop, please can I ask all parents to provide tracksuit bottoms for children to wear in PE lessons. Children are still having outdoor PE lessons and this will help to keep them warm.



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As you know *Archie Turner, Class 6C* is currently on tour with 'Nativity the Musical'. I know lots of our families have already been to see him perform. A couple of weeks ago now several members of Highfields staff, including myself, were lucky enough to be able to get tickets to go and see him perform at Birmingham Repertory Theatre. We were completely blown away by the show and Archie's performance! So much so we got him to sign a copy of the programme which we will be keeping in our school library. Well done Archie and good luck for the rest of the tour!  
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### Logo Winners

Well done to two of our Year 6 artists this week, *Cirace Archer, Class 6P* won the Friends of Highfields logo competition and *Ella Tuohy, Class 6C* whose design was chosen to be used as Highfields official Christmas card this year. As soon as both are available I will include them in the next newsletter. We would also like to say a huge thank all the children who took part, there was some truly fantastic entries!

### Digital Leaders

This year our E-Safety council have been renamed as our 'Digital Leaders'. We have 13 Y6 children working together this year. As part of their role, they will be spending time thinking of ways to improve Computing in school. They are working really hard at the moment and we are very pleased with all of their fantastic ideas. They have also developed their understanding of Computing this week by working with a group of students from Newman University. The students have planned and delivered a variety of different tasks this week and I know that the children have thoroughly enjoyed working with them. For more information, have a look at our 'Digital Leader' section on the website.

Miss Pell

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### Application Deadline

A reminder that if you are applying for a Reception place for 2018 the closing date is 15.01.18. To avoid missing out on a place in the school you would prefer please make sure you have applied before the closing date.

### Attendance Awards

This week's whole school attendance was **96%**

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

The recent winning classes attendance was **EYFS - RS 97% KSI - 2P 98.6% KS2 - 4R 98.7%**

