

NEWSLETTER - 24th January 2020



27th January -
Young Voices

Value of the
Month -



7th February -
NSPCC Number
Day

7th February -
Y5 assembly to
parents

13th February -
Reception hands
and teeth talk
Y6 weights and
heights

14th February -
Training day -
school closed for
children

17th - 21st
February - **HALF
TERM** - School
closed for children

Value of the
Month



5th March -
World Book Day -
more details to
follow

13th March -
Reception assembly
to parents

13th March - PTA
Disco
Y1-Y2 - 5.00-
6.15pm
Y3-Y6 - 6.30-
7.45pm



I know that I usually start my newsletters with information about the recent weeks but this week I want to start with a plea to ALL parents who attend Highfields. As you know school have been working for a long time to try and improve the parking issues around school, this has included talking to parents, local residents and also voicing our concerns to local councillors. We have now received the following from **Kerrie Carmichael** (the local councillor for Blackheath). On October 10th 2019 Kerrie said;



'I have received a number of complaints myself over the last 12 months from those living on Highfield Crescent and Walton Avenue and agree that yellow lines are needed on the narrow part of the road. I will discuss with highways but it does take a while to get agreement due to the legal aspects of yellow lines. I do also receive complaints from Beeches Road residents, they do complain about parking which we have alleviated slightly with the permit parking scheme, I however have unresolved issues with speeding and have requested 20mph signs in the road from highways. I am hoping these will be installed soon.

Kerrie has again contacted school this week to say;

'I received a response from highways just before Christmas. They informed me that they visited the road and the yellow lines were in the correct location. I have since asked for an extension and have been told that I will need to get signatures from the residents. I have previously tried to carry out a petition with the residents in Highfield Crescent and Walton Avenue but only two households would sign!

Can I please ask any of our parents who live in Highfields Crescent or Walton Avenue that if you receive such a petition that you please sign it and if any parents also want to voice their concerns they contact their local councillor. We really need the 20mph signs and help from the council to ensure the safety of our children outside Highfields.

Thank you in advance for your support
Mrs Garratt

Golden Book - Well done to you all!
Since the last newsletter was published these children have received Golden Book certificates...

	17 th January	24 th January
RW	Isabelle	Henry
RD	Keira	Keyaan
IM	Kohen	Oliver A
IS	Lola	Deborah
2P	Sameeda	Amelia
2S	Taleah	James
3B	Cameron	Darcey
3G	Joshua	Olivia
4G	Ben	Kerine
4R	A'Nayah-Lee	Jacob
5K	Jevikah	Ethan E
5S	Leah	Evie
6C	Raheem	Samantha
6W	Erin	Maryam
PE	Poppy	Rhian

St. Pauls Church - Thank you Highfields!

This week we received a lovely email from Peter Swannie, a Churchwarden from St. Paul's. *'I just wanted to say a very big thank you to each of the schools that took part in the first ever Christmas Tree Festival held at St. Paul's Church. We were delighted at the response we got from the local community for a glittering display of trees and decorations to brighten up the church over the festive season. Please pass on our thanks to all staff and children who were involved in any way. With best wishes throughout the year ahead.*

K-Star Thai Boxers!

A huge well done to **Dhiaan (Y3)** who has achieved his green band award for his amazing Thai boxing. Dhiaan regularly attends the club with his sister **Jevikah (Y5)** who also achieved the green award! Well done both - what a wonderful achievement!



Attendance and House Point Awards

Sandwell Local Authority sets our attendance target at **96.5%**. This week's whole school attendance was **96.8%** so this week we were **above** target! The winning classes attendance are...
EYFS - RD - 100% KSI - IS - 99% KS2 - 4G - 100%



Rowley
399



Haden
407



Clent
491



Kinver
482

Nursery and Reception

Over the past two weeks, the Nursery children have been enjoying learning the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and have even planted their own beans! They are enjoying watering them and watching them grow.



In Reception, they have read the story 'Sharing a Shell' and they have produced some wonderful work based on the story. A special well done to *Jasneet* and *Lewis* who have produced some fantastic Literacy work!

Some dates for your diary;

- Reception Stay and Play – Tuesday 11th February 2020
- Nursery Stay and Play dates – Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February

Please look out for letters regarding these and return the slips so we can book your place!

Could we ask that if you are able to order your child's dinner through Dolce that you please do so. Teachers are spending a lot of time in a morning ordering dinners and the children aren't always aware what particular meals are so they find making the decision quite tricky.

Miss Westwood - Phase Co-ordinator

Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed reading 'Sir Kit's Quest' and have been producing their own writing based on this story. They are also learning the letter names and the sounds they make. If you could reinforce this at home, it would be much appreciated. An exciting trip has also been organised for Warwick castle on the 27th of February. The children will have a workshop with a princess; a tour of the castle; see a birds of prey show and receive a shield to bring back to school and paint. I am sure it will be a lovely day!



Year 2

Year 2 are enjoying their 'Into the Wild' topic. A trip has been booked for them to go to West Midlands Safari Park on the 28th of February. This will give the children the opportunity to see some of the animals they have been learning about.

Outdoor PE

All of the children have PE twice a week. This half term, year 1's outdoor PE is on a Tuesday and year 2's is on a Wednesday, with the other session being in the hall. As it is still quite chilly, Children need jogging bottoms as part of their PE kit to wear during these lessons. Thank you in advance.

Mrs Lewis- Phase Co-ordinator

Year 3 and Year 4

Year 4

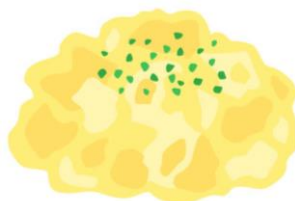
We are fast approaching our residential trip to Bell Heath. We will be organising a parent's meeting for all those attending. There, we will give a detailed overview of the trip and answer any questions you may have. We will also provide a comprehensive kit-list so you can begin to prepare everything your child will need.



The children have been enjoying learning about monsters and are currently researching the Yeti as part of their ICT lessons. Any information they wish to find at home will greatly aid their studies and give them more information for their final projects.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic time cooking this week. They really enjoyed making scrambled eggs, particularly beating the eggs. Next week, they will move onto creating a pasta dish. Ask your child about what they had to do. You never know, they may be cooking your meals for you before long!



Mr Roper - Phase Co-ordinator

Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5

Well done to Year 5 who have created fantastic posters all about space. They are of a fantastic quality and are now displayed in both Year 5 classrooms.



Date for the diary – Year 5 will be performing their year group assembly on **Friday 7th February**. You are welcome to join us from 9.00am to watch what we are sure will be a fantastic show!

Year 6

Date for the diary – Year 6 have the opportunity to go to the NEC on **Thursday 12th March** to visit The Big Bang Fair. This trip is aimed at developing the children's scientific knowledge.

Letters with more details will be sent out soon!



Mrs Ward – Phase leader

