



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

This week I have seen many Reception-Year 6 buddies exchanging thank you letters and gifts; it is lovely to watch - there is so much genuine affection. This week, one of our Reception children asked who their buddy will be next year. That simple question speaks volumes about the importance of these friendships and the strong sense of belonging they create. It also tells me that perhaps we need to think about a Year 1-5 buddy system to support our children as they move into the main building but mostly because it is just a lovely thing we do.

The last word of the year goes to our two retirees, Mrs Garbutt and Mrs Lupton-Walker, who between them given 39 years of wonderful service to the Highfield community. We celebrated their achievements together at an assembly on Wednesday where tributes were paid, staff-written poems were shared and the children (beautifully) sang the Leeds 400 song.

Mrs Garbutt, a passionate traveller, always has the children in mind, bringing back artefacts, traditional clothing and interesting souvenirs from around the world to enrich their learning and spark their curiosity. Now she can enjoy those holidays in term time! She has been a valuable member of our wonderful Reception team and those are big shoes to fill!

With an ever-present smile and a genuinely caring nature, Mrs Lupton-Walker brings warmth, positivity and fun to every classroom (and staff room), making children and colleagues alike feel valued and supported. We will all miss that.

But with ever-expanding families, both of them will appreciate the extra time they can now spend with their grandchildren. We wish them both the very best for their retirements but most of all a massive thank you for all they have given us.

Don't forget school begins again on Wednesday 2nd September and we shall look forward to welcoming you all back then. Thank you to everyone for what has been a fabulous year at Highfield. Enjoy your summer and thank you for your support.

Mr Feeley

News & Updates

The tiger who came to Highfield!

A big thank you to Mr Flora who last week spent time with our Year 4 children teaching them all about the dhol drum and its history. He played some fantastic beats for the children and staff to dance to, then the children all had a go.



Highfield Signposting

The Yorkshire & Humberside All About Family digital magazine is aimed at giving parents valuable information to support their children. There is exclusive content from NSPCC, St John Ambulance and free meals with Prezzo, plus more. Within there is advice on;

Making The Leap To High School

Local Family Events

New Children's Books

Screen Time Advice from NSPCC

Heat Safety Advice from St John Ambulance

Social Media Advice from NSPCC

Adult Education

Dealing With Parental Stress Over the Summer Holidays

Creating a Child Friendly Garden

Splash Safely At Home Campaign

Dentist Advice for Bedtimes

Below is a link to the Summer edition:

www.allabout-family.co.uk/yorkshire-humberside/



The North & South Leeds Mumbler has provided a '30 free and low cost places to go this summer in Leeds' guide. Find out more here:

[30 free and low cost places to visit this summer](#)



Breeze In The Park is a summer family event series run by Leeds City Council, held in parks across Leeds. It offers low-cost fun for children and young people, including giant inflatables, sports, games, arts and crafts, entertainment, and activities for families. There are also events specifically for children with additional needs and their families.

Safeguarding. For child protection concerns you can contact any of our Designated Child Protection Officers: Mr Feeley, Mrs Dalglish, Mr Brassil, Mrs Bowker and Mrs Calvert. There is some useful information on the LSCB website about online safety with some useful tips for parents: <http://www.leedslscb.org.uk/Parents-Carers-Wider-Family/Keeping-children-safe-online>. If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm please contact Leeds Children's Social Work Services on 0113 222 4403.

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