

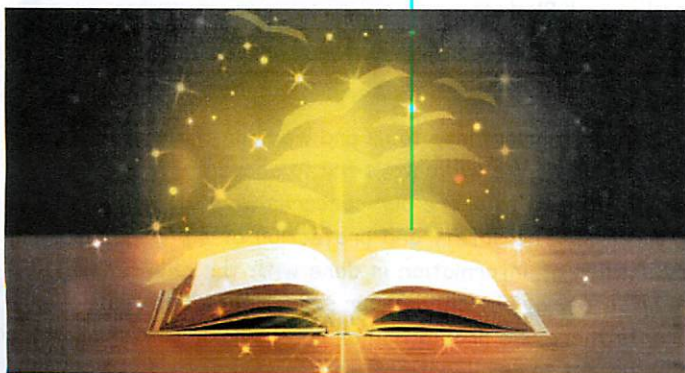
Newsletter 1 December 2017

Messages from the Head of Academy

Please make sure if you are wanting to purchase your child's photograph you send in the money by Wednesday 6 December. This is to enable the photographs to be delivered to school in time for Christmas.

Golden Book Award Winners

Year	'Golden Child'
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	



Weekly Attendance

(National expectation = 96%)

Class	%
Hedgehogs	%
Butterflies	%
Owls	%
Badgers	%
Foxes	%
Raffle winner	

Upcoming Events

Wed 13 Dec	Christmas dinner day
Wed 13 Dec	KS2 Christmas carols in church
Thurs 14 Dec	2.30 pm KS1 Christmas concert
Fri 15 Dec	9.30 am Early Years Christmas Nativity
Tue 19 Dec	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties

Year 3/4

Year 2

This week in year 2 we have started to look at money in our maths work. We have been adding different coins and amounts together to find a total. If you are out Christmas shopping with your children, please ask them about the money you get in change or how much things cost and how they would make that amount. See how much they can remember! We have been doing some work around the 'Stick man' book this week and have produced some character descriptions, some great art work using water colours and have also been thinking about the sequence of the story to place along a timeline. Some of the work has been put on display in the corridor so come and have a look at how hard we have been working. Could I please remind you to help your children to practise for the Christmas concert by singing the songs or encouraging them to practise their lines. Your support in this is much appreciated.

EYFS

This week we have been making lots of things to do with our special book, The Snowman. We have finished our snowmen, made snowflakes, looking at patterns which obviously made the real snow fall! We were very excited watching the snow fall and being out in it but it has made everywhere very slippery so we are being very careful. Reception are moving on to digraphs (2 sounds together to make a new sound - sh, ch, th and ng.) It is hard to remember, but with lots of practice we are now learning words which have these sounds in. We are also looking at 2D and 3d shapes - a flat circle - 2D and - a snowball - 3D is a sphere, which is very hard to say. We will look at more shapes next week when we look at the shapes of the presents under the Christmas tree.



Year 1

This week in Butterfly class has been a very busy one! We have been learning about 2d and 3d shapes in Maths. We have been identifying the shape properties and learning to recognise shapes in different orientations. We have been doing lots of writing based around the book The Snow Angel and produced some lovely work. Please ensure you practice your children's lines with them as the performance is on 14 December.

Year 5/6

This week it has been assessment week, so Year 5 and 6 have been putting all their learning into action! They have work really hard and reading progress has been the highlight! Well done children! We have also started looking at 'A Christmas Carol', writing character descriptions of Scrooge and creating our own pieces of art. We have amazing artists in class! The children also had a chance to access the PE hall apparatus this week - which they really enjoyed.

Just a reminder, children need to wear a jumper and coat now that the weather has taken a bitter turn! Please remember that school jumpers must be worn - hoodies are not acceptable in the classroom.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS!

Wednesday 13 December Christmas dinner day
Wednesday 13 December KS2 Christmas carols in church
Thursday 14 December Christmas Concert KS1 - 2.30 pm
Friday 15 December 9.30 am Early Years Christmas Nativity
Tuesday 19 December EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties
Thursday 21 December KS2 Christmas parties

Village Christmas tree light switch on - 10th December at 4.30 pm with a short service from the vicar, Stephen Gardner.
Hope to see everyone there! - K Blackett

Safeguarding

At Highfields Primary Academy, the welfare of all our pupils is of great importance to us and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school, the Child Protection Officer is Mrs Wright. The academy has a duty to inform parents there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.



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