

# Highfields Primary School Newsletter



19th May 2023

## Online Safety

We have been dealing with a few cases of inappropriate use by children on social media apps in particular Discord, Snapchat, ROBLOX. These apps are for 13 years old and older.

Many of the children we have spoken to have been allowed on these apps with parental consent. Some have used parents email address to sign up. Please can you regularly check your child's chat group as we are seeing vile language, threatening behavior and name calling being used by children as young as 8 years old. We have concerned that people pretending to be the same age are asking for photographs and trying to arrange places to meet. This is something that is on the increase in the community. We will continue to deliver our online safety at school and will deliver a parent spotlight on Thursday 25th May at 2pm in the hall. Here you can bring your devices into school so we can help with privacy settings to block unwanted users.

If there is anything you are concerned about regarding the safety of your child or someone you know that comes to Highfields, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads at school ([Mr Rowe](#), [Mrs Vanzaria](#), [Mrs Singala](#), [Mrs Bolina](#) or [Mrs Hubber](#)).

## Sports Day

Sports day will take place on **Tuesday 23rd May (KS2)** and **Thursday 25th May (FS & KS1)**.

It will be held at Highfields Rangers and will start at 9.30am and the children will be back in time for lunch. The children will be competing against each other in their Houses. Hopefully, it will be a warm sunny day that will be enjoyed by everyone.



## Mrs Taib

It is with regret that Mrs Taib is no longer a member of staff at Highfields Primary School.

Mrs Taib has been employed at Highfields for 24 years but has unfortunately had to retire due to ill health. She had a wonderful send off from the children on Monday. We are truly thankful to her for her contribution and dedication to the children at Highfields past and present.

## Eid Celebration

There seems to be some confusion about the recent Eid Ul Fitr celebration. The confusion may have been because we had Eid dinner and not non-uniform.

A few of years ago, we made the decision to celebrate Eid Ul Fitr and Eid Ul Adha on a rotation basis to give both festivals equal prominence. This year, It is the turn of Eid Ul Adah which we celebrate on Friday 23rd June. When we do, there will be an assembly, Eid dinner and the children will have the choice to wear non-uniform.

As a school, we would never fail to acknowledge Eid.

### Change of Nursery (F1) End Time.



Because we have changed the start of the school day to 8:20am, nursery children, who are not 30 hours, will now be picked up at 11:20am.

The new end time will start from the beginning of the Autumn term 2023-24.

A reminder will be sent out on WEDUC later in the year.

### Statutory Assessment Test's (SAT's)

We would like to say well done to all the children and staff in Year 6.

After taking their SAT's tests last week in Reading, Math, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, they are now waiting to hear how well they have done.

They were all fully focused last week and we could see how hard they were trying even though some questions were challenging. The results are due back in the last week of term.



Until then, we will all have our fingers crossed and hope for the best!

### Upcoming Assemblies

Friday 19th May (8.45am)  
Happy Book Assembly

Friday 26th May (8.45am)  
Awards Assembly

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June  
Half-Term Holiday

Friday 9th June (8.45am)  
School Leaders Assembly

Friday 16th June (8.45am)  
Awards/Special Olympics Assembly

Friday 23rd June (8.45am)  
Eid Ul Adha Assembly (non-uniform)

Friday 30th June (8.45am)  
Awards Assembly

Friday 7th July (8.45am)  
Happy Book/Singing Assembly

Monday 10th July (8.45am)  
Attendance Assembly

Tuesday 11th July (1.15pm)  
Year 6 Production

Wednesday 12th July (1.15pm)  
Year 6 Production

Thursday 13th July (8.45am)  
Gold Awards Assembly

Friday 14th July (8.45am) Year  
6 Leavers Assembly

Monday 17th July  
Start of Summer Holidays

### Important Information Request

If you have moved house, changed your email address, or home/mobile phone number, can you please let us know so we have the most up to date information for you. There were a few times last academic year where we could not get in contact with parents in emergencies due to wrong or old information. We also need at least two emergency contact numbers.