



Monthly Newsletter 19 December 2023



We would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas
and every happiness for 2024.



ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER



Mrs Coles
96.03%



Miss Evans
95.88%



Mrs Jones
95.77%

The whole school attendance for
November 2023 is 93.90%. Persistent
absence is classed as under 90% attendance.
As a school we are aiming for at least 96%.

HOLIDAYS

The last day of school this term is
Thursday 21 December 2023,
Friday 22 December is an Inset Day.

Children return to school on
Tuesday 9 January 2024.



KEY STAGE 2 SATS WEEK

Monday 12 May 2024 to Thursday
16 May 2023 is SATs test week for all
Year 6 children.

Could we please emphasise to all Year
6 parents the importance of your child's
attendance that week.



IT HAS BEEN SO BUSY IN SCHOOL OVER THE LAST TERM

CARING CREW

Caring Crew have been busy thinking of ways to raise money for Chesterfield RSPCA and we already have lots planned for the course of the year.

We would like to thank all who attended and donated to our cause at the Coffee and Carols afternoon. We raised a massive £141.57!

Your generosity and support means a lot to us.

In the New Year, we will be arranging a visit to Chesterfield RSPCA to help out and hand over our donations.

We will keep you posted with our next plans!



ELECTION OF HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS

The children elected were :

Lucas

Captain - Mason Wass

Vice-Captain - Pippa Platts

Eyre

Captain - Soraya Churm

Vice-Captain - Mya Ryan

Gill

Captain - Abbie Williams

Vice-Captain - Lily Fletcher

Markham

Captain - Ava-Rae Needham

Vice-Captain - Tobi Dukes

Well done to all who stood for election.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

We would like to thank all the children and staff for their hard work to produce such wonderful entertainment over the last two weeks.

The nativities and carol singing has been amazing, and really made the last two weeks so special.

It has been so good to see so many family members in school.





CARE

Compassionate - Aspiration - Respectful - Emotionally Healthy

Each term we will be undertaking a project to embed our CARE values— our first of the four was C for Compassion.

It was decided we would ask for donations for the local food bank.

As part of the project the committee suggested the content for the assembly PowerPoint and proof read and finalised the PowerPoint.

They promoted the collection by seeking pledges and collected and sorted the donations.



We would like to thank the children for all their hard work and commitment and thank you all for your very generous donations.

Next half term the attention will move to A-Aspiration. We are planning a fascinating new project linked to former pupils. This will also involve the new full council that will be launching after Christmas.

APPEAL

We would like to thank everyone who contributed football boots earlier in the year.

These have now been given out.

If you have, or know of anyone, who have football boots suitable for children in Year 5 and Year 6 could you please donate them to school.

Thank you so much for your continued support.



POPPY DAY APPEAL

Thank you to all the children who contributed towards the Poppy Day Appeal.

The school raised a total of £133.92.



Least We Forget



RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

If your child was born between
1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020
they will be eligible to start school in
September 2024.

**You should apply for their infant or
primary school place by
Monday 15 January 2024.**

GOVERNORS

Do you feel you could take an active part
in the school?

We would like to invite you to stand for
election as a parent governor on our
governing body.

No special qualifications are needed,
and the most important thing is to have a
keen interest in the school and be
prepared to play an active part in the
governing board's work.

If you are interested in joining, please
call into the school office for more
information.

VACANCY PERMANENT / RELIEF MIDDAY STAFF

Lunchtime is an **important** part of our pupils school day.

We have a wonderful and valued Midday team who help children in the
dining hall and/or arrange activities to help children develop skills through play.

We urgently need more relief and permanent midday staff .

Qualifications required are: having fun, patience, a sense of humour, seeing both sides
to a problem to resolving fallings out.

The current start time for midday staff is 11.50 a.m.
1 hour 20 minutes per session.

Please contact the office if you have questions about the role
01246 273534.

If you are interested in being a part of this valued team call in to the
school office.



SWIMMING

Could we remind you that all children must bring a swimming cap on the day of
their swimming lessons and boys should wear swimming trunks not
swimming shorts.





BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Our breakfast and afterschool clubs are run here by Highfield Hall staff.

We ask that all children are signed in and out .

All sessions are run in term times, but not on inset days.



The staff arrange lots of fun activities which the children really enjoy,
in a safe and friendly environment.

Breakfast Club starts from 7.30 a.m, and as the name suggests children can have
breakfasts provided, usually cereals or toast and butter and jam.

The fee for this session is £3.50 .

At 8.50 a.m. the children are taken to their classrooms ready to start
their school day.

The after school club starts at 3.30 p.m. when children are supervised in
travelling from their classes into club.
Once there they will be given a snack

The after school club runs from 3.30 p.m. until 5.30 p.m.

Sessions are charged at £3.50 for session/part session .

Session one is 3.30p.m. until 4.30 p.m.

Session two is 4.30 p.m. until 5.30 p.m.

If you arrive after 5.30 to collect your child an additional charge of £5.00 for every
ten minutes your arrive late will be charged.

Making a booking and payment is through ParentPay before your child arrives at the club,
unless you use the Tax Free Child Care Scheme.

If you choose to use this form of payment you will need to notify Mrs Shelbourne on
dshelbourne1@highfieldhall.derbyshire.sch.uk and she will register your child and adjust
your invoice manually, once we receive payment..

Could you please ensure that the staff are aware of who
will be collecting your child.