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Highfield School Newsletter

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January 2009

Important Dates

Spring Term Parents Consultation Evening

Tuesday 3 February 2009
5.00 pm—7.00 pm

February Half Term

School closes

Friday 13 February 2009
at 2.45 pm.

School opens

Monday 23 February 2009
at 8.45 am.

Year 9 Annual Reviews

Monday 2 March 2009 to
Tuesday 10 March 2009

Year 8 Calvert Trust Trip

Monday 9 March 2009 to
13 March 2009.

Easter Holidays

School closes

Friday 3 April 2009

School opens

Monday 20 April 2009

Year 8 Annual Reviews

Monday 27 April 2009 to
Friday 1st May 2009

May Day

Monday 4 May 2009

Spring Bank Holiday

School closes

Friday 22 May 2009

School opens

Tuesday 2 June 2009

Inset Days

Monday 1 June 2009
Monday 29 June 2009

Parents Evening Tuesday 3 February 2009 5.00 pm—7.00 pm

This is a very important opportunity for all parents /carers to meet with staff, discuss progress and share in the setting of targets for the children.

There is an appointment slip attached to this newsletter. Please return this to school and we will try to provide you with a convenient time.

Ridings FM

The Highfield School Council was interviewed recently by Ridings FM. The children expressed themselves very capably indeed as they talked about Life at Highfield and the kind of activities and teaching experiences we have on offer.



Inset Days

School Governors have approved our final two inset days for 2008/9. These will be on:

Monday 1 June 2009
Monday 29 June 2009

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

I am delighted that with your support these activities are continuing to be very successful. An increasing number of children are taking part and benefiting enormously from the experiences on offer.



Highfield's Got Talent

On 5 December 2008 we held the first Highfield's Got Talent Competition.

All of the 16 performances were really superb and it was very difficult for the judges.

Our first winner was Charles Spencer who gave a rendition of "The Greatest Day" by Take That.

School Calendar 2009/10

I have attached a copy of the School Calendar for the 2009/10 academic year for your information.



Ossett Trust Choir

Six Highfield children took part in recent celebrations for the newly formed Education Ossett Community Trust held at Ossett High School on Friday 21 November 2008. It was a musical celebration involving 120 children from all the Trust schools in a newly formed Trust Choir. The celebration also included a speech by special guest, Secretary of State, Ed Balls. A celebration event including parents is planned for June. More details to follow.

Barnardo's Respect Programme

The Barnardo's Organisation has commenced a project with some of our Year 8 and 10 children. The children are being given the skills to work as trainers with adults who will be supporting young people with Special Education Needs. In effect our children are working to raise awareness of Disability and Special Educational Needs. This is a super opportunity and a marvellous learning experience for the children. I am sure we will see some great gains in confidence as the project develops.



Young Fireman's Course

Some of our Year 10 children, as part of our Work Related Learning Programme are currently accessing a Young Fireman's Course at Ossett Fire Station. Training includes learning how to remove hoses from the vehicles, procedure for rolling them out, connecting together and fitting the spray nozzle. The children greatly enjoyed aiming water into the third floor window of the practise house and to put out a fire.

A Bridge Through Time

A group of year 10 children have been working in a writing workshop with a group of elderly people from the local community. Over the weeks pupils have been interviewing elderly people about their past as an aid to putting together a book about past times, local history and customs, entitled 'A Bridge Through Time' This has been a really interesting and Enjoyable experience for all of these involved.

