



September 2017 Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Firstly, I would like to say a big welcome to all our new pupils and parents/carers throughout all the year groups at Highfield School.

Also, as in the previous newsletter I would like to direct your attention to our new website and twitter account. The website has been designed to be easier to negotiate, give up to date news and of course a chance to celebrate the wonderful work of the pupils at Highfield School. I hope you will keep in regular contact through the website and of course through twitter. A few parents have already visited the website and added themselves to our school twitter account.

Over the summer holidays, whilst all of us were enjoying ourselves, the School Business Director Pamela Liley and Caretaker Martin Hudson were working hard completing our specialist emotional health and wellbeing area. I am sure you can see from the pictures within this newsletter that this is an amazing space designed for our pupils to help learn to regulate and get help for their emotional health needs. There will be an official opening of this space where, parents, pupils, staff and our partnership organisation Engaging Education who designed this area will be invited to the opening.



Our new emotional health and wellbeing area



This term has seen the introduction of our new class teams and our Lead Practitioners:

Year 6 Transition & Year 7 Lead Practitioner

Nicola Hirst

Class Teams

7/8Kwa/RGa Mrs Warren and Mrs Garnett
Year 7PH Mrs Hotchkiss
Year 7CR Mrs Randall

Years 8 and 9 Lead Practitioner

Claire Steer

Class Teams

Year 8Mwa MrWarren
Year 8/9SSk Miss Skidmore
Year8/9LGr Mr Hodgson
Year 9AB Mrs Bates
Year 9RPa Mrs Parkes

Years 10 and 11 Lead Practitioner

Judith Hickey

Class Teams

Year 9/11LMc Mr McAlvoy
Year 10AWh Mrs Whitwood
Year 10RPa Miss Pickering
Year 11SN Mr Nicholls
Year 11SC Mrs Chalkley

Post 16 Lead Practitioner

Amanda Sheppard

Class Teams

Mrs Stobbs
Miss Beachill



I would like to bring your attention to the forthcoming Macmillan Coffee Morning. The school participates every year and there is a reply slip attached to this newsletter. We hope you can join us at our yearly event. A great opportunity to catch-up with other parents and staff.

A Big Welcome to all our new Pupils, Parents and Carers

Attendance and Holiday Requests

I would like to bring your attention to the information on the school website regarding holiday requests. I know in previous years that holidays out of term time have been given often and regularly, due to the needs of our pupils'. Unfortunately, this cannot be the case any longer and I need to consider very carefully when a holiday request is asked for. I would ask parents not to book any holidays before you have checked with the school. This should be a letter to myself and I will reply to you very quickly.

Once I receive your letter I will check if your son/daughter has had any previous holidays in the previous year (from the dated letter) and also what their % attendance for that year is. If holidays have already been granted and/or attendance has fallen below 95% then I will not be able to authorise a holiday request.

I hope you understand that the school monitors attendance very carefully and whilst we would like to support holiday requests we need to be very mindful of attendance data when granting these requests.

Health of Pupils

At the moment the school has a significant number of staff and pupils suffering from a sickness and diarrhoea bug. Our cleaning staff are being particularly vigilant at this time to ensure that we try to prevent this bug spreading any further. If your son/daughter is suffering from any symptoms, please can you keep them at home.

They should remain at home for 48 hours after the last symptom and I know this could take a few days to clear.

Miss J. M. Kiernan .

Miss J Kiernan
Head Teacher



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Macmillan Coffee Morning Reply Slip

Please return this completed slip to school if you wish to attend our Macmillan Coffee Morning Event which is being held on **Friday 29th September 2017 from 10:00am to 11:00am**

Parent/Carer's Name:

Pupil's Name:

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