



December 2018

Newsletter



Christmas Fair

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December 2018, the students worked very hard in producing, presenting and selling their fantastic products.

All the stalls looked great and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. All their hard work raised an amazing £1290.00!



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A message from the Headteacher

Thank you for your support this term. It was lovely to see so many of you here for the Christmas Fair and we are sold out for the Panto on Tuesday (oh, yes we are!) so I know I'll see many of you then as well. The staff team have worked hard to maintain business as usual in lessons, but as the term draws to a close there have been a couple of additional treats including a visiting professional Panto last week, Christmas lunch and class Discos to finish the year off on a high.

Since I last wrote to you, I am pleased to welcome two further members of staff to the team - Mr Edwards and Miss Morrow, who join us as Teaching Assistants from January. With regret, I also need to say farewell and good luck to Mr Brady. Mr Brady has had a close association with Highfield School for over 16 years, first as governor, then chair of governors, and for the last two years as the Project Search Tutor supporting learners with learning difficulties into employment with great success. Mr Brady will be sorely missed, but his new role as Business Development Support Officer for the Local Authority means that he will continue to support Highfield pupils alongside learners from across the county on similar pathways.

From us all here at Highfield, I wish you all a joyful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

Merry Christmas.

Mr P Marshall
Executive Headteacher

Descriptive Writing Competition Win!

Kobain Riley in Class 9LBr won a descriptive writing competition that was run by Principal Education. The competition was run across many schools in West Yorkshire and Kobain's entry won him first prize! Principal Education came in to school to present Kobain with his certificate in assembly. Well done Kobain.



Positional Language

7AB have been thinking about positional language. We have been finding our way around school and using the right language to say where we are. Here we are 'ON' the stairs, ABOVE the cupboards. Wave!



Panathlon

Oliver W, Charlie J, Jack J, Faith B, Jamie M, Bradley B and Summer D competed at a variety of sports in a Panathlon event on Wednesday 5th December 2018. They all did really well and came 4th overall.



Star Cook

We have had nearly 30 STAR COOKS in Cooking Skills this term. Well done to all the students. We have cooked so many different items from bread to chicken nuggets and pizza to pies. All the students who have taken part have been developing their independent working skills including safety and hygiene.



Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge

Joe Dale completed an amazing 170 mile coast to coast cycling challenge from Morecambe to Bridlington in August. He loved being part of a team, sleeping over with everyone and eating lovely food. He cycled non stop and kept the rest of the team going with his cheerfulness and singing songs especially the greatest showman. Thank you to everyone who sponsored him.

A Very Merry Christmas to all of our Students and Parents/Carers

Horticulture News

It continues to be a busy time in the school garden here at Highfield, currently most of the tasks involve garden maintenance. We have cleared all the garden plots of last years crops and have been repairing and topping up the raised beds with soil and compost. We have cut two new beds into the lawn and these have been prepared by digging and incorporating plenty of good humus into them ready for next season. All the fruit bushes and grape vines have been pruned and where required new supports have been added, pruning of the trees will take place after Christmas.

We are turning all our compost in the bins to help create the best possible compost for next year and currently using leaves to continue filling the other bins where required. All plants that were grown from seed or cuttings last year have been re potted into larger pots with new compost added where required ready for sale in the spring.

In November we received 206 hedge row tree saplings from the Woodland Trust and with the help of members of

the Ossett Round Table and Highfield students they were planted over a number of days on the allotment plot and in the wildlife area of school. It was nice to see and speak to many family members at the Christmas Fair, Horticulture stall.

I had many items of produce and plants on sale, in particular jam made from our own fruit and picked by Highfield students. Thanks for your support, all proceeds are used to buy equipment and improve the gardens for our students.



A message from your Parent Support Advisors

As we approach the Christmas break, we understand that this can be a difficult time for families. If you find yourself struggling, there is support out there.

- To access your local Children First Hubs, contact Wakefield Central Hub on 01924 303272
- For your local Food Bank, contact The Trussell Trust 01722 580180 or find your nearest Food Bank using their online search tool

- For WESAIL (formally Kids), contact 01924 304152. Note; they will be operating a limited service on the 24th 27th 28th and 29th December before reopening as normal on the 2nd January
- For emotional support 24 hours a day 7 days a week, contact Samaritans free on 116 123

We wish you all a merry Christmas and all the best for 2019, Kirsty, Lynn and Emma.

Student and Parent/Carer Open Day

On Tuesday 22nd November Post 16 LTw students enjoyed an open day with parents and carers. Everyone worked very hard to make several items in preparation for our Christmas Fair. Students, staff and parents worked together to make Christmas wreaths, wooden decorations, sweetie cones, hot chocolate cones and an amazing prize every time lucky dip. It was a great day enjoyed by all.



Cheryl H (Ben H's parent)

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really enjoyed it..thank you for inviting us along 😊



Coffee Morning

For Everyone

Tuesday 29th January
from 9.30am - 11.30am

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Thursday 28th February
from 9.30am - 11.30am



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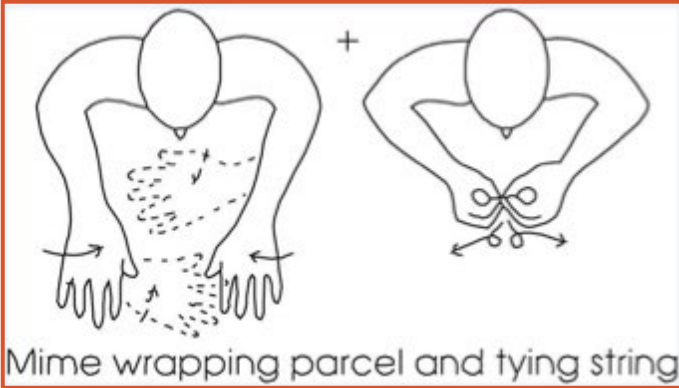


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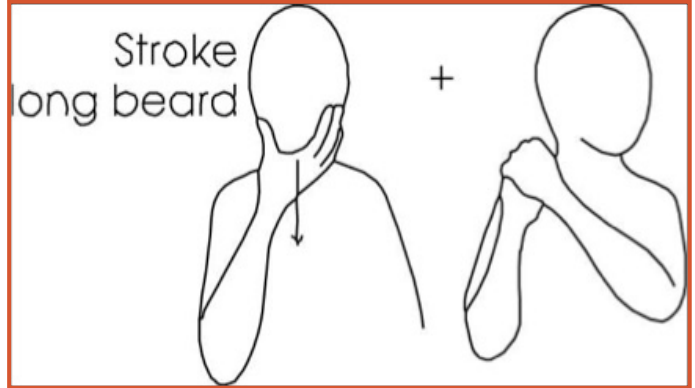


Signs of the Month Christmas Special!

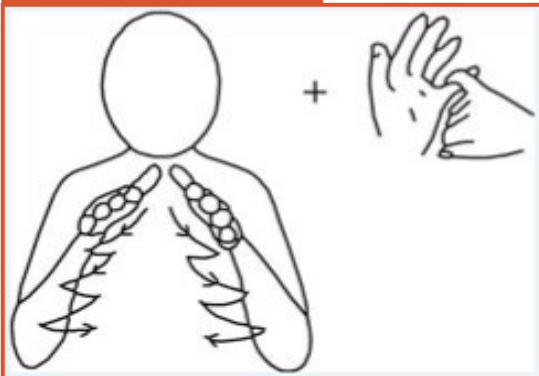
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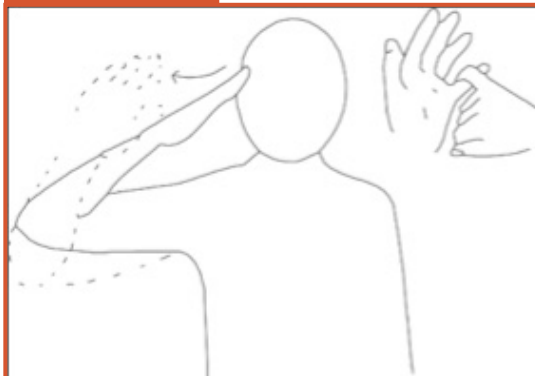
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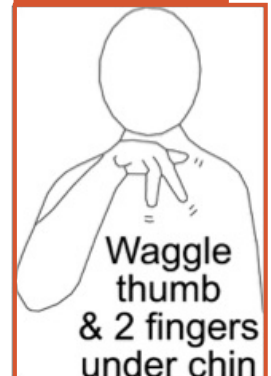
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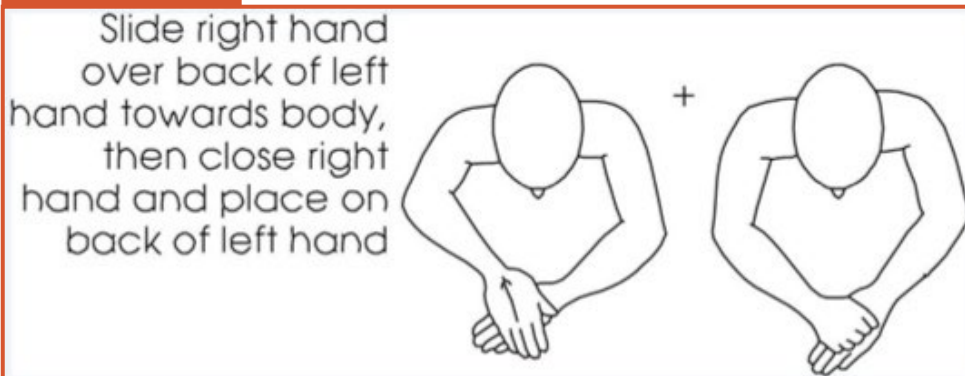
Holidays



Turkey



Christmas



Highfield School Term Calendar

January/Februar 2019

W/B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 th January	2:15 KS4 Assembly School Reopens			2:15 KS3 Assembly	
14 th January	2:15 KS4 Assembly	Parent Consultation Evening	Parent Consultation Evening	2:15 KS3 Assembly	
21 st January	2:15 KS4 Assembly			2:15 KS3 Assembly	
28 th January	2:15 KS4 Assembly	Coffee Morning 9.30am - 11.30am		2:15 KS3 Assembly	
4 th Febraury	2:15 KS4 Assembly			2:15 KS3 Assembly	
11 th Febraury	2:15 KS4 Assembly			2:15 KS3 Assembly	Last Day of Term
18 th Febraury	February Half Term				
25 th Febraury	2:15 KS4 Assembly			2:15 KS3 Assembly Coffee Morning 9.30am - 11.30am	





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