

Highfields Primary School News

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Dates and times of events for school week commencing Monday 24th September 2018

Monday 24th

- ◆ Y6 Football Match @ Ridgeway Primary School 3.30pm-4.30pm

Thursday 27th

- ◆ PTFA Meeting @2pm in school—Everyone welcome
- ◆ Parents to view Xmas card designs in their child's classroom @ 3.30pm

At Highfields we pride ourselves in our open door policy and actively encourage parents to approach school with any concerns or queries however big or small. We are aware that there are many Facebook pages out there set up by Highfields' parents for Highfields' parents which have been initiated for genuine and positive reasons and this can be a really worthwhile and useful tool. With these pages also comes an element of responsibility as they can sometimes be used to air issues or raise questions which would be better placed by approaching the school. This can cause unnecessary stress and anxiety for parents and can sometimes be misguided or blown out of proportion – and even on some occasion be completely inaccurate. We urge you to avoid using social media for such issues but instead approach the school where we can work together to resolve issues and answer questions factually.

We educate the children in the school around appropriate use of the internet and also about the dangers. Please be mindful that discussing things on social media can sometimes inadvertently upset others. When using these sites try to keep things positive and depersonalised.

We have also noticed that there is an increase in parents approaching us over incidents involving their child that they have heard about via other parents. I would urge you to be mindful of hearing things third/fourth hand as these tend not to always be factually accurate or sometimes they are taken out of context. Incidents do happen at Highfields, the same as in all schools, and we deal with each incident that occurs in a thoughtful and measured manner. We investigate and gather facts, something which is difficult to do if you are emotionally involved as a parent, and take time to listen to the sides of all parties involved. Children have varied perceptions of the same incident and it takes time to unpick this. They sometimes use words like "Bullied" or "Picked on" when talking about an incident without fully appreciating the full meaning of the words they are using. We take bullying very seriously and will always investigate such incidents thoroughly. We are also aware that these words are sometimes used when a child has fallen out or had a disagreement. It is vitally important that you listen to your child when they come home from school and inform us if you have a concern. We can then investigate and try to find the facts. We are then able to work with you to resolve any issues or put things into a context. If any of our staff have concerns please be assured that they **would** contact you to discuss things with you as we believe we work effectively when we work together in partnership. Teachers, however, won't necessarily contact you about **all** the issues that occur as sometimes these are part of the children's education regarding "getting on and falling out" and learning to deal with a wide range of social situations. Please trust us to make this judgement.



Important Message

Now that Autumn is upon us and the weather is getting cooler and rainier, can you please make sure that your child has a warm waterproof coat in school every day. Thank you.

KS2 Games Kit

Just to remind you that all KS2 children need to keep in school an outdoor games kit such as a track-suit and trainers. Thank you.

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On Monday 17th September a team from Year 6 represented the school in Burntwood Schools League fixtures against Fulfen and Hollygrove. A lot of effort was shown and the children played some good football. Unfortunately it wasn't quite enough as they lost out to two strong teams.

Thanks to parents for their support and Fulfen Primary School for hosting the games.



On Tuesday 18th September Mr Jackson was invited to represent Highfields as one of Aston Villa's partner schools at the Aston Villa vs Rotherham match.

As part of the evening all representatives were presented with a plaque and had photos taken at half time on the pitch.

A big thank you to the Aston Villa Foundation for arranging this event.

Picture News



24th September 2018

What's going on this week?



September 27th, 2018 marks the 20th birthday of the biggest search engine in the world, Google. Twenty years ago, two students, Larry Page and Sergey Brin formed Google, Inc. for incorporation in the garage of their friend Susan Wojcicki. Over the next 20 years the search engine became the cornerstone of a digital empire that covers everything from images, maps, translation, video-streaming, tech accessories, smartphones, internet browser, and even driverless cars.

Things to talk about at home...

- 🌱 Can you imagine not having any technology (phones, TV, tablets etc.) to find out information? What are some of the different ways you would be able to use to find out information?
- 🌱 Talk to a family member or friend who is over the age of 30, ask them about what life was like before we had the internet. What was harder and what did they think was better about a time before Google?
- 🌱 What do you think the next 20 years of technology will bring?

LICHFIELD COMMUNITY GAMES

BEACON
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Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th September
12PM – 5PM



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