

...Changing lives

Highfields

Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th December, 2023

Festive Cheer!

Christmas has well and truly arrived at Highfields this week. Santa took time out of his busy schedule to meet all the children, asking them what they would for Christmas and to sing some festive songs with them. We also celebrated Christmas with our traditional Christmas Dinner. It was delicious - a special thank-you to Miss Hillyard and Miss Kaye for cooking such a wonderful Christmas treat for us all!



Paddington

Wimbledon

Benjamin

Kacie-Ann

Waterloo

**Stars of
the week**

Destiny

Laycie

WESTMINSTER

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

Attendance

Wimbledon



Waterloo



KNIGHTSBRIDGE

Class	Week %	Year %
Paddington	92.2%	89.9%
Wimbledon	97.6%	93.9%
WESTMINSTER	88.9%	90.4%
KNIGHTSBRIDGE	95.8%	92.4%
Waterloo	97.1%	94.6%
Whole School	94.8%	95.1%

What are we reading?

Here are two festive book recommendations from Miss Hepworth and Mrs Bonner.

The Christmasaurus

I have enjoyed this book again and again. I say every year that I read it purely for my children, but the secret is that I absolutely love it myself! It's a story about a young boy named William and a dinosaur, the Christmasaurus. It follows their magical adventure from when they met one Christmas Eve. The book is filled with friendship, family, sleigh bells, Santa, music and magic as William learns that the impossible may just be possible.



Miss Hepworth



A Boy Called Christmas

I am currently re-reading a book by author Matt Haig, which I read two years ago in Year 1/2. I am reading this book again as it is a warm tale about faith and friendship and explores the true meaning of Christmas. Nikolas and his father, were good people, struggling to make ends

Meet at Christmas in a very harsh Finnish winter. Nikolas' father set off on a seemingly impossible mission to find Elfhelm, the mystical home of the elves. He wishes to make their lives better but faces many challenges along the way. Unknown to him, Nikolas follows his father. Will either of them make it to Elfhelm? This is a book about setting off to do something and believing against all odd it is possible.

Mrs Bonner



Diary Dates

Reception / KS1 Nativity-

12th and 14th @ 1:30pm

KS2 Christmas Carols- 13th

@ 2pm

Christmas Panto - 15th

Christingle Assembly -

18th

EYFS / KS1 Christmas

Party- 20th @ 1pm

KS2 Christmas Party – 21st

@1 pm

Start of Christmas

Holidays – 22nd @ 3 pm

Inset Day – 8th January

Back to School – 9th

January

Energy Saving Week –

January 17th-23rd

Chinese New Year –

January 22nd

NSPCC PANTS! – January

26th

National Puzzle Day –

January 29th

Reading is what? Fundamental!

Reading is **absolutely** key to accessing the rest of the curriculum! Wherever your child is in their reading journey, your child's teacher aims to support them making excellent progress.

To make this possible, we must insist that books and reading records are brought in on a daily basis and that the children are reading at home. Can you please ensure that you sign their reading record when you do.

Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible

– Barack Obama

Starting from January 8th, if children in Years 1 - 6 forget their book and record once, it is a one off and mistake. However, two or more consecutive days, children will need to spend time in Reading Club at break, catching up on the reading that should be taking place at home.

We hope you can support us encourage the responsibility and routines that are necessary and that will support your children throughout their education.

Mrs Bradford

Regular reading impacts a child's success at school. If not addressed early the educational gap widens...

