Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

I hope you continue to find the books being sent home a useful exercise and that you had the opportunity last weekend to talk to your children about their learning and progress since the autumn term. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attend the Infant parent consultation evenings and, again, I trust you found these meetings useful. I look forward to seeing more families at the Juniors the first week after the break.

During the second week back after half term, week commencing 2nd March, we will be running a number of activities on the lead up to World Book Day. Please ensure that you look out for details of the events later in this newsletter and please note our dress up day is Friday 6th March (the day after World Book Day).

It just remains to wish you all a very happy half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 24th February.

Best wishes,

Mrs Allison Morris
Headteacher

Attendance and Punctuality for January 2020
We place great importance on attendance and punctuality as there is a clear link between attainment, progress and punctuality. Attendance should be above 97%.
Please help us to improve on late arrivals into school.
E-Safety News

Do you overshare?
Just as in real life, we need to show by example how our children should behave online and set clear expectations. You need to be their role model. Are you guilty of oversha ring/not thinking before you post? If you do post online, try following these basic rules:
• Don’t post any photos of your child that show their school logo or recognisable places i.e. where they live that can make it easy for people to find out their location.
• Never include your child’s full name.
• Are there any other children in the pictures you share online? If yes, do you have permission from their parent/carer to upload it?
• Would your child be happy for your comment/photo about them to be online – remember what might be ‘cute’ now may be embarrassing to them in the future. Make sure your privacy settings are on.
• Don’t overshare! If you share everything or private information online then will your child want to chat to you about things?

Curriculum News

Safer Internet Day 2020
Children across both schools have been celebrating Safer Internet Day which was on Tuesday 11th February 2020. All children have taken part in a session throughout the week with a different focus on an aspect of E-Safety. Some children have thought about their online identity, worked out how easy it would be to crack various passwords and made some eye catching posters to teach others about aspects of E-Safety. All children have really engaged with the topic of E-Safety and have shown a good understanding of both the positives and negatives the internet can bring. Below are two websites offering advice and guidance on children’s use of the internet that you may like to look at or discuss with your child at home. Please do discuss with your child what they have learnt this week.

National Online Safety and Safer Internet

Miss Coston, ICT Coordinator
Following the Christmas reading challenge you can now find your recommended book lists on both the *Infants* and *Junior* school websites respectively. A huge thank you to Mrs Goodenough for pulling together all your amazing reading suggestions! Please take the time to look through for some inspiration on new reading choices that your children might enjoy. Both enthusiastic and reluctant readers will benefit from reading their friends’ book reviews and may be tempted into reading something they wouldn’t have chosen but turn out to love.

**Book Week** approaches shortly after the half term holiday. At Highfield this is always a big celebration of reading and the joy that books bring. Plans are underway and we will be launching the week with a visit from a children’s author to wet the children’s appetites!

Book Character dress up day will be on Friday 6th March. This year at the infants we are asking the children to come dressed up in their pjamas to promote the importance of reading bedtime stories. In the junior school, the theme is, ‘They Made a Difference’, this is to tie in with the non-fiction focus that will be celebrated all week. The theme encourages children to come to school dressed as a significant person from present day or from the past.

Avid readers make great writers so why not enter BBC Radio 2’s ‘500 Words’ Story Competition 2020. 500 Words is open to any child who is aged between 5 and 13 years old on 12th June 2020. The competition celebrates imagination and creativity - not spelling and grammar. All entries should be submitted via the BBC website and the closing date is Thursday 27th February 8pm. Good luck!

Mrs Hayward and Miss O’Prey
**English Leads**

**School Library Update from Mrs Morris**

Works are really starting to move forward now in preparation for the library to have an official opening ceremony at the beginning of the summer term. Final building preparation will be completed over the half term break and the furniture is now on order and being made.

We have sorted through all of the books we currently hold in the library and removed many which were too old or tired looking. Therefore, we are seeking donations of nearly new books in pristine condition – both fiction and non-fiction. If you are deciding to take the opportunity during the half term break to spring clean please hold on to these books and we will advise further when we are ready to accommodate them.

Thank you for parents who have so far provided invaluable support helping to sort through our current stock of books and, once our new library software is installed, we hope we can be equally supported with putting book jackets on the books and coding all of the books to the system ready for the establishment of the lending library.

These are exciting times!
Enrichment Activities

Year 1 Toy Workshop

This term, Year One have been enjoying our Toy topic. We were lucky enough to have a visit from Classroom Adventures who set up a workshop for each of the Year One classes where every child had the opportunity to make their own wooden toy. The children had great fun colouring and building their toy with its moving parts.

Mrs Shipley, Year 1

Film Club News

The Highfield Junior Film Club is extremely proud to announce that our film ‘Out of Bounds’ has been nominated for a prestigious Into Film Award in the category of ‘Best Film Under 11’. The star studded Awards Ceremony is hosted by David Walliams and will take place on the 18th of March at the Leicester Square Odeon. Following the ceremony is an opportunity to rub shoulders with fellow filmmakers at the after party at Planet Hollywood...

You can read all about the nominations here where you can also view the nominated films.

Saskia Van Roomen, Film Club

Year 2 Great Fire of London

Year 2 recreated The Great Fire of London in the Highfield playground when they burnt their models of Tudor buildings on Wednesday morning.

This helped the children to experience first hand how quickly the fire spread, especially when the wind blew. We discussed how we were feeling and how the people in the past would have felt when they lost their possessions.

Year 2 Team
School Trips

Chislehurst Caves

As part of our geography topic, The Holiday Show, Year 5 went on a trip to visit a local tourist attraction, Chislehurst Caves. The aim of the trip was to evaluate the caves as a tourist attraction and determine what a good tourist attraction must have. Prior to the trip, the children created a list of both open and closed questions to answer afterwards and then analyse to decide whether it was a good tourist attraction. In general, the children decided that Chislehurst Caves was a good tourist attraction on many areas such as its facilities, location and accessibility. Alongside all this evaluating, the children learnt lots about how the caves have been used throughout history, for example, as a World War One shelter. The children all enjoyed their day at the caves and behaved sensibly both at the caves and on the very wet and busy bus journey to and from Chislehurst!

Ms Coston, Year 5 Teacher

Sports News

Bromley Schools’ Hockey Tournament

On Thursday 30th January, seventeen children represented Highfield at the Bromley Schools’ Hockey Tournament. There were over teams in total and, due to the development of our school hockey club, we were lucky enough to be able to take two teams again this year.

Each team competed in a pool of eleven schools. From the first whistle, our children competed amazingly and they gained in confidence with every game played.

Both teams put in some memorable performances with the A Team winning 7, drawing 2 and losing 1 to the eventual finalists. The team scored 31 goals and only conceded 5! The B Team also played very well winning 4, drawing 3 and losing 3.

All of the children were a credit to the school and it was a pleasure to be a part of the afternoon. Well done to Oliver S, Fabian, Ewan D, Haoming, Katie N, Charlotte G, Ellie W, Isla S, Charlie T, Rhys D, Liam G, Taylor S, Tom H, Scarlett B, Iris B, Louisa P and Ava W.

Miss Philpott
Mr Ayres' Sports News

Year 4 Boys' Football

On Friday 31st January, a team of Highfield Year 4 Boys travelled to Eden Park High to take on a team from Scotts Park in our first Year 4 fixture. On the perfect 4g astroturf surface, Highfield played some entertaining football, running out 3 – 0 winners.
Well done to all the boys involved!

Girls' Football Team

On Monday 3rd February, the Highfield girls' football team took on a strong Alexandra side, featuring several Crystal Palace academy players, in our first league game after Christmas. Highfield battled brilliantly in horrid conditions, eventually losing 3 – 1, with our goal scored by Hanna K from an excellent corner from Scarlett B. The following week we had another tough league game against Bickley at home. In truly horrendous conditions, both teams fought bravely to secure a 0-0 draw. Well done to all the girls involved!

Bromley Tag Rugby Tournament

On Thursday 6th February, Highfield took two teams to the Bromley Borough Tag Rugby tournament. This is the biggest tournament held in the borough in terms of teams participating and the standard is always exceptionally high.

Our Cup team played superbly in the group stages, going unbeaten and qualifying comfortably for the 3 way final group, in which we would play Oak Lodge and Balgowan. In our opening finals match, we lost narrowly to an Oak Lodge side featuring a very quick player, before drawing 1–1 against eventual winners Balgowan, meaning we finished 3rd overall. Special mentions must go to Ewan D for leading the try scoring with 8 (including 4 in one game), Tom H for his superb captaincy skills and Lily A for being a rock in defence (including taking 6 tags in one game).

Our Development team played extremely well in their group stage, finishing with a record of 5 wins and only 2 losses, including a narrow, last minute defeat against eventual development tournament winners Hayes. Special mentions go to try making Troy O, who scorched his way to 10 tries over the course of the day, and Christian H for his robust attacking and defending.
Well done to all the children involved!
Mr Ayres’ Sports News Continued

Football

On Friday 7th February, Highfield boys’ football team travelled across to Hayes for our first league fixture of 2020. Facing a strong Hayes side, Highfield started brightly, with the pace of Henry B a threat on the break. We soon took the lead, an excellent corner being nodded home by Harry W. Hayes soon found their rhythm, and Highfield were pressed back into their own half for much of the game. This pressure told as Hayes equalised in the second half from the penalty spot, with the game eventually finishing 1–1.

The following week we played local rivals Pickhurst in a Cup game. On a boggy pitch, Highfield produced some of our best passing football of the season, and came away with a deserved 3–1 win, with goals from Harry W, Henry B and Troy O (pen).

Well done to the boys for two great results!

London Youth Games Sportshall Qualifier

Having won the Bromley borough competition, Highfield went on to represent Team Bromley at a London Youth Games Sportshall Qualifier in Carshalton. The standard of this competition is extremely high, with the top schools from across London battling to secure a top 3 finish and earn qualification for the London Youth Games. There were some fantastic performances on the day and all the children gave everything in every event. Overall, we finished 6th which is a fantastic achievement in our first year of competing at this level of Sportshall athletics.

Well done to all involved!

To promote healthy choices a new outdoor gym has been installed between the Infant and Junior schools. The gym can be used by children from both schools during their break times.

We hope this will boost activity levels and encourage the children to try something new!
### Term Dates Across Both Schools

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You can help raise money for our schools every time you do your usual online shopping or even booking your family holiday. Just sign up and 4,000 shops and sites will donate for free when you make a purchase with them. This includes all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, M&S and many more!

Sign up [here](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and easyfundraising will match the first £5 you raise!

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St Mary’s Pre-School Bingo Night

Saturday 29th February 2020
Doors open 7:30pm, Bingo at 8:00pm
St Mary’s Church Hall

Prizes & Raffle, BYOB, Soft Drinks & Nibbles Available
Tickets: £10 per person and can be purchased:
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmaryspreschoolbingonight](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmaryspreschoolbingonight)

Highfield Infants have been invited to participate.
Please submit your entries (named) to Highfield Infants’ School Office by 28 February.
**Highfield Junior School Premier Sport Clubs**

CLUBS STARTING SPRING TERM 2 / SUMMER TERM 1

Premier Sport will be delivering two extra-curricular activities throughout the Spring term 2 & one club in Summer term 1.

What will the activity clubs consist of?

For all kids that love SPORT...

Many children have ambitions to play for their favourite teams or to set out on a path that might lead them to become the Olympic stars of the future.  
SPORT Active introduces the skills, techniques, rules and regulations of a wide variety of sports and activities, from Tag Rugby, Football, and Gymnastics to Multi-Sports.  
All children are encouraged to take part at a level that suits them and through which they can see their skills develop into superstars of the future.

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Please note due to low numbers from the juniors for Tag Rugby we have decided that above course will be the last course this year for the Juniors Tag Rugby.  
Also to booked onto the above course you will need to click on the Highfield infants course online.

How do I book?

1. Visit www.premier-education.com
2. Look at the top right hand side of the page and click “BOOK NOW”  
3. Type the School Postcode – BR2 0RJ  
4. Click on the desired course and follow booking procedures entering your child’s name where indicated and enter all detail.

If you have any questions/problems please make your way to the Premier website www.premier-education.com.  
Book early to avoid disappointment at www.premier-education.com or call 01053 490040

Attention!!

Late policy: On the first occasion parents who are late to pick children will be noted.  
On the second occasion they will be charged £1 per minute after 5 minutes have lapsed. Premier Sport will exercise the right to exclude children from the club whose parents are late more than twice in a term. A £10 admin fee will be incurred against any refund.

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