

NEWSLETTER



Welcome

A warm welcome to new and returning children at Highfield Nursery School from Headteacher Ruth Coleman. We look forward to a fantastic year together and Mrs Coleman encourages parents to approach a member of the team with any concerns or queries.

Our website has a wealth of information – please visit the link at the top of this newsletter.



Important Contact Details

Highfield Nursery School

Main Office – 01473 742534 Ext1

Children's Centre - 01473 742534 Ext2
or 01473 263360

We have two further pre-schools as part of our Highfield family:

Early Years @ Highfield, based on site at Chesterfield Drive - 01473 742534 Ext3.

Early Years @ Highfield - Whitehouse, based on Waterford Road - 01473 748483

Whole Centre

Staff Changes

We would like to welcome Daisy Chittock to the Highfield team! She will be working in the Nursery School as an Apprentice Early Years Educator and we look forward to getting to know her more.

Governing Body

The Governing Body of volunteers, including parents, staff, community members, and Local Authority appointees, led by Chair Andrew Morrison, supports the school. Contact governors@highfield.suffolk.sch.uk for more information or to reach a governor.

Parking

Please remember to be extra vigilant when parking near the Centre. Use our shared car park with Castle Hill Community Centre on Highfield Road or park on nearby side roads instead of directly in front of the Centre.

Gate

Please remember upon entering and leaving the Centre to shut the gate behind you. This ensures everyone's safety at all times.

Tapestry & Family Apps

All Nursery School parents/carers should now have received a link to set up Tapestry and Family. Family is for communication and sending information including invoices, while Tapestry is for the online learning journeys, sharing photos, videos, and observations. Contact the main office if you need help or have any questions regarding these apps.

Clothes

Please label all your child's clothing to prevent items getting lost. Remember to pack spare clothes, including underwear and socks. As it gets colder, send a coat, hat, and gloves for outdoor play.

Dragonflies & Bumblebees

Dragonflies and Bumblebees nursery classes for 3-year-olds and over will focus on welcoming and settling children and families, emphasising personal, social, and emotional development. The curriculum this term includes traditional stories like Monkey Puzzle and the Three Little Pigs.

A tooth-brushing program will be introduced to promote healthy habits. Parents/carers are encouraged to sing the "Toothpaste song" with their children for fun tooth brushing when at home.

Toothpaste song.

(Tune 'sing a song of sixpence')
 Sing a song of toothpaste,
 Squeeze it on our brush,
 Clean them in the morning,
 There's no need to rush,
 Clean them in the evening,
 Makes them shining bright,
 Round and round, up and down,
 What a smiling sight!



Friends of Highfield

The Friends of Highfield (FoH) fundraising committee is excited for fundraising opportunities in 2024/2025, organising events like the Christmas Bazaar and Summer Fayre to raise funds for activities and resources.

They seek new fundraising ideas and members to continue supporting children's experiences. They have previously funded puppet shows, new bikes for the garden, sensory toys and so much more! They are always looking to recruit new Friends so they can continue funding resources and experiences for the children.

Parents/carers are encouraged to get involved by attending the occasional meeting and by contacting the main office or the Facebook page @ipswichfriendsofhighfield.



Children's Centre

At the Children's Centre we provide support, advice and mostly FREE activities for you and your child (between the ages of 0 to 5).

Like our Facebook page to get updates about what we are currently up to. Our Facebook page can be found by typing into the search bar, 'Highfield and Bramford Lane Children's Centre'.

Please look out for our brand-new programme which has been sent to you all on Family. This will include groups such as Infant Massage, Stay & Play and Sensory. We are so looking forward to seeing you at some of our groups!

Butterflies

Butterflies nursery class for 2-year-olds offers both funded and paid sessions, following the Early Years Foundation Stage. This term they will be reading traditional stories like "Owl Babies". There will also be a focus on welcoming and settling children and families.

Several of the Butterflies have moved onto Dragonflies and Bumblebees class this term and we would like to wish them luck in their new classes.

Toilet Training

Toilet training can sometimes feel stressful and you may not be sure where to start. Our wonderful team in the Children's Centre run parent workshops on how to get started with toilet training and have lots of helpful tips to help your child be successful. Please keep a look out for upcoming dates for our drop-in sessions and speak to your child's key person for any additional advice they might have.

If you would like a paper copy of this newsletter with clearer text please ask the office staff.