

HIGHFIELD NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

Happy New Year

Dear Children, Parents, and Carers,
I hope you had a peaceful Christmas and a healthy New Year. Welcome back to nursery for the Spring term! My door is always open for any discussions about your child, please pop in and speak to me or make an appointment with the main office. Tapestry is a great way to see nursery activities and share your child's experiences at home. For assistance with Tapestry, please contact Mollie in the main office.
Mrs. Coleman



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 15th January - Deadline for School Admissions
- 21st January - Miraiker's World of Puppets
- 23rd January - Children's Centre Advisory Board
- 17th - 21st February - Half Term
- 24th February - All Children Return
- 4th April - Last Day of Term
- 7th - 21st April - Easter Holidays
- 22nd April - PD Day
- 23rd April - All Children Return

REMINDERS



There has been a rise in children running towards the gate when leaving nursery. As Chesterfield Drive is a busy road particularly during drop-off and pick-up, please ensure your child walks with you and that the gate is closed behind you to prevent any child from leaving the premises.

Please provide your children with warm coats, hats, and gloves for their time in the garden. Labelling their items helps return misplaced belongings. Consider using gloves or mittens with elastic or ribbon to help them keep track of them.



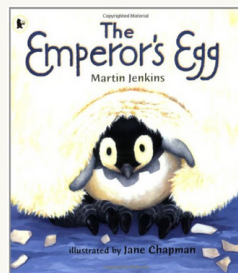
FRIENDS OF HIGHFIELD

Thank you to all who contributed and came along to the Christmas Bazaar. We raised a grand total of **£926!** The afternoon was such a great success and that is down to your kind donations and getting involved on the day. The money raised will support purchasing of vital resources and activities across the centre.

DRAGONFLIES & BUMBLEBEES

The Spring term began with the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', featuring activities like making porridge playdough and role-playing in the bears' cottage. Children will be learning Makaton signs and enjoying a puppet show by Miraiker. They also will explore polar bears and penguins with sensory experiences.

Upcoming topics include Winnie the Witch, penguins and Antarctica, where they will read 'The Emperor's Egg' and create a life-sized emperor penguin to compare heights. Discussions will cover energy use and its impact on polar ice melting, along with eco-friendly practices like turning off lights. The term will conclude with the Lunar New Year celebration.



CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Take a look at our exciting new spring term programme for children aged 0-5 years! Make sure to follow our Facebook page, "Highfield and Bramford Lane Children's Centre," for updates.

Our next Advisory Board meeting is on 23rd January, at Castle Hill Community Centre from 11am, where we welcome your views and suggestions. Remember it's vital we gain your feedback of our services, so we keep providing what is needed. For more details, email highfield.cc@suffolk.gov.uk.

Stay tuned for our February half-term programme, which will be shared via Famly and Facebook.

BUTTERFLIES

Happy New Year! With new gadgets for Christmas, consider making your devices secure for your children.

Recommended sites to visit for tips include:

- kidsmart.org.uk
- thinkuknow.co.uk
- know-it-all-for-parents

Please also visit the following link for a guide on apps:
<http://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-guide/>

The Butterflies have also been reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' as well as 'Polar Bear Polar Bear'. They too will enjoy a puppet show by Miraiker on 21st January.

