



Newsletter

November 2024

Friends of Highfield

Christmas Bazaar

Save the date and spread the word! We are holding our Christmas Bazaar this year on **Wednesday 11th December 2024, 4pm-6pm.**

Father Christmas

During the Christmas Bazaar, we will be having a visit from Father Christmas. Tickets will be £3.50 per child and will be on sale shortly, please keep an eye on Family.



Dress Up Day

We will be having a dress up day on **Tuesday 3rd December.** We are asking the children to come to nursery in their pyjamas. We will also be having hot chocolate during the day. All that we ask in return is that you donate a contribution to a raffle prize; wine/spirits, chocolates, toiletries or vouchers if you know any small business owners who can donate.

Christmas Raffle

We are hosting a Christmas Raffle as part of the Christmas Bazaar, with the draw on **Thursday 12th December.** Each family should have received a book of tickets; if not, contact Mollie or Beth. Tickets cost 50p each or £2.50 for a book of 5. Additional books can be requested from the office at admin@highfield.suffolk.sch.uk. If you do not wish to sell your tickets, please return it for redistribution.



Server Weather Guidance

In the event of severe weather can we please ask parents to check for information on school closures through: BBC Radio Suffolk Website www.bbc.co.uk/radiosuffolk Or <https://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk/e> and/or listen to BBC Radio Suffolk. Please note there will be no information on the Highfield phone line.



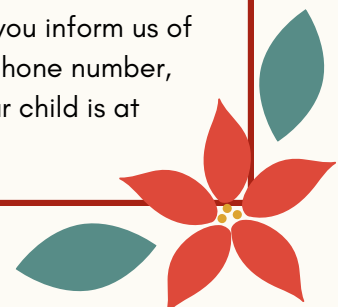
Reminders

Please be extra vigilant when parking at the Centre, even for quick drop-offs, please use our car park off Highfield Road where possible.



As the weather gets colder, please provide your children with coats, hats, and gloves, as we go outdoors regularly. Remember to label all items, as we receive many similar items daily at the nursery.

Please keep your contact and medical information updated. It's vital you inform us of any changes, especially your phone number, so we can reach you while your child is at nursery.



Upcoming Dates for the Diary

- **Children in Need** - This year we will give a percentage of what is raised at the bazaar to the cause.
- **School Photographer - Tuesday 19th November** - If your child doesn't usually attend on Tuesdays, you can bring them to the main office between 1pm and 3pm. Please inform the office when you will be coming in.
- **Nativities - Wednesday 4th December** - Times, location and further details to follow on Famly.
- **Christmas Lunch - Thursday 12th December** - Children who usually have lunch on this day will enjoy a delicious, traditional Christmas dinner.
- **Christmas Parties - Tuesday 17th December for Butterflies - Wednesday 18th December for Dragonflies & Bumblebees** - Times and further details to follow on Famly.
- **Last Day of Term - Friday 20th December 2024**
- **PD Day - Monday 6th January 2025**
- **All children return - Tuesday 7th January 2025**
- **Half Term - 17th February - 21st February 2025**



Dragonflies & Bumblebees

Curriculum

The first half term in nursery school has been wonderful, with children focusing on physical, social, and communication development. The nursery garden has fostered exploration and friendships. They have engaged with 'Peter Rabbit' and we encourage families to share home experiences on Tapestry. The November theme is 'Space,' covering planets and rockets, followed by nativity preparations where children can select roles and receive costumes.



Applying for a School place

Parents of children born between September 1, 2020, and August 31, 2021, must apply for a primary or infant school reception place by January 15, 2025. Applications can be made online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions or via a paper form available from Mollie in the office. Schools' often have open days, so look out for information we will send out for various local schools. Parents can apply to three schools, providing backup options if the first choice is unavailable. For assistance with applications, contact the main office for support from family practitioners at Highfield Children's Centre.

Butterflies

This past half term Butterflies were reading the traditional stories 'owl babies' and 'the three little pigs'. We also focused on welcoming all the children to the room following the summer break.

This half term we will be reading 'Whatever Next' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', whilst also enjoying all the celebrations and activities around Christmas.

Children's Centre

Christmas Party

The Children's Centre Christmas party this year will be on Tuesday 17th December 10am-12pm. Why not dress in your festive jumpers and get ready to sing, dance and enjoy some games? Spaces are limited so keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information, around the beginning of December.



Programme

Our full programme can be found through this link: <https://www.highfield.suffolk.sch.uk/page/?title=News+%26amp%3B+Events&pid=9> Or by visiting our Facebook Page: 'Highfield and Bramford Lane Children's Centre'. Please contact us if you have any queries or questions - 01473 742534 ex2