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**End of Autumn Term Letter 2023**

Dear families,

As we come close to the end of the Autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support during our first term of the school year. It has been a busy term with lots to celebrate.

**Congratulations!**

Many of you will be aware that there have been two weddings during the term. I am sure you will all join us in saying congratulations to Mrs Philips (previously Wake) and Mrs Collins (previously Simpson) who both married earlier this term.

**Extending the School Day**

You may remember, we carried out a consultation in the Spring term, when schools were being asked to extend their school day. The consultation gave families the chance to share their views on the impact of an extension to the school day. It was agreed by all that our school day will now end at 3.30pm.

**Therefore, the school day will end at 3:30pm from January.**

**Events, Educational Visits and Clubs**

We have had many exciting opportunities this term and due to kind donations and organisations offering free events, we have been able to attend many of these free of charge or for a small donation.

September	October
Book Workshop - EYFS Multi Skills - EYFS Bike 4 Health- Y5	Cross Country Event - Y5/6 Sports Festival - Y2 Book Workshop - Y5/6 Girls 6-a-side Powerleague - Y5/6 Boys football tournament - Y5/6 Tag Rugby event - Y Library Visit - EYFS Autumn Disco - Whole School Bike 4 health - Y5 Cycling Proficiency - Y5/6
November	December
Cinema Trip - EYFS Odd Socks day - Whole School Cinema Trip - Y5/6 Cinema Trip - Y3/4 Cinema Trip - Y1/2	Elf Day - Whole School Bike 4 Health - Y3 Christmas Movie Night - Y1 - Y6 Panto Visit - Y1/2 Christmas Production - Y1/2

Children in Need - Whole School Fire Safety Talk - Y3/4 Gibside National Trust Visit - Y3/4 Gibside National Trust Visit - Y1/2 Author in School - Y1/2 Glo Event - Y5/6 Panto Visit - KS2 Life Centre Visit - Y5/6 Panto Visit - EYFS Bike 4 Health - Y3	Strathmore Rd Church Visit - EYFS Christmas Lunch - Whole School Choir singing at local nursing home - KS2 Strathmore Rd Church Visit - Y1/2 Christmas Production - EYFS Christmas Production - KS2 Santa Ride - Y5 Christmas Parties - Whole School
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After-School Clubs have included:

- Gardening Club - Run by Strathmore Rd Church
- Choir Club - Run by Strathmore Rd Church
- Rugby Club - Run by All Starz
- Art Club - Run by school staff
- Maths Club - Run by school staff

### **Fundraising**

At Highfield, we believe that charity and fundraising days at school are an opportunity for children to learn about important causes and issues that affect the world around them. Thank you for your generous donations. We are proud to say that we have raised money for the following causes:

- Breast Cancer Awareness = £101
- Poppy Appeal £120
- Genetic Conditions (Jeans for Genes) = £100
- Children in Need = £119.00
- Alzheimer's Society (Elf Day) = £65
- Harvest Collection = Local Food Bank
- Highfield School Fund (Disco, Movie Night, Christmas Productions) = £850

### **Christmas Productions**

I am sure you will all agree that the Christmas productions were 'out of this world'. We have lots of talented children here at Highfield and it is a joy to watch them all perform in the shows. Well done to all the children and staff involved, you did a wonderful job.

Finally, Spring term starts Tuesday 9th January. I hope you and your families have a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the staff at Highfield Community Primary School.

Yours Sincerely,

Claire Spencer