



Highcliffe Headlines

Courage Compassion Respect

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Living Out The Golden Rule On And Off The Pitch

How wonderful has it been to enjoy some warm September sunshine this week? We have certainly made the most of it in school with lots of outdoor learning and playtimes out on our field. Let's hope this sunny weather continues!

This week, guided by the words of Matthew 7:12 we have made an effort to remember to treat others as we would want to be treated ourselves and we have been really proud of the many ways we have seen this in action across the school. Often known as "The Golden Rule", this is what makes our school such a great place to be.

Continuing this theme, I was really impressed with the sportsmanship and courage shown by our year 5 and 6 boys and girls who tried out for our football teams this week.

Establishing teams to represent our school at development and competitive events will really develop their sense of belonging and we can't wait to see how they get on as the year goes on. Thank you to Mr Fullerton, Mr Withey and the other staff who organised the trials.

Lunch Ordering Update

Now the children are all on roll, and hopefully all our new starters are familiar with the lunch ordering system on Arbor we are changing back to order a week in advance.

From Friday 2nd October lunches will need to be ordered one week in advance.

As a reminder, you do need to have enough credit in your account to cover all lunches you are ordering, although the balance will not be taken until the lunch is eaten.

Equipment at Drop Off and Pick Up

We have lots of tempting play equipment in our playgrounds, which the children use during the day, under the correct supervision.

Please could we ask that you **do not let your children play on the equipment before or after school**. We are not able to supervise children at this time and would like to keep everyone safe. We also need to minimise the time gates are kept open for safeguarding reasons.

Church Volunteers

We are issuing a plea for more Y2 volunteers to support Y2, 4 and 6 to walk to church next Thursday for the Harvest service. You would be needed from 10.10 until approximately 12.00, to walk there and back. Please email if you think you can help.

Governor Updates

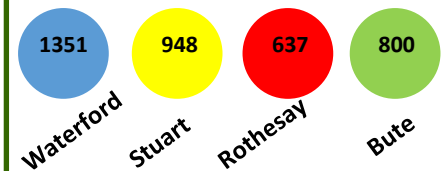
We are delighted to share that Mrs Lisa Caola stood and was elected as our Chair of Governors once again and that Stuart Sawyer stood and was elected as Vice Chair at our FGB meeting on Thursday evening. Continuing the strong Governance Leadership for our school!

Harvest Foodbank Collection

We will be collecting donations for the Christchurch Foodbank next week, there will be boxes outside the office all week, and on the gates on Thursday morning. Every donation really does make a difference.

House Point Totals

Next week our Houses will identify and celebrate members demonstrating courage, compassion and respect.



Attendance Matters

Last week's whole school attendance was 96.2%.

Our overall attendance so far this year is 96.6% - just short of our target 97%.

The year group with the highest attendance last week is Year 3 with 98.5% - well done Year 3!

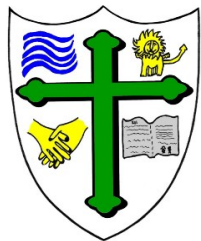
Please remember every minute counts as learning begins as soon as children enter school. Being on time is as important as getting into school.

Reading Challenge Champions

Well done to all those children who completed this year's BCP libraries summer reading challenge. One of our reading ambassadors, Persephone, went one step further and entered a design competition and we were delighted to hear that she won the "design an album cover" category with her design for the book "My Headteacher is a Vampire Rat" (hopefully, not inspired by her actual Headteacher!) Well done Persephone!

Children's Commissioner's Big Future Survey Reminder

Only 25 children from school have completed this survey so far so we have been asked to remind families again about [The Big Future Survey](#). Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner, is very grateful for your participation!



More Headlines & Dates

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Dates	Event	Times	Location	Parents	Notes
28 Sep & 2 Oct	Open Day—for those interested in joining our school				Email the office to book a tour
29 Sep	Flu Immunisations				Sign up through link in NHS letter
29 Sep	Fledglings Open Evening	4.30-5.30	Fledglings		Come along to look around
30 Sep	Open Evening—for those interested in joining our school	5.30-6.30	KS1 Hall		Email the office to book
1 Oct	Y2, 4 & 6 Harvest Festival	10.30	Church	Y	Parent helpers required, email the office
12—14 Oct	Y6 PGL Residential				
13 Oct	Y4 Celebration Assembly	2.20	KS2 Hall	Y	
15 Oct	School Nurse Drop-in	9.00-10.00			Email the office to book a slot
19 & 20 Oct	Individual & sibling photographs				
21 Oct	Y6 Celebration Assembly	2.20	KS2 Hall	Y	
22 Oct	Reception Welcome Service	2.00	Church		
23 Oct	INSET Day				
26—30 Oct	Half Term				
3 & 12 Nov	Reception—Y6 Parent Consultations	3.30-6.30	KS1 Hall	Y	More information to follow
13 Nov	Reception Autumn Discovery Day		Wildlife Area		
11—18 Nov	PSHE Life-Ed Tent				
20 Nov	Y3 Celebration Assembly	2.20	KS2 Hall	Y	
20 Nov	Y1 & 2 Disco	5.00-6.15	KS1 Hall		More information to follow
2 Dec	Fledgling Showcase & Parent Meetings			Y	More information to follow
3 & 7 Dec	Y1 Nativity	2.15	Church	Y	More information to follow
4 Dec	Y2 Nativity	9.30	KS1 Hall	Y	More information to follow
4 Dec	Y3 & 4 Disco	5.30-7.00	KS2 Hall		More information to follow
4 Dec	Y5 & 6 Disco	7.15—8.45	KS2 Hall		More information to follow
8 & 10 Dec	Reception Nativity	9.30	KS1 Hall	Y	More information to follow
8 Dec	Y2 Nativity	2.00	KS1 Hall	Y	More information to follow—note updated time
8 Dec	Carols by Torchlight	5.00-6.30	Ks2 Playground	Y	More information to follow
10 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day				
14-18 Dec	Christmas Party Week				More Information to follow
15 Dec	Carols by Torchlight—Reserve Date	5.00-6.30	Ks2 Playground	Y	More information to follow
18 Dec	Last day of term—finish 1 hour early				