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**Highfield**  
Nursery School &  
Children's Centre

# NEWSLETTER

HIGHFIELD NURSERY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Dear families,

We hope you all had a wonderful half term break.

**The term ends on Thursday 28th March for the Easter break and the children return on Monday 15th April.**

#### National Offer Day

National offer day on 16th April is when you should receive notification from your local council, informing you whether your child has received a place at their applied for primary school from September 2024.

In the first week back after Easter, you will receive an email from us asking you the name of the school your child has been offered a place at. This will help us to ensure transitions are as smooth as possible and ensure your child knows the other children he/she will be going to school with.

#### Nursery places for September 2024

Places are still available in all rooms for September, so please let your friends and family with young children know. Contact the office on 01473 742534 for more information.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Thursday 28th March** - Last Day of Term

**Friday 29th March** - Bank Holiday

**Monday 15th April** - Start of Term – All Children Back

**Tuesday 16th April** - National Offer Day

**Monday 6th May** - Bank Holiday

**Saturday 11th May** - Highfield Hands – Family Fun Day

**Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May** - Bank Holiday & Half Term

**Monday 3rd June** - All Children Back

**Tuesday 11th June** - Frinton Beach Trip

**Thursday 18th July** - Last Day of Term

**Friday 19th July** - PD Day – Non-pupil day

## NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

#### Story Curriculum

This term, we are focusing on environmental sustainability. The book '**10 things I can do to help my world**', helps the children focus on what we can do to conserve energy and nature, like turning off lights and feeding birds. You may notice the bird feeders in the nursery garden and near the main entrance. We also explore growing plants from seed to help develop an understanding of nature and conservation.



#### Online Safety

Each newsletter we try to give you some up to date information regarding online safety for pre-school children. We want to help your children to make safe decisions when using the internet and start forming good habits in the amount of time they spend online.

#### Early Years - Online Safety Starts Early

Internet Matters have a wonderful set of resources on their website specifically for schools and parents of early years children. The resources are a 4-episode series covering good habits, being mindful, device safety and digital chats. [Early years online safety video guides](#) | [Internet Matters](#)

#### Second-Hand Devices

Parents will often hand down out of contract devices to their children. This is great, it can save a lot of money, but there needs to be consideration before handing older devices to children. You can find lots of useful information, things to consider and guides to second-hand devices from Internet Matters [HERE](#).

## Highfield Hands – Family Fun Morning

We will soon be opening up the Nursery School, Children's Centre and garden for the morning for you to enjoy. Come and get a taste of what we get up to at Highfield and use some of the resources. We look forward to seeing you for some free fun with your whole family. **Saturday 11th May 2024, 10am–12noon, here at Highfield Nursery School & Children's Centre, IP1 6DW.**

## CHILDREN'S CENTRE NEWS

Our **Easter programme** will soon be available, so look out on our Facebook page and Family or ask at the office for a paper copy.

Our **Facebook page** has daily updates on what we are getting up to at the Children's Centre. We can be found by using this link: <https://www.facebook.com/highfieldchildrenscentreipswich/>

### **Little Talkers – Communication & Language Support Group**

**1:30pm–2:30pm – Thursdays, Dates to be confirmed. (Invite/Referral Only)  
New Location: Bramford Lane Annex – St Thomas's Church Hall, Bramford Lane, IP1 5BS.**

A group for parents/carers to come along with their child and explore fun activities which will help to support their speech and language development. Call 01473 742534 ext2 or email [highfield.cc@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:highfield.cc@suffolk.gov.uk) to enquire about an invite to the group.

## BUTTERFLIES NEWS

### **Story Curriculum**

In the Butterflies classroom, the current focus is on the storybook '**We all go travelling by**', introducing colours, modes of transport, and music. The interactive book encourages singing and helps develop sequencing skills. We are sure you will hear your children singing it at home too!

