

HIGFORD NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2023

Key Dates for this half term

- **Friday 17th November-** Children in Need- cake sale for students and casual dress. £2 donation suggested for casual dress and £1 for cake sale.
- **Thursday 7th December-**Christmas Jumper day
- **Friday 15th December-** 1.00pm- Frost Fayre
- **Wednesday 20th December-** Christmas dinner- Christmas jumpers welcome.
- **Friday 22nd December-** End of term disco- children to bring party clothes if they would like.
- **Friday 22nd December-** end of term

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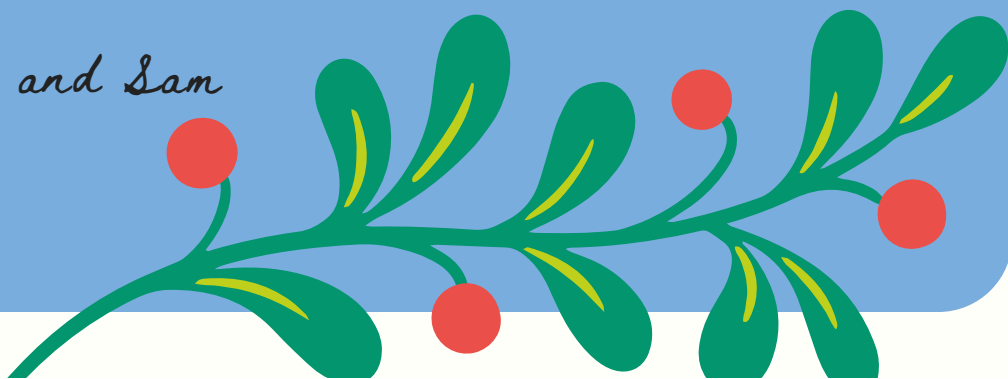
We have had a great start to the academic year with a positive first half term for the learners. We have had a number of new students start this term who have settled in well. It has been great to see the way they have settled in and how the existing students have been so welcoming and have begun building new relationships.

The students have been learning about our topic 'Industry' and have engaged well in many exciting learning opportunities. This topic will continue for the rest of this term. Some of our younger students have started horse riding this term and they have made great progress already; it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow.

We have some lovely events coming up over the next half term and we look forward to seeing the children take part in these and having your ongoing support.

As always we will have our Christmas 'Frost Fayre' on the second to last Friday of term (15th December). Each class will have a stall at this with either a game or craft that they have made for sale and we would love to see our parents/ carers there. This year there will also be a raffle so please be generous and donate any prizes. Tickets for this will be available on the day only. If you aren't able to attend but would like to purchase some tickets please send money in on the day with your child (£2 per strip).

Rich and Sam



Raffle Donations

This year we are putting together some raffle hampers as prizes at the Christmas Fayre.

These are being made up of items sent in by the children. There will also be a Christmas hamper put together by the teachers.

If you feel able to do so, we would be grateful if you could send in a donation by **Monday 11th December**.

Donations could include chocolates/ biscuits, toiletries, books, bottles or anything else you think would be nice to receive!

Tickets can be purchased on the day for £2 per strip. If you are unable to attend you are able to purchase tickets by sending in money with your child.

There will also be a cake/ drink stand on the day. We will also gratefully receive any cakes/ biscuits for this by **Thursday 14th December**.

Parent/ Carer Communication

We continue to have two local parent/ carer governors, Claire and Emma, who both have sons at Higford and are always available for a chat or to answer any queries if needed. They will both be at the Christmas Fayre if you would like to speak to them.

They continue to manage a parent/ carer private Facebook group which they would like to thrive:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/224407454855628/?ref=share>

If you have any questions for either of them their contact details are:

claire.beasley@live.co.uk

e.keefe@hotmail.com



As well as parent/ carer governors one of our teachers, Eloise, is our pastoral lead and, alongside the allocated class teacher, is available to provide support to students and their families/ carers.

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Uniform

- We ask that you continue to send named wellies/ appropriate footwear in as well as waterproofs that can be left in school as we are outside quite a lot throughout the week.
- We also ask that you send in a PE kit for your child including a white t shirt, blue/ black shorts or joggers and trainers if they do not already wear these.
- If you also need any bigger/ new polo shirts/ jumpers please do ask.

Website

A copy of our term dates for next year as well as our menu is available online on our website for your information.

