



# Alsager Highfields Primary School

*Mighty oaks from small acorns grow*

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Dear Parents & Carers,

This past week has been full of events and surprises. It was wonderful to see so many members of the wider community at Town Sports on Monday. This event has been hosted at Highfields for as long as I can remember, and it's always a pleasure to welcome the other local primaries to our school. Although we didn't come away with a trophy this year, I was incredibly proud of our pupils—their effort and behaviour were outstanding. They represented Highfields brilliantly, and if there had been a prize for deportment, I'm confident we'd have been strong contenders. We looked especially smart in our new PE kits!

On a personal note, I was both humbled and surprised to be named a bronze winner for *Headteacher of the Year in a Primary School*. I had no idea I'd even been nominated—let alone that I'd been successful—until Mr Middlebrook presented me with the award and a letter from Michael Morpurgo during Tuesday's assembly. It was a truly special moment. Thank you for all the messages of congratulations and good wishes—they have meant more than you can imagine. Of course, no school thrives without a strong team behind it. I'm incredibly fortunate to work alongside such a dedicated and talented group of people who make Highfields the special place it is. Looking ahead, I'm especially excited about the next phase of our development. In September, we'll be welcoming even younger children as we open our brand-new pre-school—an important milestone that I know will enrich our school community even further.

Rachel Woollam

## Broad & Balanced Curriculum

One of the things I'm particularly proud of at Highfields, is our curriculum offer. Over the past fortnight, year four have been on their residential to Owestry, year one have enjoyed a visit to Reaseheath and year three have enjoyed an Egyptian workshop. These opportunities are just a few examples of how we strive to create a vibrant, broad and balanced curriculum for all our pupils.



## Welcome to Miss Cooper and Miss Burke

We are delighted to welcome **Miss Cooper** and **Miss Burke** as our Year One teachers for the next academic year. Miss Burke is relocating to Cheshire from London and brings with her a wealth of enthusiasm and fresh ideas. Miss Cooper will be a familiar face to many, having completed part of her teacher training at Highfields earlier this year. We are thrilled to have her return as a full member of the teaching team.

## Staffing for Next Academic Year

The staffing for classes next year is as follows:

Pre-school—Mrs Ward

Reception—Mrs Lindblad

Year 1a—Miss Cooper & 1b—Miss Burke

Year 2—Mrs Harry

Year 3—Mrs Wynne

Year 4—Mrs Matthew

Year 5—Mrs Dyde & Miss Baggaley

Year 6—Mrs Harrison

All pupils will get the opportunity to work in their new classroom with next year's teacher on July 2nd for transition day.



## Staffing Changes

After 17 dedicated years as the Reception teacher at Highfields, Mrs Millichap will be moving into a new role next year, working part-time across the main school. She will be covering release time for both Mrs Wynne and Miss Cooper. At a time when the school needed stability, Mrs Millichap selflessly increased her working days at the request of school leaders. Her commitment and the positive impact she has had on raising standards for our youngest pupils cannot be overstated. We are deeply grateful for her continued dedication and look forward to the difference she will make in her new role.

## Our 'Non-fiction Nook' is open.

We are excited to share that our *Non-Fiction Nook* is now up and running, and it's already being enjoyed by our pupils. This dedicated space is designed to spark curiosity, support research skills, and encourage a love of factual reading across all year groups. A huge thank you goes to Mr and Mrs Holland of HMM for generously funding this wonderful addition to our school. Their support has enabled us to create a purposeful, inviting area where children can explore the world through books — from science and history to geography and biographies.



### Enterprise

We have some budding entrepreneurs in our midst!

Huge thank you to Emily, Amber, Cleo and Martha in year four, who have been busy making jewellery to sell at a stand at the bottom of their street. The girls wanted to raise money for the school and made an incredible £50 during their sale.

As it was their initiative, the girls will be consulted on what we spend the money on.

Huge well done!



### Silver Awards

Huge well done to our silver award winners.

Y3— Vincent C-H, Max G, Shalom A, Alfie D, Rafe G and Amelia H

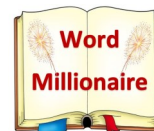
Y4—Jenson C

### 'Gold Award'

Another five gold award winners!! Huge congratulations to:

Y1—Edward K-A and Kasey T

Y5—Sophie W, Harrison H, Grace B



### Word Millionaire

The word millionaires keep coming and we are particularly proud of our latest four:

Rosie C, Charlie P from Y5 and Lyla H and Sophia EB from Y6

### Lost Property

We have a MOUNTAIN of jumpers, cardigans and hoodies in school that we cannot return as they are unnamed. If you are missing any items of uniform, please do ask and we will do our best to 'reunite you' with your child's items. Otherwise, all items will be washed and given out to those who are in need of additional jumpers etc.

Please do ensure all uniform is clearly labelled as it makes our job so much easier when we find items of clothing. Thanks for your anticipated support.

### Tennis Success

We have some silverware!!

This week, our tennis team triumphed in a local schools tournament, and we couldn't be prouder of their performance. Competing against strong teams from across the area, our players demonstrated outstanding skill, teamwork, and determination throughout. Every match was hard-fought, but their composure under pressure and sportsmanship stood out just as much as their talent on the court. Bringing home the Phil Ingram Cup was a fantastic achievement and a well-deserved reward for all the hours of practice and commitment they've shown. A huge well done to the whole team!



### Music lessons

We offer a many music lessons at Highfields and are proud of the number of pupils we have learning piano, brass, woodwind and percussion.

In a recent assembly, pupils got to see and hear a variety of instruments being played and music lessons with Music for Schools tutors will be available from September. We also offer piano lessons with Music Squad as well as drumming with Dan Coppack. If your child is interested in learning either the piano or drums, please email the office where your child's name can be added to the list.

For brass and woodwind lessons, please register your interest at [www.mfsf.org.uk/interested](http://www.mfsf.org.uk/interested)

Equally if you would like your child to learn an instrument and would like to enrol them, please visit [www.mfsf.org.uk](http://www.mfsf.org.uk) and click on Enrol.

