

Highfield Primary School March 2016 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers

The sun is shining this morning, the daffodils are starting to grow; it must be springtime! Our spring concerts and Easter egg competitions will be taking place in a few weeks time. Reception and KS1 children may bring their hard boiled eggs on Monday 21st March and the children will then decorate the eggs at school. The winners will be announced on Thursday 24th March in our Easter Assembly. KS2 children are asked to decorate their eggs at home and bring in their finished eggs for judging on Thursday morning, 24th March. Year One's spring time concert takes place on Tuesday 22nd March at 9.20 a.m. Year Three's concert is on Wednesday 23rd March at 9.20 a.m. School closes for the Easter weekend on Thursday 24th March and opens on Tuesday 29th March. The spring term ends on Friday 1st April and the summer term begins on Monday 18th April.

Our Parents' Evenings will be held on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st March. This year you will be asked to book a time slot via our Parent Mail facility. E-mails explaining how to do this will be sent out shortly and the booking window opens on Monday 14th March. We hope this new way of making appointments will be quicker and easier for everyone. If you have any trouble making your appointment on line please contact the school office.

Congratulations to our before and after school club "Best Family Childcare at Highfield". The club was inspected by Ofsted in the February half term holidays and received an outstanding judgement. This is an excellent result and very difficult to achieve. I was particularly pleased to read the comment; "Partnerships between staff and teachers at the host school are exemplary." You can read the full report on the Ofsted website.

Our school choir took part in an interfaith event at Allerton High School a couple of weeks ago. It was uplifting to see different schools coming together to sing and enjoy themselves. Thank you Mrs Hollick and Mrs Palenski for organising the event and working so hard leading the choir.

Thankyou also to The Friends for yet another successful Quiz Night held on Friday 26th February. Kate tells me she thinks the event raised nearly £1500 which is absolutely amazing. I won't mention the team that came last, but I can announce that I am interviewing and holding auditions for places on my team next year! Our next fundraising event is an Auction of Promises which is taking place in April.

Our hall extension building programme is moving along well and the council are still confident that the new hall will be completed by the end of the summer holidays.

Staffing and Governor news: Maureen Savery who has been a governor at Highfield for over 8 years has resigned from her role. I would like to thank Maureen for her excellent contribution to the governing body and the very positive support she has always given Highfield. Maureen was one of the governors who appointed me as head teacher seven years ago and so I have a lot to be grateful to her for. The governing body is delighted that councillor Dan Cohen has volunteered to join the committee. Councillor Cohen is an active member of the Alwoodley, Moortown and Roundhay Cluster and has also worked quite recently with Highfield parents regarding the Ring Road pedestrian crossing.

I have attached some great photos of our World Book Day held last Thursday. As always, Highfield parents are brilliant at supporting such events in school. The children looked great and we all had a super day celebrating books and reading. My Rapunzel hair even managed to make a bid for freedom out of my office window!

Julie Colley

