



Highfield Primary School

Newsletter

June 2014

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we start the last busy half term of the school year, we are all looking forward to the many events and celebrations which make our school so special.

Payments from September 2014

The Governing Body have reviewed our charges and payments policy.

Key Stage 2 daily dinner money payments will remain at £2. Cheques should be made out to Leeds City council, or to register for online payment, please contact the school office.

As you are aware all children in Reception and KS1 will be eligible for a free school dinner from September. Please remember to inform the school office if you would like to register your child for a school lunch in September. Please also remember to return the special dietary form to the school office if your child has special dietary needs.

Parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2 and Reception(the term they turn five) should continue to register and pay for school milk at www.schoolmilk.co.uk

Our music tuition charge (peripatetic musical instrument tuition in years 4 – 6) is £50 per term. In September the Year 3 children will have a weekly ukulele lesson free of charge as part of our school music curriculum.

Workshops in school will continue to be free of charge for parents and we thank The Friends for their annual donation of £3000 which has made this possible.

The governors are very supportive of the school's extensive range of school trips which support our outstanding curriculum. They fully appreciate the parental support in paying for these visits. Without the full financial support of parents our programme of curriculum trips would not be able to go ahead.

Reminders

Please be reminded that for health and safety reasons children are not allowed to play on the school playground, field and trim trail area after school.

Staffing News

I spent the last week of last half term interviewing some very strong candidates and I am delighted with the appointments we have made for September.

We have three outstanding teachers joining our staff; Mrs Anna Flynn will be joining the KS1 team, Miss Helen Ryder will be joining the KS2 team and Mrs Jane Fforde will be joining the Reception team.

Miss Kate Ings has been appointed to work in our Reception team as a teaching assistant.

I will send out a full class structure for September in July and the children will receive their new class information in their school reports on 11th July. They will then meet their new teachers and visit their new classrooms on Monday 14th July.

Attendance Regulations

Please be reminded that the 2013 Attendance regulations clearly state that: ***Headteachers may not grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.***

- Holidays will not be authorised by the Headteacher.

- Leave of absence can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Receiving a full school education is essential for all children to make the best progress they can. We are sure you will continue to support us in improving attendance and will choose not to take family holidays in term time.

Dates Summer Term 2014

June

6th Pirate Day in Year 1
 7th Roundhay School FUN RUN 10 a.m.
 10th Maths workshop for KS2 parents 5.30 p.m.
 16th Phonic check week for Year 1 children
 16th Skipton Castle trip 2BM
 17th Skipton Castle trip 2T
 16th Phonic check week for children in Year 1
 23rd Marrick week
 23rd Fit Week in school. Lots of events in school such as Street Dance, Skipping and Golf
 25th Staff Tour de France sponsored cycle in school
 25th Whole school aerobics on the school field at 3 p.m.
 27th Free Sport Dress Day in school (no charge to wear your sporty clothes but we would appreciate it if your child could bring a bottle for the summer fair bottle stall)

July

1st Reception trip to Newby Hall
 2nd Year 1 trip to Scarborough
 3rd Choir and recorder concert 2.30 p.m.
 7th Sports Week - 9.20 a.m. start on the school field
 7th Reception classes
 8th Years 1 and 2
 9th Years 3 and 4
 10th Years 5 and 6
 11th Tour de France and sports week celebration parade on school field 2.30 pm
 11th Steel pans day for Year 5. Performance for school and parents on the school field at 3 p.m.
 11th Reports home to parents
 12th Summer Fair afternoon
 14th Bun Day Monday Year 1
 17th Year 6 Production for staff and parents at 6.30 p.m.
 18th Teddy bear picnic and lunch on the field (school dinner children will be given a lunch box) All children may bring a teddy bear to school today!
 21st Key Stage 2 Talent Show
 22nd Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 9.10 a.m. (parents invited) followed by bowling morning

Wednesday Class Sharing Assemblies 3 p.m. in the hall

June

11th June 1W
 18th June 3B
 25th June – Whole school aerobics on the field led by 4E

July

July 2nd 3BC

Training Days for 2014 – 2015

Monday 1st September 2014
 Monday 3rd November 2014
 Friday 13th February 2015
 Monday 20th July 2015
 Tuesday 21st July 2015

I look forward to seeing you at one of our many events this term
 Julie Colley

