

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 4th July—Nursery trip to Ash End Farm

Tuesday 5th July—Choir at Movie Magic concert

Wednesday 6th July—
- Reception Sports Day AM
- Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day PM

Thursday 7th July - Mufti day for Summer Fayre

Friday 8th July—
- 5L class assembly
- Year 3 Whole Class Jam AM
- Summer Fayre 2-4pm

Monday 11th—Friday 15th July—Scholastic Book Fayre all week

Monday 11th July—Nursery Sports Day

Tuesday 12th July—
- Y3 & 4 Sports Day AM
- Y5 & 6 Sports Day PM

Wednesday 13th July—Violin assembly at 9am

Thursday 14th July—
- Y6 French Breakfast
- Parents' Evening 4-7pm

Friday 15th July—Year 3 and brass band assembly at 9am

Monday 18th July—Football team assembly at 9am

Tuesday 19th July—Year 6 end of year production

Friday 22nd July—children break up

Monday 5th September—Training day

Tuesday 6th September—children return to school

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Sports Day

Unfortunately our KS2 Sports Day was cancelled due to the condition of the school field, which was extremely wet following the poor weather we've had recently. We have rearranged for Tuesday 12th July. Year 3 and 4's sports day will take place in the morning and year 5 and 6's will be held in the afternoon.

Reception and KS1's sports day will be held on Wednesday 6th July. Reception's will take place in the morning and year 1 and 2's will be held in the afternoon.

Nursery's sports day will take place on Monday 11th July in the morning for AM nursery and in the afternoon for PM nursery

You should have received a letter containing further information for all our sports days.

Nursery September 2016

We currently have a few places available for afternoon nursery in September 2016. If you or someone you know is interested in their child attending our nursery please speak to the school office as soon as possible.

Teacher Strike Action

You may have seen in the press that a teacher strike is planned for Tuesday 5th July. Highfields is unaffected by this strike action and school will be open as normal.

Musical Assemblies

Year 3 and our brass band will be performing in assembly on Friday 15th July at 9am. An assembly has also been planned for our violinists which will take place on Wednesday 13th July at 9am. Parents of those children performing will receive a letter, please return the slip provided to confirm if you are able to attend.

Parents' Evening

Our next Parents' Evening will take place on Thursday 14th July from 4pm until 7pm and will have a slightly different format to previous evenings this year. As a result, no crèche will be provided. A letter containing further information will follow early next week.

Reminder

Can parents be reminded that school ends at 3.15pm for Reception, 3.30pm for afternoon nursery and 3.20pm for the rest of the school. Can we please ask that parents who arrive early avoid disturbing children and staff in the Early Years and KS1 playground.

Sandals

Some children may wish to wear sandals during the summer term. For safety reasons can we please ask that any sandals worn have backs in and a strap to hold the foot in place. White, black or grey socks must be worn.

SHAPE Summer Programme

The SHAPE Youth festival 2016 will take place at Sandwell Valley from 1pm-7pm on Saturday 23rd July 2016 and will launch the six-week SHAPE parks activities. It will include a music festival including local acts, YouTube acts and a celebrity guest performance. The festival will launch the SHAPE summer parks activities that will take place from Monday 25th July to Saturday 4th September 2016 at a number of Sandwell parks with activities

for all the family. Please visit www.sandwell.gov.uk/summer for more information.

Safety Challenge Team

Congratulations to our year 5 Safety Challenge team who came first in Sandwell's area final of this year's School Safety Challenge, which is run in partnership with West Midlands Fire Service. Winners of all area finals in the West Midlands have been invited to take part in the 'Brigade Final' to be held at Safeside on Saturday 9th July. Good luck to our Safety Challenge team!

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to all that took part in the ballot to appoint two new parent governors. We are pleased to confirm that Mr Jonathan Hill and Mrs Laura Doran were the successful candidates.

Summer Fayre & Mufti Day

Our Summer Fayre will be held on Friday 8th July from 2-4pm. On Thursday 7th July children can come to school in their own clothes and donate any of the following items:

- Bottles of any variety (from drinks to bubble bath etc.) for our bottle tombola
- McDonald's toys
- Toys, games, books, cuddly toys (in good condition please)

Please send in as much as you can spare as your contributions really help make the fayre a success!

Our school brass band will be opening the fayre and all children will be making things to sell on school stalls. There will be lots of other attractions too, including a Splat Face and a Party Bus! Please try and support us if you can.

Due to our Summer Fayre taking place during the school day, safety of the children is paramount. All children will be taken around the fayre with their class teachers prior to the fayre being opened to the public. Therefore, if you are unable to attend but wish to send some money in with your child in a named envelope, please do so and they can spend this whilst with their teacher. If you would like to collect your child at 2pm to enable you to visit the fayre with them, then please collect your child from the doors listed below and the teacher will sign them out. To reduce queues, children can be collected from various external doors as follows:

- Nursery – Nursery conservatory door
- Reception – Reception conservatory door
- Year 1 – Year 2 external classroom doors
- Year 2 – Year 2 external classroom doors
- Year 3 – Miss Hornby's classroom door
- Year 4 – Mr Kemble's door
- Year 5 – Mrs Lewis' door
- Year 6 – Mrs Comery's door

Please note that once they have been signed out, then they will be your responsibility for the rest of the afternoon. Thank you for your co-operation and we hope that you enjoy our fayre as the children will be working very hard to produce items to sell.

Football Team

There will be a special presentation assembly for our football team on Monday 18th July 2016. Parents of the children in the football team are invite to attend at 9am.

