

### Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 6th October—60 children on Swan Lake trip

Wednesday 7th—School photographs

Wednesday 14th October—Parents' Evening

Thursday 15th October—  
- Parents' Evening  
- Harvest Festival

Friday 16th October—Reception trip to Blackheath Library AM

Thursday 22nd—Parliament trip for 28x Year 5 children

Friday 23rd October—  
- 6C class assembly  
- Breakup for half term

Monday 2nd November—Children return to school

Thursday 5th November—Y2 trip to Dudley Zoo

Friday 6th November—  
- 1E class assembly  
- Y6 trip to Chester Zoo

Friday 13th—Y5 trip to Cosford

Friday 20th November—4P class assembly

Friday 27th November—Year 4 trip to Lunt Roman Fort

Friday 30th November—Year 6 Residential to Ingestre Hall

Tuesday 1st December—Y1 & 2 Flu Vaccinations

Friday 4th December—5B class assembly

Friday 18th December—break up for Christmas

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Message from our Chair of Governors

As Chair of the Governing Body at Highfields, I would like to welcome pupils, parents and staff at the start of a new school year at Highfields. Last December we had an Ofsted inspection which was very positive with inspectors commenting that 'Overall, pupils make good progress in their learning and develop into well-rounded young people who, when they leave at the end of Year 6, are prepared well for later life.' In our role as Governors we shall continue to support Mrs Heap and the staff at Highfields to provide the very best environment for our pupils to grow and develop while enjoying their time at Highfields.

The governing body has eleven governors, five of which have children at Highfields. We draw support from the local community and have a range of experience which we apply in our role as Governors. This year we welcome Mrs Smith who has a daughter in nursery.

This year governors have been assigned to specific year groups and we shall be undertaking visits throughout the year to our year groups, talking with children and staff, about their experience at Highfields.

### Uniform

Can we please politely remind parents that school uniform is a white polo shirt, grey skirt or trousers, blue cardigan or jumper and black shoes. Trainers are not part of school uniform and should not be worn. Long hair should be tied back and jewellery and nail varnish should not be worn in school for health and safety reasons. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### Healthy Eating



It is of utmost important to us that all of our children are happy, safe and healthy. In Key Stage 1, all children have a daily snack of fruit and we aim to continue this healthy attitude when snacking as they progress through school. To help with this, we ask that you are mindful of the snacks that are sent in for children during morning break in Key Stage 2. Our school policies state that these should be healthy snacks, for example a piece of fruit, yogurt or rice cakes and not chocolate or crisps.

We are thrilled to now be one of the schools with the highest school dinners uptake in Sandwell, with an average of 260 dinner of our children having a hot dinner on a daily basis. The children are very complimentary about these, and we are very proud of the catering team that we have here at Highfields.

### School Photographs

A reminder that the photographer will be in school on Wednesday 7th



October, taking photographs of individuals and families. Parents/guardians are more than welcome to bring younger, pre-school aged brothers/sisters into the hall to have family photos taken with their brothers or sisters in school from 8.10am.

### Friends of Highfields AGM

This is to remind you that Friends of Highfields Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at the Waterfall Pub, Waterfall Lane at 7pm.

### Spooky Lunch

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Fresh Catering will be preparing a special Spooky Lunch, which will include hotdogs, fish and chip, pumpkin shortbread biscuits, jelly and watermelon. School dinners cost £2 and can be ordered online via our School Gateway or through the school office.



### Smoking in Private Vehicles

We have been asked to communicate that from 1st October 2015 it will be illegal to smoke in a car (or other vehicles) that is enclosed wholly or partly by a roof with anyone under the age of 18 present.

### Sandwell School Nurse Ambassador Project & Young Carers

Sandwell School Nurse Ambassador Project is now entering its second year here at Highfields Primary School. The aim of the project is to recruit, train, support and facilitate young people to become School Nurse Ambassadors for the course of an academic year. The main focus is to encourage young people to get involved with public health promotion and shape delivery of service within their own school community along with promoting the role of the school nurse.

The following Year 5 pupils were successful in their applications for this important role.

- Jannah Begum
- Sharna Massey
- Roxanne Dunn
- Faith Rudge
- Miraj Ahmed

The first project that they will be working on is around raising the awareness of Young Carers.

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September we held a mufti day here at Highfields to raise funds for this worthwhile charity, thank you to everyone that supported this.

I am also pleased to confirm that we have been achieved a Bronze Young Carers in School Award, which is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates our support for this important charity and it's Young carers.