

Newsletter - 5th November 2013

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday 6th November—

- Year 3 trip to Birmingham Museum
- Book Quiz Team Semi Final

Thursday 7th November—Year 4

trip to Cadbury World

Friday 8th November—5R class

assembly

Tuesday 12th November—

- Year 5 trip to RAF Cosford
- Nursery AM trip to Haden Hill

Wednesday 13th November -

Nursery PM trip to Haden Hill

Thursday 14th November—

Reception Trip to Sea Life Centre

Friday 15th November—

- 3K class assembly
- Children In Need

Wednesday 20th November—

Parents Evening 4-6pm

Thursday 21st November—Parents'

Evening 5-8pm

Friday 22nd November—

- 4NB class assembly
- Friends of Highfields Fashion Night

Tuesday 26th November—Trip to

Theatre

Friday 29th November—RE class

assembly

Friday 6th December—Friends of

Highfields Christmas Fayre—2pm-4pm

Wednesday 11th December—

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 12th December—Carol

Service at St Paul's

Friday 13th December—Nursery and

Reception Nativity Play

Monday 16th—Friday 20th Decem-

ber—Year 6 trip to Ingestre Hall

Tuesday 17th December—Key

Stage 1 Christmas Concert

Thursday 19th December— Foun-

deration Stage Christmas party

Friday 20th December—KS1 Christ-

mas party

Monday 23rd December to Friday

3rd January—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 6th January—children

return to school

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the second half of this autumn term. I hope that you have had a pleasant break with the children.

During the last week of term we successfully held a Safety Week in school. The children enjoyed learning different aspects of safety with a whole school focus on fire safety. The children enjoyed trips to Safeside and visitors in their classes before presenting their findings to other classes.

A big thank you to Mr. Jew who spent the day in school delivering fire safety talks to all classes. The children learnt lots as well as enjoying getting the opportunity to wear or see their teachers wear a fire fighters uniform.

Here are some reminders about events this half term.

Children In Need Friday 15th November

The children are invited to come into school wearing their pyjamas for a donation of £1. Key rings and wrist bands will also be on sale for the children to buy. Mrs Adams and Mrs Hodgson will be making cakes with some children in the new science and cookery room and there will also be a raffle for a large Pudsey Bear. Children are asked to bring in 1p and 2p coins to decorate a large Pudsey. Events being held for Nursery children will be communicated separately.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will be held on Wednesday 20th (4-6pm) and Thursday 21st November (5.30pm – 8pm). A separate letter will be sent out this week to enable you to book appointments. Please do try to attend if at all possible.

Fashion Night – Friday 22nd November

This is a Friends of Highfields event and it will be held in the school hall. A company will bring clothes from High street shops at discounted prices and these will be shown during the fashion show followed by the opportunity to purchase them afterwards. Entrance is by ticket only



and can be purchased from the school office. A licensed bar will also be available. We anticipate this event selling out quickly and so please buy tickets soon!

Christmas Events

Whilst some Christmas dates have already been included in previous newsletters, I know that many of you appreciate as much notice as possible to enable you to book time off work etc. Please find below the key dates:



- Friday 6th December – Christmas Fayre from 2pm – 4pm.

Our school brass band will be opening the fayre and all children will be making things to sell on school stalls and there will be a limited number of private stalls too. Father Christmas will also be making an appearance in his grotto! Please try and support us if you can.

- Wednesday 11th December – Children's' Christmas Dinner.

A letter will be sent out shortly to enable you to book this meal in advance.

- Thursday 12th December – Carol Service.

Our annual Carol Service will be held at St Paul's church, with all children walking to church to take part. Parents are welcome to come and join us and the service starts at 1.30pm. If you are able to help walk the children down to church, please see your child's class teacher and give them your name. All help appreciated!

- Friday 13th December - Foundation Stage Concert at 2pm.

The children in Nursery and Reception will perform their nativity for parents. A letter will follow closer to the time to enable you to obtain tickets.

- Tuesday 17th December – Key Stage 1 concert for parents at 6pm.

As with foundation stage, a letter will be sent out nearer the time to enable you to obtain tickets.

- w/c 16th December—

Christmas parties will take place this week.

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School Website

Our school website will be re-designed over the forthcoming weeks. We hope that the new version will be more useful and user-friendly for parents. I will keep you updated with when it is ready.



Ragtex Collection

Our next Ragtex collection will be on Thursday 7th November 2013. This is an opportunity for you to get rid of any unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags and books and raise money for school.

Please bring any items into school before 9.00am on the 7th November.

If you are in PM nursery then please bring your items in on the afternoon of the 6th November ready for collection by Ragtex the following day.

Please do not send anything into school before these dates as we just don't have room to store them.

Handwriting Hall of Fame

The children listed below are the winners of the handwriting competition this half term and will be going into the Handwriting Hall of Fame. Well done!



- Nursery - Jasmine Rickard
- Reception - Rebecca Willetts
- Year 1- Lauren Patrice
- Year 2- Ramahia Nega
- Year 3- Madelaine Priest
- Year 4- Dylan Radcliffe
- Year 5- Harriett Woodhouse
- Year 6- Jonathan Guy

Poppies

The school prefects will be selling poppies to children during playtime this week.

National School Meals Week—mission:nutrition

Sandwell IPS will be launching their new school meals brand mission:nutrition during national School Meals Week this week. To celebrate the launch, all students staying for a school meal on Wednesday 6th November will receive a free mission:nutrition pack.



Packed Lunches

If you're opting for packed lunches for your child, you'll want to make sure they meet your child's nutritional needs. After all, when children eat better at lunchtime, they do better in class in the afternoon. For top tips on what makes a healthy lunchbox please visit the link below.

<http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/parents/packed-lunches>

Term Dates

Below are details of term dates for the rest of this academic year. Should you require them, term dates for 2014/15 can be found on Sandwell MBC's website -

http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200295/schools_and_learning/2561/school_term_dates_and_holidays_201415

Autumn Term 2013

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January

Spring Term 2014

Term starts: Monday 6th January

Half term holiday: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February

Term ends: Friday 11th April

Easter holiday: Monday 14th April to Friday 25th April

Summer Term 2014

Term starts: Monday 28th April

Bank holiday: Monday 5th May

Half term holiday: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Term ends: Tuesday 22nd July

Summer holiday: From 23rd July

Training Days

Local elections and the European Parliament elections will be held on Thursday 22nd May 2014. Therefore, school will be CLOSED on THURSDAY 22ND MAY for elections and also FRIDAY 23RD MAY for a training day. This will mean that the children will break up for half term on Wednesday 21st May and will return to school on Monday 2nd June.

School Results

I thought that all parents would like to see the 2013 results for Year 2 and Year 6. The tables are shown on the next two pages.

Year 2

This table shows a summary of the National Curriculum assessment results of pupils in the school (2013) and nationally (2012) at the end of Key Stage 1, as a percentage of those eligible for assessment.

RESULTS OF TEACHER ASSESSMENT											
Percentage at each level											
			W	1	2C	2B	2A	3	4	Disap- plied Children	Absent Children
Speaking & Listen- ing	Boys	School	2	13	-	73	-	10	0	0	0
		National	2	13	.	67	.	18	0	0	0
	Girls	School	0	5	-	72	-	23	0	0	0
		National	1	7	.	65	.	26	0	0	0
	All	School	1	9	-	73	-	16	0	0	0
		National	2	10	.	66	.	22	0	0	0
Reading	Boys	School	2	12	13	35	23	13	0	0	0
		National	3	13	12	24	24	23	0	0	0
	Girls	School	0	4	2	33	23	39	0	0	0
		National	2	8	9	22	27	31	0	0	0
	All	School	1	8	8	34	23	26	0	0	0
		National	2	11	11	23	26	27	0	0	0
Writing	Boys	School	2	20	23	33	17	3	0	0	0
		National	4	18	22	29	18	10	0	0	0
	Girls	School	0	5	12	25	33	25	0	0	0
		National	2	10	16	30	25	18	0	0	0
	All	School	1	13	18	29	25	14	0	0	0
		National	3	14	19	29	21	14	0	0	0
Mathematics	Boys	School	0	10	22	37	17	12	2	0	0
		National	2	9	14	25	25	24	0	0	0
	Girls	School	0	5	11	39	23	23	0	0	0
		National	1	7	14	29	30	19	0	0	0
	All	School	0	8	16	38	20	17	1	0	0
		National	2	8	14	27	28	22	0	0	0
Science	Boys	School	2	15	-	67	-	15	0	0	-
		National	2	10	.	66	.	22	0	0	.
	Girls	School	0	9	-	65	-	26	0	0	-
		National	1	8	.	71	.	20	0	0	.
	All	School	1	12	-	66	-	21	0	0	-
		National	2	9	.	68	.	21	0	0	.

- Includes all schools with pupils eligible for assessment at Key Stage 1. Participation by independent schools is voluntary, therefore only includes results from those independent schools which chose to make a return and which met the statutory standards for assessment and moderation.
- Speaking and Listening and Science subjects do not report level 2A, 2B and 2C, only level 2. These are shown in the 2B column for the purposes of this table.
- Absent and Disapplied are not reported in science main level but are reported as U (unable). These are shown in the disapplied column for the purposes of this table.
- '-' represents 'Not Applicable'.
- 'x' indicates a figure not shown in order to protect confidentiality.

Year 6

These tables show the percentage of Year 6 pupils achieving each level in 2013, compared to national end of Key Stage 2 Teacher Assessment Levels and Test Results for 2012.

The number of eligible children is: 57 Figures may not total 100 per cent because of rounding.

TEACHER ASSESSMENTS										
		Percentage at each level								
		W	1	2	3	4	5	6	Pupils	Pupils
English	School	0	0	2	9	42	44	0	0	0
	National	1	1	3	11	49	35	1	0	0
Mathematics	School	0	0	0	4	46	47	0	0	0
	National	1	1	3	11	45	36	4	0	0
Science	School	0	0	2	14	60	21	0	0	0
	National	1	0	2	11	50	36	0	0	0

TEST RESULTS									
		Percentage at each level							
		Below	3	4	5	6	Pupils	Pupils ab-	
Grammar Punctuation & Spelling*	School	4	16	32	46	0	0	0	0
	National	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reading	School	0	11	46	40	0	0	0	0
	National	6	7	38	48	0	0	0	0
Mathematics	School	0	7	46	44	0	0	0	0
	National	4	11	45	36	3	0	0	0

W represents pupils who are working towards Level 1, but have not yet achieved the standards needed for Level 1.

* The result awarded in this test is indicative of a pupil working at the level reported rather than a true National Curriculum level as for other tests.

** This result represents children who were not entered for the tests because they were working below Level 3 in English or Mathematics, children awarded a compensatory level from the tests, and children entered for but not achieving a level from the tests.

Pupils working at the levels of the tests, but unable to access them.