

Dates for your Diaries

- Friday 18th March—
 - Sports Relief
 - RD class assembly
- Monday 21st March—Year 2 Fabulous Finish
- Tuesday 22nd March—Nursery and Reception Easter bonnet parade 2pm
- Wednesday 23rd March—
 - KS1 Easter bonnets 2pm
 - KS2 Decorated Eggs
- Thursday 24th March—
 - Year 1 Knight & Princess party
 - children break up for Easter
- Monday 11th April—training day, school closed
- Tuesday 12th April—training day—school closed
- Wednesday 13th April—children return to school
- Tuesday 19th April—class group photographs
- Thursday 28th April—Year 1 Phonics screening meeting for parents at 3pm
- Monday 2nd May—bank holiday
- Thursday 5th May— school closed for voting
- Friday 6th May—training day—school closed
- Monday 9th May—Year 6 SATs commence
- Friday 27th May—break up for half term

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Sports Relief

Children are invited to wear sports clothes to school tomorrow, Friday 18th March and make a contribution of 50p towards this good cause. We will also be taking Key Stage 2 (year 3-6) children out on a short walk around the local area. We would appreciate it if you could ensure your child has their Beat the Street fob in school, as we will be swiping any Beat Boxes we pass on our way.

Beat the Street

Thank you to everyone who is supporting us. I am checking the leader board regularly and although it changes frequently, we are usually around 10th and so are doing very well!! Please keep walking, cycling, jogging during Easter and see if we can move up the league table. Remember, the last day is Wednesday 13th April. In the meantime, if parents/guardians, grandparents, neighbours etc. want to join in as well, you can obtain cards from local libraries. Please ask them to sign up to the Highfields team!!!! Thank you for your support!

Easter Bonnets and Decorated Eggs

It is always a delight to see the decorated bonnets and eggs at Easter time! Please see below for the dates and times for all of our Easter events:



- **Tuesday 22nd March** - Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) Easter Bonnets in school for judging in the morning. Easter Bonnet Parade will be at 2pm.
- **Wednesday 23rd March** - Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Easter Bonnets in school for judging in the morning. Easter Bonnet Parade will be at 2pm.
- **Wednesday 23rd March** - Key Stage 2 children (Years 3 -6) bring in decorated eggs which will be judged during the day.

Pupil Premium Funding

This is to remind you that our governing body have agreed to provide financial support to families whose children are in receipt of Free School Meals. This financial support will be funded from Pupil Premium funding which is additional government funding, for publicly funded schools in England, to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. Eligible children will receive up to £20 per term that can be used towards the cost of trips or uniform. Unspent funds can be carried forward into a new term but will not be carried forward into a new academic year. Eligibility will be reviewed at the end of each term and for children who become eligible part way through a term, funding will start at the beginning of the following term. Funding will stop at the end of the term children are found to be no longer eligible. Parents who wish to access this funding should speak to the school office.

Active Vouchers



We are still collecting Sainsbury's Active vouchers this year. Last year we used the vouchers to buy lots of new PE equipment for all year groups, such as stopwatches, tennis balls, footballs, pop up goals, new PE mats, and a golf set which we have used

to offer a new after school club. As you can see, the vouchers really do make a difference to the school. Please hand your vouchers in at the school office.

Training Days

Due to the EU Referendum being held on 23rd June 2016, school will be closed as it will be used as a polling station. Please be reminded that the following dates will be training days and school will be closed to all children;

- Monday 11th April 2016
- Tuesday 12th April 2016
- Thursday 5th May 2016 (closed for voting)
- Friday 6th May 2016
- Thursday 23rd June 2016 (closed for voting)

School Meals

Unfortunately the cost of a school meal will rise from £2 to £2.10 from 11th April 2016. This is the first increase in price since April 2013 and is levied by the our school meals provider, not the school. The school works hard with our provider to provide a healthy, tasty meal and regularly holds themed lunches, such as the recent All Day Breakfast and don't forget every Thursday is 'Pizza and Pasta'. A copy of the menu can be found on our website.



Easter Meal

On Wednesday 23rd March SIPS Catering will be preparing a special Easter lunch, which will include roast turkey, Quorn southern style burgers, an Easter biscuit with custard, fruit or ice cream with strawberry sauce and wafer. This school dinner will cost £2 and can be ordered online via our School Gateway or through the school office.

Year 1 Knight & Princess Party

On Thursday 24th March, year 1 children can come dressed as a knight, king, princess or queen for their Knight and Princess party. Parents are also invited into school at 2.15pm to find out about the fantastic work the children have done on their topic this term.



Year 2 Fabulous Finish

On Monday 21st March, year 2 children can wear Indian / bright coloured clothing into school to mark the end of their India topic. A Bollywood dance company will be coming into school on the afternoon for a workshop with the children. Parents are invited to come into school at 3pm to watch the children perform their dance.

School Uniform

Parents are reminded that school uniform should be worn at all times unless specified otherwise.

Book Amnesty

There will be a book amnesty from Monday 21st March to Thursday 24th March. For every book returned to Mrs Smith a raffle ticket will be given. There will be 3 Easter eggs to be won in the raffle draw.

Happy Easter

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter. Children return to school on Wednesday 13th April.