

### Dates for your Diaries

- Friday 19th June—  
- 3C class assembly  
- AM & PM Nursery Class Sports Day AM
- Tuesday 23rd June—Y5 cooking experience at Ormiston Forge Academy
- Wednesday 24th June—  
- Sports Day KS2 AM, KS1 PM  
- Mufti Day for Summer Fayre
- Thursday 25th June—Books & Beyond Ceremony 2.45pm
- Friday 26th June—  
- 1V class assembly  
- Summer Fayre PM  
- Attendance Prize trip to Pizza Express
- Tuesday 30th June—Y5 cooking experience at Ormiston Forge Academy
- Wednesday 1st July—  
- September 2015 Nursery & Reception Intake Parents' Meeting 6pm  
- Ten Pieces Concert at West Bromwich Town Hall
- Friday 3rd July—  
- PM Nursery trip to RSPB  
- Year 3 Trumpet Assembly 9am  
- FoH disco
- Monday 6th July—Reception September 2015 Play & Stay PM
- Tuesday 7th July—  
- Reception Play & Stay  
- Y3 trip to Town Hall  
- School Brass Band Concert at Town Hall 7pm
- Wednesday 8th July—Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm
- Friday 10th July—  
- Y4 trip to Symphony Hall 'Music for Youth'  
- Reception to Year Transition Parent Meeting at 2.50pm
- Tuesday 14th July—Y6 Production Evening 6pm
- Friday 17th July—Break up for summer
- Thursday 3rd September—Training day
- Friday 4th September—Training day
- Monday 7th September—Children return to school

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Summer Fayre

We will be holding our annual Summer Fayre next Friday, the 26th June from 2pm - 4pm. Historically, this has been held on a Saturday and whilst I am very grateful to our Friends of Highfields for everything that they do, the number of volunteers has reduced and our help from them comes from the same faithful few! Therefore, in order for us to be able to run the stalls, we are relying on staff as well as giving some of the children the opportunity to help out with stalls; which I know they love doing. Hence, we have moved it to a Friday. The fayre will be opened with our brass band and our choir will also be singing during the afternoon. Stalls will include, tombolas, white elephant, grocery stall, plants, art & crafts, hook a duck, raffle and many more! Refreshments will be served in the school hall including pizza and chips for £1 so stay and have tea before you go home!



### Help

Even if you cannot commit to attending Friends of Highfields meetings, but could offer a couple of hours to help out at our summer fayre, we would love to hear from you! Please let the school office know.

### Mufti-Day

Our summer fayre will not be a success without your contributions! On Wednesday 24th June (which is also Sports Day), we are asking that the children come to school in their own clothes and bring any of the following items:

- tins, bottles, packets of food (in date please!)
- Toys, games, books, cuddly toys
- Bottles of any variety (from drinks to bubble bath etc)
- McDonald's toys
- Cakes for the cake stall
- Items for the raffle - chocolates, bottles

Please send in as much as you can spare.

### Signing Children out

As with our Christmas fayre, we are offering the opportunity for parents to collect their children earlier than usual at 2pm to enable you to walk around the fayre with your child. If you wish to do this, you will be able to collect your child from a classroom door to sign them out there from 2pm. If you are sending someone that does not normally collect the children, please let their class teacher know. Once they have been signed

out, the children are then your responsibility and they can't go back to their class. This is for health and safety reasons as, in case of fire, staff need to know how many children they have and who they are responsible for. I do appreciate that this means that if you have more than one child, you will need to go to more than one place to collect your child, but this is a far more efficient way of collecting children without the need for long queues at the office.

Please collect your children from the following external places:

Nursery - Nursery conservatory  
Reception - Reception conservatory

- Year 1 - Creative room door (next to Year 2 external door)
- Year 2 - Mrs Evan's outside classroom door
- Year 3 - Mr Kemble's door
- Year 4 - Miss Banyard's door
- Year 5 - Mr Welch's door
- Year 6 - Mrs Lewis' door

Whilst it would be a great help if children could be collected at 2pm, if you cannot do this, then the children will of course be kept until the end of the day and can be collected as usual. So that all children have the opportunity to go to see the stalls, school staff will take each class around the fayre before it opens to parents. If you would like to send some money with your child to enable them to buy something, then please send this money in with your child on Friday 26th June.

Face painting will also be available to children from 1pm at the cost of £1.50. We appreciate that some children can be allergic to face paints so please make sure that your child knows if they are allowed to have this done. We will only paint faces of children in Key Stage 2 without parents being present. Key Stage 1 and foundation stage children will be able to have this done from 2pm with parents accompanying them. By starting this earlier, we are hoping to avoid queues!

Fingers crossed for lovely weather next Friday and please come and support us!



### Reception to Year 1 Transition Parent's Meeting

There will be a meeting for all parents with children in Reception to discuss their transition to Year 1 on Friday 10th July at 2.50pm in the school hall.

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**Grammar School Admission September 2016**

The entrance test for September 2016 entry to Birmingham Grammar School's will be held on Saturday 12th September 2015. You need to register your child online should you wish your child to sit this by Friday 10th July 2015. You can find more information by visiting [www.birminghamgrammarschools.org](http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org).

**School Council**

School council would like say a big thank you to everyone for helping them fundraise to purchase an expensive professional badge making machine. Friends of Highfields kindly donated £200 towards it as well. The money from the recent cake sales will now be used to buy additional accessories for the machine. The School Council have received a demonstration of how the machine works and each school council representative made a school council badge during their recent meeting. It is the aim that our pupils will be able to design their own future badges for attendance, school council, prefects and for anything else they can think of. Once again a big thank you.

**Congratulations**

The following children have worked with their families to complete their Michael Morpurgo projects within the deadline. They have received certificates and prizes during golden book assembly this week.

- Emily Donegan
- Jasmine Carpenter
- Isabella Sula
- Isabelle Chater
- Alex Jefferson-Stokell

**Safety Concern**

The safety and well-being of children is at the heart of what we do. A concern has been brought to our attention that pre-school aged children are being left in cars, sometimes parked quite a way down the road, whilst parents/carers come and collect children from school at the end of the day. This could make these children potentially unsafe for a variety of reasons and I would ask you to re-consider if this is something that you do.

**Free Summer Holiday Cooking Lessons**

If you go online to Tesco's Eat Happy Project, you can book your child on to one of two free cooking courses (ages 5-7 or 8-11) taking place at 50 Tesco customer cafés (in larger stores, mostly Tesco Extra) throughout the school summer holidays. The courses run for two hours a day, for three consecutive days. Please visit <http://www.eathappyproject.com/lets-cook/>.



**Reminder**

Can you please ensure all of your children's clothing is named clearly. Now that the warmer weather is here, children are removing cardigans and jumpers and do not know which is theirs at the end of the day!

**Year 5 Children Walking Home**

Over the last few weeks, it has come to our attention that not all children in year 5 are being collected from the playground by an adult. In year 5, we would expect each child to be collected by an adult, unless we have it in writing that they will be leaving school grounds unaccompanied. If your child is not going to be collected by an adult on a daily basis, please notify the school office who can provide you with a slip to complete and we can update our records with this information. This will help us to ensure that every child goes home safely at the end of the school day.

**Attendance**

Can I please remind you that school starts promptly at 8.50am, which is when pupils have numeracy or literacy lessons. Doors open promptly at 8.40am. Any children arriving after the bell at 8.50am will be given a late mark and the number of minutes recorded. AM nursery children need to be in school for 8.40am and PM nursery children at 12.30pm.

**Sandwell School Nurses Ambassador Project Poetry Competition**

Congratulations to Madelaine from year 4 who has won the SSNAP poetry competition and received her prize in assembly this morning. You can read her poem below -

\* \* \* \* \*  
 \* Oh I'm feeling..... \*  
 \* I'm feeling happy today \*  
 \* I'm jumping up and down with glee, \*  
 \* I'm travelling to the seaside \*  
 \* with all my family. \*  
 \* Oh I'm feeling excited today \*  
 \* I'm having KFC \*  
 \* The best of all is that my friend \*  
 \* Is eating it with me. \*  
 \* Oh I'm feeling angry today \*  
 \* I feel like I want to scream, \*  
 \* So I go into the kitchen \*  
 \* And grab a chocolate ice-cream! \*  
 \* Oh I'm feeling sad today \*  
 \* I feel so lonely and blue, \*  
 \* My friends don't want to play with me, \*  
 \* I don't know what to do. \*  
 \* Oh I'm feeling glad today \*  
 \* I'm not doing anything at all \*  
 \* I think I might go out to play \*  
 \* Or dance, or write or draw. \*  
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