

Newsletter - 28th January 2014

Dates for your Diaries

Friday 31st January—6B class assembly

Wednesday 5th February—Friday 7th February—Year 4 trip to Portsmouth

Friday 14th February—2P class assembly

Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February—HALF TERM

Monday 24th February—Children return to school

Friday 28th February—
- 5P class assembly
- Year 3 trip to Think Tank

Thursday 6th March—World Book Day—Dress up as a book character

Friday 7th March—4JB class assembly

Monday 10th March—Nursery AM trip to Ash End House Farm

Friday 14th March—
- 3C class assembly
- Nursery PM trip to Ash End House Farm
- Closing date for Nursery applications

Wednesday 19th March—Year 2 trip to Coventry Transport Museum

Thursday 20th March—Year 5 trip to Leicester Space Centre

Friday 21st March—
- Reception trip to Think Tank
- Sports Relief

Wednesday 26th March—Parents' Evening

Thursday 27th March -
- Parents' Evening
- RH trip to local garden centre

Friday 28th March—
- Mother's Day assemblies for Nursery AM & PM
- RP trip to local garden centre

Friday 4th April—1V class assembly

Monday 14th April—Friday 25th April—EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 28th April—Children return to school

Monday 5th May—SCHOOL CLOSED for bank holiday

Tuesday 20th May—Class group photographs

Thursday 22nd May—SCHOOL CLOSED for voting

Friday 23rd May—SCHOOL CLOSED for training day

Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May—HALF TERM

Monday 2nd June—Children return to school

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I'm pleased to inform you that our new, redesigned, website has now launched. You can view our new website at www.highfields.sandwell.sch.uk. You will find lots of useful information about our school such as our latest Ofsted report, term dates, before and after school clubs, uniform prices, a calendar of events, copies of newsletters and much more. Individual class pages are also planned and we will let you know when these are available. There is also a guestbook that you can write comments in to let us know what you think about the website and make suggestions. I hope you find the new website useful.



Year 6 Trip to Hindu Temple Postponed

Unfortunately, the year 6 trip that was planned for 6th February has had to be postponed. An alternative trip is being organised for which details will be provided soon. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Dudley Children's Book Group Author Visit

An author visit is arranged for 26th February at 7pm at the Learning Resource Centre at Earls High School. John McNally, a new author, will be promoting his debut book 'Infinity Drake - The Sons of Scarletti'. Early booking of tickets is recommended, please contact 01384 818406 to book.

Book Donations



We are still collecting reading books to donate to help school children in South Africa. Children can bring any unwanted books into school before 31st January and place in the relevant house box located in the school hall. The house that collects the most books will receive bonus house points.

Year 5 & 6—CGP Revision Guides

CGP offer special prices to schools for their revision guides. If you would like to take advantage of this discount, please return order forms and payment to Mrs Adams by Friday 31st January. Sample books and order forms are available at the school office.



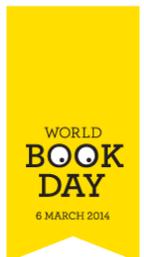
Young Voices Concert



Last week we took 43 children to the LG arena in Birmingham to perform at Young Voices. This is a national event which takes place all over the country and involves thousands of school children. At our concert on Friday there was 6, 200 children singing and dancing to songs we had prepared throughout the Autumn term. The atmosphere was electric and it really was an unforgettable experience. We hope to take more children next year and the letter will be sent out to choir members early in the Summer term, inviting them to attend. Thank you to all parents who accompanied us and to all children, who were excellent ambassadors for Highfields. Well done!

World Book Day

Thursday 6th March is World Book Day. World Book Day is all about getting children closer to the books and authors they already love and letting them discover new books and authors for future reading. The whole school will be dressing up as a book character on Thursday 6th March and children will receive a £1 book voucher. Other activities are being planned and further details will be communicated soon.



Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1

When dropping off or collecting your child from the key stage 1 playground gate, can you please ensure that you do not block the yellow box painted on the floor. This is to help ensure the gateway does not become crowded and help ensure the safety of the children.

Open the Book Coffee Morning



You are invited to an Open the Book Coffee Morning being held at Crossway Church Centre, 13 Halesowen Road, B62 9AE on 8th February 2014 from 10am to 12.30pm. Find out what Open the Book is and how it works.

Sports Relief

We will be holding a multi-day on Friday 21st March in aid of Sports Relief. We are also planning other fundraising activities for which a letter will be sent soon.

