

### Dates for your Diaries

- Monday 2nd May—bank holiday
- Tuesday 3rd May—Year 4 trip to Botanical Gardens
- Thursday 5th May— school closed for voting
- Friday 6th May—training day— school closed
- Monday 9th May—
  - Year 6 SATs commence
  - Year 5 trip to Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery
- Tuesday 10th May— Reception trip to Twycross Zoo
- Thursday 12th May—Reception Stay & Play
- Friday 13th May—Reception Stay & Play
- Friday 20th May—Brass assembly (see details)
- Monday 23rd May—Year 6 trip to Symphony Hall
- Tuesday 24th—Year 5 trip to Safeside
- Wednesday 25th—Year 6 trip to Safeside
- Friday 27th May—
  - Year 1 trip to Black Country Museum
  - Break up for half term
- Monday 6th June—children return to school
- Friday 10th June—
  - Book swap day
  - 3S class assembly
- Tuesday 14th June—Father's Day Gift Sales
- Wednesday 15th June—Father's Day Gift Sales
- Friday 17th June—2W class assembly
- Thursday 23rd June—school closed for voting
- Friday 24th June—
  - RS class assembly
  - Friends of Highfields Disco

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Training Days

Please be reminded that the following dates will be training days and school will be closed to all children;

- Thursday 5th May 2016 (closed for voting)
- Friday 6th May 2016
- Thursday 23rd June 2016 (closed for voting)

### KS2 Easter Eggs

The following children won the KS2 Easter Egg competition which took place just before the Easter holidays. Congratulations to them and well done to everyone who took part, there were some really stunning creations this year.

- Year 3—Grace Brookes and Darcey Woodward
- Year 4—Grace Archer and Adam Whitehouse
- Year 5—Hollie Garbett and Owen Parkes
- Year 6—Amilah Muhammad and Dylan Radcliffe



### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all of the parents that completed the parent questionnaire at our last parents' evening. Attached are the collated results. Your comments and suggestions have been taken on board and staff and governors will be thinking

about ways that some of your ideas and suggestions can be addressed.

### Beat the Street

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our Beat the Street players. Highfields came 8th place overall, which is fantastic! You all worked so hard supporting us for the duration of the Beat the Street competition. We think you are all winners for understanding the importance of getting active for not only your own health but for that of all your family.

Beat the Street provided us with some goodies which were given out to children drawn at random in the last assembly before Easter.

### Attendance Prizes

Congratulations and well done to the winners of our attendance prizes for the Spring term. Two children from each class, who had achieved 96.5% or more attendance for the Spring term, were selected at random and awarded an Easter egg.

Prizes were also given for achieving 100% punctuality for the Spring Term. Four children were selected at random and awarded the following prizes;

- Kimberely Smith 6P—Tobogganing session at the Snowdome
- Harsub Johal 2W—Free tickets for Dudley Zoo

Thomas Sidaway 6P and Benjamin Robbins from 1V were runners up and given a large Easter egg.

### Ryan Winter

Ryan Winter has recently started football training with Netherton Colts Soccer School, and has recently taken part in a penalties competition for children aged between 7-8 years old. Ryan scored the most penalties of all of the children there on the day, 3 in the first round and 3 more in the grand final! Ryan will receive a trophy during a special football presentation evening in May. We are all so proud of Ryan's achievements especially as he had only just started football training! Well done Ryan!



### BSQM

On Wednesday 20th April we were assessed for the Basic Skills Quality Mark. We would like to thank the parents that supported us with interviews for this and are pleased to confirm we were awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark for the sixth time. This award recognises our continued work in English and Maths and is valid for three years.

### Current Year 5 Children—Ingestre Hall 2017

We have provisionally booked Ingestre Hall for 22nd—26th May 2017. If you wish to secure a place for your child, please return the form previously sent to you along with a deposit of £25.

### SATs

A reminder that Year 6 will complete their SATs during the week commencing 9th May. It is very important that all of the children are in school that week as these tests cannot be repeated or taken at another time.

Year 2 will be taking their tests on various dates during May; 11th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 23rd, 24th and 25th.

### Brass Assembly

There will be a brass assembly on Friday 20th May at 9am, at which long term members of our brass band will perform a number of songs they have learnt. An invitation to attend will be sent out to the parents of these children very soon.



### New Boiler

You may have noticed some workmen and their vehicles in the playground since Easter. The workmen are on site replacing our central heating and hot water boiler system.

### Parking

Can we please ask that you park considerately when dropping off and collecting your children. Don't forget that there is a residents only parking bay opposite the school gates, for which a permit is required. Please can you also avoid parking on double yellow lines, the yellow zig zags directly outside school and blocking a driveway where there is a dropped curb.

### Friends of Highfields

Friends of Highfields are always looking for new members. If you are interested and able to help out at school events such as discos, summer fayre, gift sales etc. please leave your details with the office. Any help you can give at any of the events we organise will be appreciated. Remember, every penny we raise is used to benefit all of our children at Highfields.

### Rights Respecting Schools Award

After months of hard work, we are now pleased to announce that we have been awarded a Recognition of Commitment Award. This is the first of three possible awards in the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award programme. It highlights the efforts of the pupils and adults within our school community so far in learning about and promoting the rights of the child. We have received our certificate from UNICEF, which will be displayed in school, and we now have permission to use the logo that you see attached. We intend to keep you posted on our progress and will add additional information/ content about the RRSA to the Rights Respecting Schools tab on our website. Thank you for your continued support.