

# NEWSLETTER – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## IMPORTANT DATES

May – During the month of May Y2 have SAT's Week

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May – School closed to children – VOTING DAY

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May = Open to staff and children

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May = Ingestre Hall Parent meeting 3.20pm in 6P

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SAT's week

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Y5 Puberty talk

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Nursery Home Visits

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Nursery Home Visits

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Nursery Home Visits

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 Ingestre Hall Residential

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Nursery Home Visits

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Nursery Home Visits

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 trip to the Black Country Museum

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term – Whit Week – School closed to children

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – School closed to children for General Election

## Goodbye and good luck.

It is with great sadness that I write to you to inform you that Mrs Heap will be leaving Highfields at the end of the year. Mrs Heap has been at Highfields for almost 23 years and has had an incredible journey from Newly Qualified Teacher to Headteacher. I am sure you will join the staff and Governors here in wishing her health, happiness and continued success!

*Mrs S Garratt*

## Dear Year 2 and Year 6,

During the last few weeks you have heard a lot about SAT's but please don't forget you've got lots of other skills that are important! SAT's don't test whether you're a creative person, whether you're good at cookery, fashion design or brilliant with animals. They don't test your speaking skills or whether you're fantastic at fixing things. SAT's don't measure whether you're sporty, arty, a master chef, a musician or someone who really cares about other people. Although subjects like maths and English are important and yes, schools do have targets to try and meet, but PLEASE never forget you've been given talents in other areas too and some of the most important things are what you believe in and think, your ideas, your personality and that spark inside that makes you, you! So just take a deep breath and just do your best...remember, you have skills that SAT's don't test!

## Keyboard Lessons

There are spaces for anyone interested in learning to play the keyboard in school. The terms worth of lessons costs £30 but please contact the front office for more information

## Dancing Queen!

Huge congratulations to *Sydney Partridge* in Class 3R. Sydney recently took part in the Steps Dance Studio 2017 Festival. She won a bronze medal for her tap group routine and a silver medal for her group dance! As well as that Sydney performed a Lyrical and Modern solo routine! We are all very proud and impressed Sydney!



## General Election – SCHOOL CLOSED

As Theresa May has called an early general election, which will take place on 8 June Highfields will be closed for children on that day. Sorry for any inconvenience caused but as you know we are used as a polling station in any election.

## Egg – cellent work!

Dear Parents,

School Council asked Moms and Dads to donate chocolate and Easter eggs for the local foodbank. We have had lots donated which we took to the food bank before Easter. School Council would like to say a really big thank you for your kindness.

*Amber Andrews, Class 2H*



## Golden Book – Well done to you all!

Since the last newsletter these children have received Golden Book certificates...

**Nam** – Amelie Turner and

**Npm** – Riley Hunt and

**RS** – Jack South and Joshua Scrivens

**RW** – Umara Naveed and Freya Morris

**IW** – Lee McVeagh and Ibraheem Farooq

**IE** – Annie-May Thomas and Myles Stosic

**2P** – Lucas Reeve and Megan Chima

**2H** – Evie Carpenter and Owen Reeve

**3R** – Megan Groom and Eboni Harrison

**3S** – Chloe Khan and Max Beddoe

**4K** – Phoebe Fletcher and Jonathon Carpenter

**4P** – Tilly Crouch and Seb Macdonald

**5B** – Grace Harrison and Keanon Woodhall

**5P** – Oliver Bragg and Matthew Saunders

**6P** – Thomas Evans and Kenzie Dunn

**6C** – Haseeb Khan and Anisa Jama

**PE** – Megan Chima (2P) Keanon Woodhall (5B)

**Well done everyone!**

## Alice in Wonderland

The following pupils who are taking part in the Alice in Wonderland Family Reading Project completed all of the tasks from the first booklet that was sent home. Well done to *Amelie*

*Carpenter 4P* and *Rebecca*

*Willetts 3R* who have each

received a book prize. Well done to

*Bryanna Beaton 4K* who won

the design a Fruit and

Vegetable Poster as part of our

school food project. Bryanna

received some stationery items



## Y6 Big Bang Trip

I enjoyed the day altogether but I liked the show the most as it was really, really funny. They spoke about all kinds of things like the digestive system, stomach acid and even flatulence... it was hilarious. As part of finding out about the digestive system we played it out with inflatables which made everyone laugh. It was all amazing though. We made sticks from newspaper (which were surprisingly rock hard) and we played different games. We also went in an army truck which was an amazing experience. I think even the teachers had a little fun too so we all had an amazing day. It was all an amazing experience and I hope to be able to enjoy something like that again!

*By Sharna Massey, Class 6P*

## House Point Winners

Since the last newsletter the house point winners have been

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- 1<sup>st</sup> - Clent
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Haden
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Kinver
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Well done to Clent who won the overall terms house point competition last term. As their reward they had a mufti day which unfortunately had to be cancelled as school was closed. We will let you know the new date soon - don't worry you won't miss out on having a special day!

## £5 note withdrawn

Just a reminder that the old style £5 note will be withdrawn from circulation today. This is the £5 with Elizabeth Fry on the reverse. The Bank of England will exchange its old series notes but school will not be able to accept them. From now on only the new polymer £5, featuring Sir William Churchill, will be accepted.



## Attendance Prize Awards

This week we had the draw for our attendance prizes. All children who achieve the expected attendance % for a term go into a prize draw. A huge congratulations to all the children who made it into the prize drawer but our individual winners were...

EYFS - Vincent Turner - Class RW

KSI - Leah Macfarlane - Class 2H

KS2 - Ethan Ward - Class 6C



## Attendance Awards

This week's whole school attendance was 95.9

Don't forget, the whole school target we have to achieve every week is 96.5% so this week we were below target!

The recent winning classes attendance was EYFS - RS 99.7% KSI - 1W 99.3% KS2 - 4K 99.4%



## Library and Learning Zone

We have created two new learning areas this week at school. We now have a purpose built library and we need some ideas for the designs which we put on the walls! Can you have a think and let either your class teacher, myself or Mrs Lewis know! The second area we have developed is in KS2 we now have a new, much larger, learning zone and we would like you to think of a new name for this area again, please let either your class teacher, myself or Mrs Lewis know and we will rename the new area with the best suggestion!

## Chinese Cookery Classes

Before the Easter holidays we had an excellent experience of making a delicious traditional Chinese meal. Each group decided which meals they wanted to make. We made: Chicken Chow Mein, Sweet & Sour Chicken, Stir fry and many more. The experience was amazing but that's my opinion, let's see what others thought of it all...

**Maddie** - Although I thought I didn't like Chinese food it was still delicious and fun to make

**Lauren** - It was a fun experience and the food tasted as if it was from a real Chinese restraint

**Katie** - it was a fun experience and very memorable

**Kaitlyn** - A very good and amazing experience.

How about you have a go at making some Chinese meals at home and enjoying them too. Thanks for reading.

*Niamh O'Donnell, Class 6C*

## Sports Council Challenge

This week the Sports Council here at Highfields would like to challenge you to find out... **How many healthy foods can you think of? Can you incorporate some of these into your diet?**

## Beat the Street update

Beat the Street has now officially ended and I am ABSOLUTELY ASTOUNDED by how hard you all worked! As a school we have walked, ran, jogged and scooted 4368 miles - that's almost the same as walking to Tenerife and back! I am so proud to announce that we finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place. A MASSIVE well done to everyone for taking part over the past few weeks!



## Dog Mess.

We have had more reports this week of children who have trod in dog mess on their way to school. PLEASE, if you bring your dog with you on the walk to school can you please make sure they are not fouling on the pavements.

