

## **HIGHFIELD UPDATE FRIDAY July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that many of you have seen on the news that yesterday the DfE published its guidance to schools regarding reopening to all children in September. Highfield will be open for all children in September and I will write to you over the next two weeks with more details of how school will look in September. I am now updating all our current plans and risk assessments in preparation for September. Your child's new year group staff team will be sending you a very useful and detailed welcome information letter in the last week of term. It will include all the information you will need in order to help your child get ready for the new school year. These newsletters will be full of very useful information such as start and finish times, days for PE, the autumn curriculum, links to summer holiday ideas for learning, equipment needed and photographs of the staff in each year group "bubble".

Next Friday you will receive your child's school report written by their class teacher. Obviously the children have not been taught in their usual classes by their teachers for over 14 weeks and so the reports this year cannot be as thorough as usual. The teachers have been able to estimate where your child might have been in terms of attainment had their education not been interrupted by the pandemic. Please contact the school office on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July should you wish to book a telephone appointment to discuss your child's report with their class teacher.

Our new Reception parents have been invited to a Zoom meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> to meet the team and find out more about Highfield and how the children will be supported in September. For our Year 6 children, we will be saying goodbye in a special leavers' assembly on the school field on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Year 6 parents are invited to the assembly and will be able to listen and watch the children at a safe social distance.

Please can I remind parents not to come onto the playground in the morning until 8.50 when Mr. Walsh pegs open the gates and the teachers stand at their lines. For safety reasons please do not open the gates yourself. It is very important that we maintain this approach, especially as there will be 200 more children and parents coming onto the playground in September. Many of our older children will not need a parent to bring them onto the playground, especially after the first few days when they will know where their red spots and class lines are.

**Happy Friday, 250 Seesaw Learners!**

I can't believe I'm still writing this but you're all still working SO hard! I'm very proud of you all. Reception are learning about being healthy. They now know that 'eating fruit' isn't enough! You sometimes have to visit doctors and dentists to help you stay healthy. They posted excellent videos of themselves being fit and healthy. It was like Fit Week all over again! Year 1 have read the story 'Room on the Broom.' They drew brilliant pictures of the witch's new broom! Year 2 are still learning lots about castles. This week, they used the story 'The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight'. They wrote excellent, descriptive sentences. Year 3 have been writing about shoes! They watched a short animation and there were some brilliant letters convincing people to buy shoes from that particular shoemaker. Year 4 have written a biography about David Attenborough – I hope you've all watched lots of his documentaries too! Year 5 have had a week on nature. They had to compare lions and tigers (no bears though!) Year 6 have been writing book reviews and my summer reading list is growing longer and longer!

#### Special Mentions:

Reception – Eleanor Hinchliffe for always trying her absolute best

Year 1 – Micah Crumbie and Caitlin Robinson for working really hard with their writing

Year 2 – Meekal Kiani for an amazing puppet show and song!

Poppy Pearson for fantastic science work growing carrot tops and keeping a super diary

Year 3 – Coby Grayshon for completing a brilliant story board

Harry Horsman for brilliant work on shape

Year 4 – Dexter Jones for a fantastic video of his presentation about fair trade chocolate

Fraser McNeill for an outstanding piece of work on Fairtrade chocolate

Year 5 – George Walton for superb research about tigers and lions and for providing an excellent summary report of his findings with many conjunctions. George (and Henry in Year 3) also provide daily facts about different animals with detailed illustrations.

Year 6 – Sukhraj Chana for fantastic maths work this week.

Well done again. You are all incredible!

