

## HIGHFIELD UPDATE Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the spring term I would like to share with you your responses to our survey last week. I am delighted to see such a high level of positive engagement. Thank you so much for finding the time to complete the survey.

**241** parents took part in the survey which is a wonderful percentage of the school.

- 90% of you felt the teachers had communicated well with you throughout the lockdown period (6% of you couldn't comment, 4% disagreed)
- 90% of you felt the lessons were well delivered and appropriate (8% of you couldn't comment, 2% disagreed)
- 90% of you felt the feedback on Seesaw/Tapestry was timely and encouraging (7% of you couldn't comment, 3% disagreed)
- 73% felt the technical support given to you was very helpful (25% of you couldn't comment, 3% disagreed)
- 91% of you felt my newsletters were helpful and supportive (5% of you couldn't comment, 4% disagreed)
- 96% of you feel your children have been happy and comfortable during their return to school (3% of you couldn't comment, 1% disagreed)
- 82% of you feel our remote learning guidance on the website is supportive (15% of you couldn't comment, 3% disagreed)
- 92% of you feel the school safety measures are well planned and carried out (6% of you couldn't comment, 2% disagreed)
- 93% of you feel Highfield communicated well with you during the lockdown period (2% of you couldn't comment, 4% disagreed)

Yesterday you may have noticed I had a visitor with me when I was standing at the gate in the morning. He was from the Leeds Health and Safety Team and was carrying out a COVID health and safety inspection. All Leeds schools are being visited this term. He was incredibly impressed with all our procedures in school including our staggered starts and your mask wearing and social distancing. He even asked me if I had told you all he was coming! He judged our school to be "best practice" in all areas inspected.

Next week you will all receive a very useful newsletter from your year group teachers with all the information you need to know for the summer term. I am also hoping that you have all made an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher next week to discuss their progress now they have all returned to school.



On Tuesday we reflected on one year of national lockdown in the best possible way for primary school children. We painted, chucked and coloured rainbows all over the school. We listened to rainbow songs, talked





about our feelings and the younger children watched a lovely story by Suranne Jones called "Hope the rainbow fairy." I know the year has been difficult for everyone and some of you will have suffered more than others with the loss of loved ones and livelihoods. I remain optimistic for the future and I am very much looking forward to a happy, sunny, summer term at Highfield!



School closes next Thursday for the Easter holiday and reopens on Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to contact me [Julie.colley@highfield.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:Julie.colley@highfield.leeds.sch.uk) should your child develop symptoms next Wednesday or Thursday and subsequently test positive for COVID. Please continue supporting us by following the rules and guidance and help us continue to keep Highfield children, parents and staff safe.

**We can do this!**

Julie Colley