



It's a very busy and short half term with, of course lots of assessments and SATs taking place. Year 6 SATs take place during the week beginning 13th May. As always the children are working hard and will do their best which is all I want from them. The Year 2 SAT tests are more informal assessments. They are marked in school by the teachers and are used to inform their teacher assessments. They will also be taking place the fortnight commencing 13th May. Children in other year groups will also be assessed this half term in their reading, writing and maths. These assessments help to inform the teacher's judgement as to whether or not your child is working at the appropriate attainment level expected for their year group.

Health Schools Award

Of course maths and English are only a part of the primary school curriculum. On 23rd April we had our Healthy Schools re-accreditation assessment day in school. Two local authority healthy schools assessors spent the day in school meeting with children, staff, parents and governors. They ate dinner with the children, observed break and lunchtimes and visited the classrooms. At the end of the day they told us we were an Outstandingly Healthy School. They were incredibly impressed with our broad curriculum, the quality work in children's books, the behaviour, knowledge and attitudes of children, our extra curricular activities and the leadership of subjects such as PE, Science, Food technology and PSHE. They were also very impressed with the inclusivity of the school and the way we celebrate diversity. They commended our ethos and the way we support children's mental health. They received 92 feedback surveys from parents which were also extremely positive. They said they had never received so many responses from parents before. The school will receive a plaque at a ceremony in July and a full report in the next few weeks, which I will put on the school website for you to read.



Birthday Party HIGHFIELD IS 60 YEARS OLD

It's just a few weeks now until our 60th birthday party and we are getting excited at the thought of seeing our sculpture and enjoying an afternoon of cakes and music (with a special surprise performance!). The sculpture will be unveiled at about 3.15pm and you are welcome to come onto the playground to see the final piece. We are asking for donations of cakes for the party afternoon to be brought into school on the morning of the 24th May. Please remember school is a nut free zone if you are baking or buying cakes for the party.



Staffing and governing body news

Mrs Lupton Walker will be absent from school for several weeks later this term following a hospital operation. Her class will be taught by Mrs. Claire Mallett during her absence. Mrs Camacho, one of our lunchtime supervisors has a new job and is leaving us at the end of this half term. If you are interested in joining the lunchtime supervisor team please contact the school office for an application form. The governing body has recently reviewed our Homework and PSHE policies. They are available for you to read on the school website.

Football Finals

Our school football team has qualified for the second year to play in the Leeds Schools under 11s football finals at Garforth Football Club on May 9th at 5 p.m. Last year we won the trophy so could it possibly be two years in a row? Come on Highfield!

School Nursing Team

From 1st April, Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust School Nursing and Health Visiting Services will be known as the 0-19 Public Health Integrated Nursing Service. If you would like support from a 0-19 Specialist Public Health Nurse (previously known as a school nurse) please call 0113 8435683. Alternatively your GP can also request support from the 0-19 Public Health Integrated Nursing Service. You can find out more about the support the team offers here: <https://www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services-a-z/0-19-public-health-integrated-nursing-service/>

Parking and Poor Driving

I have recently been in contact with local councillors regarding the poor driving seen around the school gates before school and at home time. Earlier this week I had to approach a driver who had driven right across the middle of the green and had parked on the green itself. We are requesting a police visit over the forthcoming weeks. Please be mindful of safety around the school. I never want to have to inform parents that a child has been injured due to negligent and dangerous driving.



Relationships Education

The Teaching, Learning and Pupil support governing body sub-committee, which includes parental representation, has recently reviewed our Personal, health and Social Education Policy which includes our Drug Awareness and Relationship Education. There have been some changes made this year with regards to our Relationships Education lessons (formally known as Sex and Relationships Education). From 2020 Relationships Education will be compulsory in all primary schools in England and Sex Education will be compulsory in all secondary schools. The aim in primary schools will be to teach the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to friendships, family relationships, and relationships with other children and adults. This aim is to create opportunities to ensure children are taught about positive emotional and mental wellbeing and how friendships can impact on this. Sex education, beyond aspects that exist in the national curriculum for science, will remain non statutory in primary schools. In primary schools parents and carers will have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some of all of any sex education delivered, other than that as part of the science curriculum. The governors have approved our revised PSHE policy and I have posted it on the school website. I will be hosting a meeting on 5th June at 5 p.m. in the school hall for all parents to come and hear about our relationships education curriculum and see the materials we use in the different year groups.

Please keep checking the school website for dates, year group summer newsletters and other events.

Julie Colley.