

# Highfield Primary School



Dear Parents /Carers,

As we approach the end of another school year I can reflect on yet another wonderful year with so many positive events and achievements. These are far too numerous to mention them all and I am sure every child and adult will have their own special memory.

Can I also make a final plea regarding parking around school and rude behaviour towards local residents? Last week I was contacted by several residents of The Moorlands because parents are parking in their private car parking area. This type of behaviour does spoil our otherwise fantastic reputation in the local community.

## **Curriculum News**

Our SATs results this year are excellent. Year six children's combined results are 19 percent above the national average. 83% (64% national) of our year 6 children achieved the combined standard in Reading, Writing and Maths. This is a result of hardworking children and staff and very supportive parents. Please have a look at the school's assessment summary which you can find on the school website. Could you also return your questionnaires to the school office as they provide good evidence for the school in terms of parent partnership. Mr Brassil and Mrs Barratt have added an additional PE and Sport questionnaire this year. If you remember last year we were keen to receive your feedback about the Arts curriculum in school. Your overwhelming support for our curriculum was one reason why we gained the Arts Mark platinum award from The Arts Council this year. As part of our Healthy Schools revalidation next year we are keen to collate your feedback regarding sport and physical education in school.

## **Staff News**

As you all know, Mrs Bailey will be retiring on September 14th. She will be a very hard act to follow and I know many of you have been grateful for her work with so many children over the years. Mrs Helen Calvert has been appointed and will be joining us in September on a full time basis. Mrs Calvert and Mrs Bailey will be working together for the first two weeks in September to ensure a smooth handover.

## **Governors' Reading Learning Walk**

On Tuesday 3rd July, the governors visited all the classrooms and library and looked at reading work and materials. They were particularly impressed by how books drive so much of our curriculum from Reception to Year 6. They were also pleased to see the new library and new books paid for by The Friends.

## **Summer Fair**

The sun shone for us and you all supported the school brilliantly. We raised £5564.21 which is amazing. Once again, on behalf of the school I would like to say a huge thank you to Alex Ashurst our chair and all The Friends who organised the whole event so well this year. Unless you have organised something as big as a Highfield Summer Fair you can have no idea how much hard work and time goes into the planning. We can now pay for the new library furniture and books. Please consider joining the PTA next year; as we are losing some members and will desperately need new people to join. Our AGM will be held on 8th October at 7.30 p.m. in The Lord Darcy, so please make a note of the date and come along and find out more about The Friends.

And so it is time to say goodbye to our Year 6 children. I know I say it every year but this year's Year 6 from the very first day in September 2011 when they joined Highfield in Reception have been a fantastic cohort. They really get on well as a group, support each other as a team, and there is always a lovely atmosphere in school when they are around. Every single child has shone as a role model for the younger children. We will miss them all but feel proud to be sending such well rounded young people out into the bigger world. True "Highfielders"

Have a super and safe summer everyone and I look forward to seeing you all when school opens on Tuesday 4th September.