



Highfield Primary School July 2019

Dear Parents /Carers,

As we reach 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. For me it has to be our 60th Birthday Tea Party afternoon and the unveiling of our wonderful sculpture. I felt so proud of the school and community on that day.

Curriculum News

Our Year 6 SATs results this year are excellent with 83% of our children reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined (65 per cent nationally). In maths, 90% of our children reached the expected standard (79 per cent nationally). In writing, 92% of our children reached the expected standard (78 per cent nationally). In reading 88% of our children reached the expected standard (73 per cent nationally). These results are testament to the amazing staff in school, our brilliant children and their very supportive parents. Please have a look at this year's school assessment summary which you can find on the school website in the results section. Could you also ensure you have returned your report questionnaires to the school office this week as they provide useful feedback for us.

Staff News

This week we say goodbye and thank you to Mr Taylor and Mrs Sinha who have been supporting several children in school this academic year. We wish them well for the future.

Governors' News

Science and PSHE Learning Walk

On Tuesday 9th July, the governors visited all the classrooms to look at the work the children have been doing this year in Science and PSHE. These two subjects have been part of our school improvement plan and the governors were keen to look at the quality of the curriculum in practice in children's work and displays. They were particularly impressed by the variety and presentation of work in the books, the quality of observations in the reception classes, the displays in classes and the use of our outdoor environment in science. Dr Carthiga Bell has been co-opted to join the governing body from September. We look forward to her joining the group.

Summer Fair

The sun shone for us and you all supported the school brilliantly. Once again, on behalf of the school community, I would like to say a huge thank you to Franz Noronha and Kate Colbourne our two chairs and all The Friends Committee and helpers 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 Jungle/Pirate Ship which is being installed in The Magic Garden during the summer holidays. The Friends have also paid for a new storage shed for Reception as well as some new outdoor equipment. Please consider joining the PTA next year; we are losing some members as children move on to high school and always need extra help and support. Our AGM will be held on October 7th at 7.30pm at 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. This year's cohort have been a credit to Highfield and their parents. It has been wonderful watching them grow up from the tiny little Reception children I first met seven years ago. They have set a great example to the rest of the school in how to behave and get along with each other and be good citizens. We will miss them all but feel proud to be sending such well rounded young people out into the bigger world. They are "Brilliant Highfielders"

Have a super and safe summer everyone and I look forward to seeing you all when school opens on Tuesday 3rd September.

