



Dear Parents and Carers

You will have possibly heard reports on the national news concerning school funding recently. The Highfield budget does present huge challenges to the governing body and every year we aim to set a budget where our staffing structure can be maintained and where resources can be bought to enable the school to run effectively. Every year this gets more difficult. Certainly without support of The Friends



fundraising and your support of such events, we would be a much poorer school and the children would not be enjoying things such as our new library and playground equipment. This year The Friends of Highfield are raising money to pay for an all weather Jungle Play Ship and trim trail on the top playground in the Magic Garden area. We hope to have the work done over the summer holidays

Governor and staffing news:

Mrs Fritz returns to school next week and I would like to thank Mrs Lewis who has supported Mrs Woodward in teaching 4FW during her absence.

Important Dates:

Our Parents' Evenings will be held on Wednesday and Thursday 27th and 28th March and most of you have already booked an appointment slot through Parentmail. I hope you all enjoy reading and looking at all your children's hard work in their books.

Our Spring concerts will be taking place next week. Year 1's Spring time concert takes place on Tuesday 26th March at 9.20 a.m. Year 3's concert is on Wednesday 27th March at 9.20 a.m. School closes for the Easter fortnight holiday on Friday 29th March and opens again on Monday 15th April.

As the Easter weekend falls outside of the Easter fortnight holiday (19th – 22nd April) our Easter assembly and egg competitions will not be held until Thursday 18th April. Reception and KS1 children may bring their hard boiled eggs on Monday 15th April and the children will then decorate the eggs at school that week. The winners will be announced on Thursday 18th April in our Easter assembly. KS2 children are asked to decorate their eggs at home (no bigger than a small shoe box) and bring in their finished eggs for judging on the Thursday morning.

Pupil Premium School Funding

School can claim addition funding to assist pupils if they are adopted or if their parents currently serve in the armed forces. If this applies to your child and you think school is unaware of it we would appreciate it if parents would contact the school office. We understand that this information is sensitive but please be reassured, the conversation will be completely confidential.

School can also claim pupil premium funding and free milk for families on a low income. Details of who can claim can be found on the link below. This is not the same as the Universal Free School Meals that children in reception to year 2 are automatically entitled to.

www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/council-tax-and-benefits/free-school-meals



Pancake Day fun



Model Village in Year 1



Year 4 children have made some brilliant model Roman siege machines as part of their Design technology and history topic.



All year 6 enjoyed a day at the Barbara Hepworth Gallery last week.

As part of our Religious Education curriculum, year 3 children have visited the synagogue on Shadwell



Year 3 children enjoyed a science lesson with Leeds University Science undergraduates learning all about the brain.



Charis Jones who is making our 60th birthday sculpture made a visit to school last week. She collected all the children's designs, visited each class and talked about her work as a sculptor and blacksmith.

