

Newsletter 26 May 2017



Nursery  
84.2%  
3 late

Reception  
86.4%  
5 late

Year 1  
97.9%  
5 late

Attendance

**91.8%**

Year 2  
93.3%  
0 late

Year 3/4  
92.9%  
5 late

Year 5/6  
91.8%  
6 late

**CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

Year 5/6	June 7
Year 1	June 14
Year 2	June 21
Year 3/4	June 28
Reception	July 5

**EVENTS DIARY**

Yr1 Phonics Test Week	June 12
Yr6 Transition Day - Outwood Academy	June 29
Sports Day	July 3
Yr6 Transition Day - Don Valley	July 4
Yr6 Transition Day - Don Valley + Outwood	July 5
Reserve Sports Day	July 6
Reports Home	July 7
Whole School Visit to Canon Hall Farm	July 11
KS2 Show to Parents	July 13
Reserve Sports Day	July 14
Leavers Assembly	July 18



**Have fun! Join a Club!**



<b>Monday</b>	Lunch Time	<b>Active Fusion - Sport</b>
	Knitting	3.15 pm - 4.15 pm KS1—KS2
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Time	<b>Active Fusion - Sport</b>
	Knitting	3.15 pm - 4.15 pm KS1—KS2

### Foundation Stage

We have reached the end of our Minibeast topic, looking at worms this week. We have found some, held them and watched how they move. We have measured them and made some of our own out of dough, spaghetti and wool as they kept still and didn't wriggle away. We used our bodies in PE to wiggle like a worm, slithering and sliding along the floor on our tummies and learnt a song about the worm at the bottom of the garden. The only thing we did not like is what they eat, dirt and dead leaves, we think that is quite yucky.

### Year 1

It has been a very busy week in year 1. The children have finished adding their work to the time capsule which has been locked away until the end of the school year. We spent Thursday afternoon on the field taking photos of the different trees, plants and flowers as part of our science and literacy learning. We finished reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as a class. The children have really enjoyed this book and enjoyed discussing the story and the characters. They have decided on Matilda for next half term. I hope you have an enjoyable, restful and safe half term.



### Year 2

This week in year two we have been doing lots of work around money, looking at how we make different amounts and which combinations of coins might be best to use and why. We have been trying really hard to solve problems and give a reason as to how we know the answer. Please continue to look at coins over half term and talk about money whilst you're out shopping. In literacy we have been working really hard on our writing trying to use a variety of vocabulary to make our writing interesting. We have wrote character descriptions and a letter to one of the characters from the Jolly postman story.

A **BIG Thank You** to the PTA and all involved for making our sunny May Fayre such a fabulous success! We raised an amazing **£627**. This will be going towards the transport costs of the Cannon Hall Farm Trip for the children in July.



### Year 3/4

This week Y3/4 have been learning about magnets - their uses and carrying out investigations to see which materials block the magnetic field. The focus has also been on improving our hand writing as our expectation is neat, joined writing for all pupils in KS2. Come and have a look at your child's improvement. All children have been given a multiplication square, please support your child in learning all their times tables - they come into nearly all aspects of our maths. Unfortunately Mr Williams will not be back on 5 June but we are welcoming Mrs Fox back from maternity leave. Mrs Fox is an experienced lower Key Stage 2 teacher and I will be working alongside her for the first week back to ensure a smooth transition and consistency in learning.

### Year 5/6

Year 5 and 6 participated in a musical presentation to parents this week. They worked with Mr Watterson on a multi-media presentation that helped them to develop a range of skills including performance and recording of music, art and drama. On Tuesday, they shared this with parents and the rest of the school - we were all very impressed. In addition to this, the class have also been focusing on their writing in the form of adverts and a newspaper report. We have also started our new class reader 'Holes' by Louis Sachar.

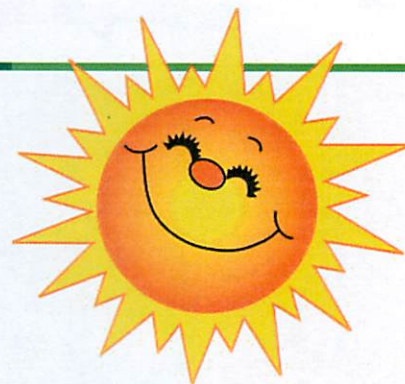
## Message from Head of Academy

### May Half Term Holiday

School closes today for the half term holiday and re-opens on Monday 5 June. Please remember that learning and assessments continue right up until the beginning of July so continues attendance at school is vital and any term time holiday will not be authorised.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you all have a sunny and happy holiday.

Mrs L Carlisle  
Head of Academy



There is still a vacancy for a parent governor at Highfields Primary Academy. If any parents are interested, please contact Mrs Helen Wriglesworth as chair of EAB at:-

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