

# Update

Summer Term 3

June 2011

## Staffing News

### Retirements

Mrs Smith retires at the end of this term. We are collecting for a present to celebrate her wonderful commitment to Highfield school. If you would like to contribute to a gift, please send your donation to the school in an envelope with Mrs Smith's name on.

Mrs Brewer retires at the end of July after many years of supporting children's learning across the school. If you would like to contribute to her leaving gift, please send the money in an envelope to the office identifying it for Mrs Brewer.

### Maternity Leaves

Mrs Ford goes on maternity leave this term. The class will be taken from 11<sup>th</sup> July by Mrs Wood and Mrs Young. They will be the teachers in year 3 next year.

There is also exciting news for Mrs Bennett and Mrs Norman who will be going on maternity leave during the later part of next term. They will start next year in Oak and Ash. The governors have appointed Miss Douglas (Ash) and Miss Witchard (Oak) to start in September so the teacher ratio will be very high next term!

### Deputy Head Appointment

After a rigorous interview process involving a number of candidates, I am pleased to announce that the governors have appointed Lisa Warren to be Deputy Head from September. Lisa is currently the school Inclusion Manager- congratulations.

### Staffing next year

The teachers will be teaching in the same year groups next year and in the same rooms.

### Transfer day 6<sup>th</sup> July

This is the day when the children will spend the afternoon with their new teacher. The class locations will be the same as this year so year 5 children will need collecting from the current year 6 classroom, year 4 from the current year 5 classroom and year 3 from the current year 4 room. The new year 3 children (current year 2) will be joining the Juniors at lunchtime and will be walked up at 11:50 by Mrs Smith and myself. The new year 3 (current year 2) will need to be collected from the year 3 classroom which is the first classroom at the bottom of the steps, next to the office.

### Independence

By year 6 it is true to say that children tend not to want their mum's to help hang up their coats and see them in to the class. This process starts while they are infants and is quite natural and represents their growing independence. If your child is in Maple or Ash and you are popping in to drop them off it would be helpful if during this half of the term you could encourage them to find their own way in to the class. This will prepare them for year 3 where you are obviously welcome but very few children really need their adult in the class.

### Celebrations

Well done to the Athletics Team. There were some great individual performances. Thank you to Miss Hughes for organising the day and for the parents who provided lifts.

Well done to the following children from Year 4 and 5 who have passed 'Mr King's Tables Test'; Mostafa and Thandiwe. Well done to Aimee Rayner, Jack Dyer-Slade and Nia Millard who were awarded certificates for their nationwide WOW badge competition marking 'Walk to School Week'

### Summer Fair

#### **It's nearly here! Next Saturday! Junior Site! 12 until 2:30! BBQ, tombola, plants and games.**

Hopefully you can come and join us. A huge thanks in advance to the H S A who have organised the event and to the helpers and stall holders who make this community event work.

In advance of the day we need Toys, books and second uniform items from Monday and tombola prizes on Friday (don't forget Friday is a non uniform day in exchange for Tombola items). Please bring cakes on Saturday morning.

The new committee still needs help. Many hands make light work so if you can spare some time to help set up please email me and I will pass your details on.

### Diary Dates/Notices

Further reminder. Money sent in to school needs to be in on the first day of the week. The office can no longer accept unmarked money. For security reasons, staff can not accept money while travelling between sites.

Sports Day (weather permitting) is 1st July.

The last day of term for the children is the 26<sup>th</sup> July. School will finish at the usual time after the leavers service