



Alsager Highfields Primary School

Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Just like that we come to the end of another school year and I am grateful that the weather has allowed us to be outside for many events in the past week.

This year has been a real success and I am really proud that all our results from Early Years, phonics, Key Stage 1 tests and Key Stage 2 SATs, have been in-line or above the national average. Our year 6 pupils did brilliantly in their SATs but they are so much more than a result and my memories of them have been formed by trips and experiences and not by scores. It has been a tough day saying goodbye to our oldest pupils, but I have no doubt that they will continue to thrive. We also said goodbye to Miss Nicklin and Mrs Mitchell today and I know these ladies have positively impacted many pupils through their work and support. We wish them both all the very best. Finally, thank you so much for all the kind words, messages and gifts given both to me and the staff. The messages and words in particular mean more than you will know and tell me that Highfields is in a really good place once more. Have a great summer.

Rachel Woollam

Club Money

Our latest funds made from after-school clubs has been spent on cooking equipment. In the past my art club money has been spent on printing kits, acrylic paints and decent brushes, but this term I have used my money to buy 6 mobile hobs and induction pans. The decision to purchase cookery items came after our successful 'School Food Showdown' and I intend to focus on planning in more cooking for key stage 2 classes. Thank you for supporting clubs and in turn helping our resources.



PE Kits

I hope you are as thrilled with the new PE tops as I am. I think they look incredibly smart.

A reminder that we will gradually phase out the green joggers, skorts and shorts for black ones as black sportswear is more readily available and therefore cheaper to buy for parents.

PFA Donations

After the huge success of bringing the Key Stage 2 production to the school instead of The Civic Hall, our wonderful PFA have said they will finance the purchasing of our own stage. Part of the reason of moving the production to school was to use the ticket money towards buying our own equipment rather than hiring the Civic. The fact we can make this investment sooner rather than later will really allow our children to shine in The Arts, an area I and all Highfields' staff are passionate about.



The PFA have also contributed significantly to our Daily Mile Track which will be installed during the summer break. In total, PFA donations come to nearly £10,000 for these initiatives and we really couldn't afford either the stage or the track without this support.

Thank you to all of you who come and help and support our events—you truly do make a huge difference to our school.



Changes to School

Over the summer we are having a lot of work done both at the main school and the annexe. The main school will see the Daily Mile Track being installed, and the annexe is having the partition wall knocked through, new flooring installed and a re-vamp of the early years outdoor area.

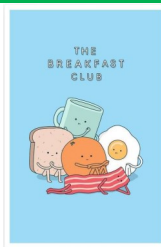
These changes mean the current reception children will be in the main school from September .

Start time for the year 1 class will remain at 8.50, with the gates open from 8.40, but pick up will be 3.15 to allow parents to pick siblings up from the annexe.

Breakfast Club

If your child receives pupil premium funding, then they are entitled to attend our free breakfast club. For many children, coming to school early and having time to eat and chat with staff and friends, ensures a good start to the day.

If you would like your child to attend this provision in September then come to the main gate at 8.20 am. Due to the staffing of breakfast club the gates will close at 8.25am and late comers



Book Donations

A few months ago, Mrs Harrison and our librarians sent out flyers to local businesses, asking if they would consider buying some books for our library. Pupils have really got the reading bug at Highfields and we are now upgrading our non-fiction and graphic novel sections. Local builder Ray White generously donated £500 and visited on Wednesday to see our librarians and some of the books we have bought. These books are already having a huge impact and we can't thank Ray enough for his generosity.



Silver Award

YR—Amelia W

Y5— Henry C, Sophia E-B

Gold Awards (30 stars)

Y1—Neve D, Jasper P, Arthur B,

Y2—Mikolaj W, Elizabeth T, Benjamin B, Aubrey W, William B, Martha R

Y3—Evelyn D,

Y4—Henry M

Y5—Evie J, Thomas W, Sebastian K, Lachlan F, Thomas B, Elliot W, Grace W, Tom G, Abe W,

Diamond Award

Y1—Leo R, Bronson H, Emma S

Y2—Freya B, Briana C

Y4—Albert R, Nancy P, Charlie P, Grace B, Ben M

Platinum Award

Y1—Indiana G, Louie B

Y4—Naomi L, Holly R

Word Millionaires



Huge congratulations to our latest millionaires:

Willow D, Lyla H, Otilie N and Marcello H.

Otilie has literally sat and read today in order to achieve this!

Remember that Word Millionaire runs until the 31st August, so children in years 2-5 who are close to achieving this goal can achieve it over the summer break and still receive their reward and voucher in September.

School Dinners

In line with the price of school dinners across the Trust, meals will increase in price to **£2.60 a day** from the first of September.

Please can any outstanding balances on Parentpay accounts be cleared ASAP. Thank you.