

Friday 16th July 2021

End of year letter

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to start this letter by thanking parents for continuing to support the school and their children's education. This year has been another challenging time and our children end the year by making good progress in school, despite the lockdowns and periods of remote learning. We hope you can celebrate their success, after you have received their annual report.

We have managed to maintain attendance at national levels of 96% and our persistent absenteeism is below national levels, which means that children are accessing learning regularly and in-line with other children in the country.

COVID track and trace

As the holidays approach, sadly the number of COVID cases are continuing to rise. We still need parents to inform us of any positive Covid cases until the end of Sunday so we can inform potential contacts. If you do need to inform us – please email the details to info@highfieldspa.org.uk and I will monitor this account.

September

Whilst we have guidance around relaxation of Covid rules, we anticipate that things could change over the summer. But, at the moment, we expect many things to go back to normal.

School times:

8.30 – doors open and learning opportunities start

8.45 – official start time – all children arriving after this time are marked as late

3pm – close of school (11.45am for Nursery pupils)

Drop off and collection

In September we are expecting to be completing lots of work in the Reception area, at the front of school and then in our kitchen, depending on how tendering processes run. This is likely to take up until Christmas to complete.

This means that no children are able to come through Reception into school whilst contractors are on site, due to Health and Safety rules. Children will be able to come into school via the side gate from Coppice Road (bypassing Reception) or the gate from South Street. Parents will drop children at the gate, where they will be met by staff. We will not be allowing parents on to the playground and it will not be a thoroughfare to the other side of the village.

At the end of the day, all children will be collected from the South Street, parents can come to the gate in turn and we will send pupils to their parents. All children will finish school at the same time (except Nursery). This is a new process and will require people to be patient.

Thank you

I would like to say a big thank you to all of our staff. They have worked through exceptionally difficult challenges and have ensured that their pupils are well-cared for and that they have made good progress. I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday!

Thank you to parents and children for all of the lovely gifts and cards.

Farewell

We say good bye to Mrs Bradbury, Mrs Light, Mrs West and Mrs Wright today – as they all go on to new adventures. Thank you to you all and best wishes from school and the Highfields Community.

I would also like to say a fond farewell to our Year 6 class who have been amazing. Some pupils in the class have faced challenges, but they have worked through them to end the year on a high and we wish them all the best as they move on to their next step.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday and we will see you on Thursday 2nd September at 8.30am.

Kind regards,
Mrs Sercombe