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Dates for your diary

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A busy year to date...

The first half term has passed by so quickly as the children and staff made a superb start to the new academic year.

The first half term saw the school enjoying lots of success in sports and arts events. More news about that later in this newsletter.

Academic achievement has again improved at Sunnyfields. This is evidenced in the progress and achievement measures that have been published by the Department for Education. The improvement, which has occurred year on year for

the last three years, reflects the hard work of the staff and pupils.

Our Foundation Stage results were significantly above local and national benchmarks and reflect a four year upward trend. Our Foundation Stage results are now almost double where they were four years ago. In Key Stage 1, our reading, writing and mathematics results were above local and national benchmarks. The end of Key Stage 2 progress measures show that children made expected progress in reading while children at Sunnyfields made accelerated progress in

writing and mathematics. The end of KS2 progress measures place Sunnyfields in the top 25% of primary schools nationally.

I am so proud of the academic improvements and the wider opportunities that all of the children have at Sunnyfields. This was reflected in a recent visit from our school improvement partner who rated the school as 'aspiring to excellence'.

Mr. David Richardson

Head Teacher

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Roald Dahl Success for Leopards and Jaguars

Leopards and Jaguars recently celebrated Roald Dahl's 100th birthday by holding a 'Fantastic Mr. Fox' themed tea party in the school woods.

The children made face masks, prepared letters to Mr. Fox, researched the story and finally enjoyed glasses of Farmer Bean's

finest cider (apple juice) and ate some chicken and duck from Farmer Bunce and Farmer Boggis' farm.

Miss Lumley and Miss Smith documented the party on our school Twitter page and shared with Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) who were running a national

competition for the best celebration event.

Our children were chosen as the winners and have won an all expenses paid trip to the Roald Dahl Museum in Buckinghamshire in the Spring Term.

Friends of Sunnyfields

Hello from Friends of Sunnyfields. We are a group of parents who meet at school every 3-4 weeks to organise exciting events such as school discos, the Christmas Fayre and the Summer Fayre. Our main role is to fundraise to make our children's experience at Sunnyfields even better.

We would like to say a huge thank you for all your support last year. The money we raised enabled us to contribute to the Triangle Teams bowling trip as a reward for gaining

the most points last year. We have also managed to raise £395 to purchase a large trophy cabinet to display the trophies our various sports teams have won as we are very proud of their achievements.



Keep an eye out in school as it will be arriving soon. If you would like to get involved and make a difference to your child's experience in school pop along to our next meeting this Friday 11th November straight after our 'Special Mentions Assembly' at 9.30am.

We would welcome ideas about new ways that we can fundraise for. We look forward to seeing some new faces!

A busy half term for the governors



Ruth Martin
Maths Governor
Giraffe Class Governor

This half term I was invited in my role as class governor of Giraffes to join them on their school trip. This was a great insight into how the teachers interact with the pupils and also how the trip linked with the topic 'Great Fire of London'.

I was amazed at the knowledge and details the children had learnt about the subject.

I also completed my first learning walk as the maths governor for Sunnyfields with Miss Raynor. Each classroom had a maths display and clearly outlined objectives of what is expected of the children by the end of their current year. These are called 'none negotiables'. This ensures full visibility of the level each child is at and makes sure no

one has any gaps in their knowledge and no child is left behind. Miss Raynor was very open with me and I could see clear concise objectives for ALL the children in school. Great work! I also joined the leadership team to set targets for the staff and children which ensure that the school will continue to improve.



Julie Hides
SEND Governor
Leopard Class Governor

As governor with responsibility for special educational needs and disability (SEND) within the school, I work closely alongside Miss Walden and Miss Brownson (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinators). Miss Walden and I took part in a learning walk. We checked that each child who is on the SEN register take part in targeted interventions and that

information is up to date relating to EHCPs (Education, Health and Care Plan). I have also had the opportunity to join the Senior Leadership Team for their weekly meetings – this was to work on the school improvement plan for the school.

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Our governors have also joined the leadership team to review health and safety, review the school improvement plan, observe staff, review early years provision, review literacy and review spending of pupil premium funding.

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. If this is something that you think that you may be interested in, please contact the school office or Mr Richardson.

Sporting success for Sunnyfields

Our children continue to have access to a wide range of extra-curricular clubs. The after school clubs resume this week (week beginning 7th November) and will run to the penultimate week of term (week beginning 5th December).

Mr. MacConnachie works hard to ensure that we have a wide range of clubs that cover different sports but also include all year groups.

This half term sees the introduction of a new club. The martial arts club

starts on Wednesday. There has been a small charge for this club as it is an external instructor that will be leading the club. However, at £1 per week we still think this is good value.

The Y3/4 boys football team and the Y5/6 boys football team have worked really hard this term to win



their respective preliminary rounds in the Doncaster Schools Football Cup.



They progressed to the finals in November. Unfortunately, after some fantastic football from both teams they didn't quite score enough points to lift the cups.

Tell us what you think

We work really hard at Sunnyfields to ensure that your child is safe, secure, makes progress and has fun. It is really nice to hear when you are happy with things at school as this is shared with the staff and governors. If you would like to share a compliment, you can do this by writing a letter to the school, speaking to the staff in person,

commenting on the school's Twitter feed or emailing Mr. Richardson.

You can also leave feedback anonymously on Parentview which the school reviews weekly. www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

We would also like to invite parents to complete a survey online. This survey will only take five minutes of

your time. Please use the following link <http://bit.ly/2f7a09P>

Please be honest when you complete the survey. However, if you feel the need to respond with 'strongly disagree' to any of the questions, please let us know so that we can do something to help. We can only rectify situations if we know about them.

Can you spare any time to help in school?

We welcome support from volunteers in school. We have lots of volunteers who help out in Early Years with listening to children read. We also have volunteers in Key Stage 1 who listen to children read. However, we currently do not have as many volunteers in Key Stage 2. Children in Key Stage 2 are still expected to read daily and the staff try to listen to the children read as often as possible. If you can spare a

few minutes in a morning and would like to help the Key Stage 2 staff please let your class teacher know.

We are also always on the look out for people that would like to come into school to talk to the children about their job. If you have got a job that you think the children would like to hear about, please get in touch.

Friends of Sunnyfields are also

looking for volunteers to assist with wrapping Christmas presents for the children and helping out at school events.



Upcoming events at Sunnyfields

This is a busy half term at Sunnyfields with lots of things happening in school.

The children are already busy in class as they have started their new topics. The staff are also working hard as they are expected to ensure that the children continue to make academic progress this year.

This half term is also an exciting one as we look forward to celebrating Christmas with special performances for parents and a visit to the Church to look forward to.

Please take a look at some of the important dates and events to put in your diary this half term.

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- **Tuesday 15th November Flu Vaccinations for Y1, Y2 and Y3. Parents will have already received letters about this.**
- **Anti-Bullying week 14th November—18th November 2016**
- **Friday 2nd December Christmas Fayre 2:30pm start.**
- **Tuesday 6th December EYFS Dress Rehearsal for grandparents 1:30pm**
- **Tuesday 6th December KS1 Dress Rehearsal for grandparents 2:30pm**
- **Thursday 8th December EYFS Performance for parents 1:30pm**
- **Thursday 8th December KS1 Performance for parents 2:30pm**
- **Friday 9th December EYFS Performance for parents 1:30pm**
- **Friday 9th December KS1 Performance for parents 2:30pm**
- **Monday 12th December KS2 Christmas Carols for parents 6pm**
- **Tuesday 13th December Children's Christmas Lunch**
- **Wednesday 14th December Children's Party Day Non Uniform**
- **Thursday 15th December School Pantomime Visit**
- **Friday 16th December Children visiting Church at 1:30pm**

Lunchtimes

The school offers hot school lunches through the schools catering service. The menu is changed regularly and is well balanced to ensure that children have access to a healthy balanced diet of food at school. Please speak to a member of the office team if you would like your child to have a school lunch.

We endeavour to upload the menu to the school website. The website is currently being rebuilt so please check back regularly.

At break times in KS1 and KS2

children can choose to purchase a snack of wholemeal toast and fruit juice.

To ensure that we cater for all pupils' needs we allow children to bring packed lunches from home.

To ensure that all of our children have access to a healthy lunch we ask that children have a healthy packed lunch. Therefore, children are not allowed to have fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate as part of the packed lunch. If these are included in a lunch box, the lunchtime staff ask your children to save these until they go home.

Important Dates

School closes on Friday 16th December and reopens on Tuesday 3rd January 2016.

The remaining INSET days where we will be closed to children are on:

- 27th February 2017
- 26th May 2017
- 5th June 2017

The Y6 SATs week is on **8th May-11th May 2017** and Y1 Phonics week commences on **12th June 2017**. Absence should be avoided during this time.
