



# Sunnyfields Primary School

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## Dates for your diary

- \* Monday 1st May Bank Holiday
- \* Monday 8th May-Thursday 11th May Y6 SATs Week
- \* Monday 15th May-Friday 25th May KS1 Assessments
- \* Friday 26th May INSET Day
- \* Half Term Holiday 29th May-2nd June
- \* Monday 5th June 2017 INSET Day

## Welcome to Summer 1

The children have returned to school eager and ready to learn after their Easter Break for what is a very short half term; only five weeks! Within this five week half term there is a Bank Holiday and an INSET Day so the staff are working hard to ensure that they get all of the curriculum in that they need to get covered this half term.

The school has had a 'mini-makeover' during the half term break. Mr. MacConnachie, Mr. Ainsley and myself spent a day fitting some new noticeboards for the children to read and investigate at break time. We have also cleared a lot of the clutter in the school halls making them feel much larger. We have benefited from several members of staff from Skanska visiting as part of a

community work day. The staff from Skanska have cleared some of the shrubbery in the Foundation Stage areas and have repainted fence panels and doors to ensure that the school looks at its best.

We have got a lot more plans in the pipeline but these will be subject to budget. You may be aware, from press coverage, of the huge budget cuts facing schools as part of the new National Funding Formula. For Sunnyfields, this equates to a £25000 budget cut for this financial year and every financial year from this point onwards. This has caused a few headaches for myself and Mr. Ainsley (School Business Manger) as we try to do more with less! However, we are fortunate that the school building has

been well looked after over the years so we can prioritise the spending on our pupils. The school works really hard to minimise costs to parents as much as possible but inevitably some of the cost does need to be passed on. An example of this is the rising costs of school trips. Trips never run at a profit as we try to subsidise them as much as possible. We have had to sacrifice residential visits for Y3, y4 and Y5 as the costs were going to be too large for the school and hugely expensive for parents. However, after making some tough financial decisions we have managed to produce a budget that ensures the school is sustainable and is able to offer the very best to our children.

D Richardson  
Head Teacher

## Super extra-curricular activities at Sunnyfields

Our clubs start from next week (week beginning 1st May 2017). The clubs will then run through to the penultimate week of this half term (week beginning 15th May 2017). The same clubs will then run for the final half term starting from the second week back after

the half term break. Once your child returns their letter and consent they will be able to attend the same club for the full Summer Term.

This term we have Monday Club (arts, crafts and homework) , Multi Skills (PE games), Gymnastics,

Cricket, Rounders, Rugby, Running, Basketball, Cheerleading, Girls' Football Den Building & Singing .

The clubs are aimed at different year groups and are run by our teachers and teaching assistants. All clubs finish at 4:30pm where the children can be collected from the main entrance.

## Shield for Effort Winners

Huge congratulations to our Shield for Effort Winner and runner ups. Ben Dyer, Tiger Class, received the award at the end of last half term for his super attitude to learning, effort in class and contribution to school life. Well done to Evie Brough (Puma Class) and Jasmine Barton who were awarded the Shield for Effort runner up trophies.



## New displays on the playground

Have you seen our new displays on the playground? We have information displays about animals from around the world, interesting facts about different countries, number squares and a board that can be used to measure height. If you have a spare few minutes while dropping off your child, why not get them to show you their favourite board?

### Parking outside school

Thank you to our parents who are considerate drivers and are

choosing to park their cars a little further away from school or are choosing to walk to school. This is appreciated by local residents and the school. However, we do have a small minority of individuals who drop children off on the yellow zig-zag lines or park on the pavements. The yellow zig-zag lines are designed as a 'no stopping zone' so that children can cross the road safely. When cars are parked on the pavements it makes passing them very dangerous for parents with pushchairs who have to go around the cars into the road. Please help us keep our pupils, parents and visitors safe.

## KS1 and KS2 SATs

### Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments

Year 6 begin their SATs on the 8th May 2017. The KS2 SATs assess the pupils on their knowledge and understanding of the curriculum that they have been taught over the last four years. The children have worked so hard in the build up to the national testing week along with the teaching staff working in those classes.

The children have been well prepared and are in the best possible position to do well. However, we do know that it is a time in the year where our year 6 pupils start to feel very anxious. Our staff are on hand to offer advice if needed.

We do have a few tips to help your child throughout the test week.

- If your child is feeling ill on the day of the test, send them

into school and the staff will be on hand to reassure. Very often the illness is due to nerves.

- Reassure your child. They have worked hard and are well prepared to do well.
- Ensure that they go to bed early the night before the tests so that they are awake and refreshed on the morning of the tests.
- Ensure that your child has breakfast before coming to school. The school is also providing breakfast for Y6 during test week to allow them to arrive at school in plenty of time before the tests. (More information will come out to parents via the class teachers).

Good luck to our Y6 pupils from

all of the staff at Sunnyfields!

### Key Stage 1

Our younger pupils in Year 2 will also complete assessments during the final two weeks of this half term. However, as the assessments are used to support teacher assessments the approach taken is different to that in Key Stage 2. Many children will not even know that they have done their tests as the staff work hard to ensure that children have fun while doing their 'quizzes'. Our Year 1 pupils will complete their phonics check with their class teacher. This involves working one to one with their class teacher reading a list of words. As with Year 2 assessments the Year 1 pupils will not even know that they have just completed a formal assessment. It is really important that our Key Stage 1 pupils are in school for their assessment window.

## Art Week Success

### Messages from the school office

Mrs. Gateley (School Office Manager) and Mrs. Hides are always on hand to answer any questions that you may have about dinner money, trips, uniform and school in general.

#### **Reminder—Dinner Money**

Dinner money can still be paid by cash or via online payments using School Gateway. Remember that dinner money should always be paid on the Monday so that arrears do not occur. If your child is absent due to illness during a week, they will not be charged for a school lunch.

#### **Nursery sessions and 30 hour offer 2017-18**

The school office is also looking after nursery admissions and will be contacting parents next week with information about sessions for September 2017. This will go out in the post to parents. Mr. MacConnachie will be able to answer any questions when he visits parents as part of the annual home visits.

#### **Reminder-Office hours**

The school office is staffed from 8:30am-4pm.

During Spring Term 2, the whole school took part in Arts Week. The theme of 'recycling' allowed children to discover how it is possible to make art with used and leftover materials. I was so impressed with the efforts of the children throughout school. There were so many creative projects taking place throughout the week. Children created collages using newspapers, magazines, stamps, bottle tops, old plastic bottles, old birthday cards and leftover materials from old projects. I was so proud to see children turning trash into treasure and enjoying themselves whilst being creative.

As well as class projects, we were lucky to be joined by Percussionist Gary Hammond who taught the children how to produce a Samba rhythm using old junk! Chris Connaughton also joined us for another one of his fantastic, dramatic story telling workshops! Miss McKechnie also lead the children in a special singing assembly for parents where they sang songs and learned actions for recycling. This gave children the chance to explore the theme through performance arts, as well as visual arts, which I feel is very

important.

My favourite part of the week had to be the production of our very own school mural! The first steps to this project were taken back in November 2016 which involved me asking everyone for their old plastic bottle lids! My Year 5 and 6 sketching club collaborated in designing a picture that was attractive yet reflected the school community. Finally, every child in school came along and added at least one bottle lid! The mural has been put up in school for both children and adults to remember how creative they can be using the most unlikely materials. I really hope the children will always remember being part of this collaboration as I know I will!

Miss Lumley

### PE Kit

Please remember to send your child's PE kit into school on a Monday. They can then take it home on a Friday to be washed.

### Save the date!

As always we have lots of events happening in school over the Summer Term. Here are a list of some important dates to put in your diaries.

- Monday 1st May 2017 Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 23rd May 2017 Summer Parents' Evening
- Friday 26th May 2017 INSET Day School closed to pupils
- Monday 29th May –Friday 2nd June 2017 Half Term Break
- Monday 5th June 2017 INSET Day School closed to pupils
- Monday 9th June 2017 Parents' Open Day
- Friday 7th July 2017 Sports Day 1:15-3:30pm
- Monday 10th July 2017 Reserve Sports Day 1:15-3:30pm (If weather is poor on the Friday)
- Wednesday 19th July 2017 Y6 Leavers' Assembly for Y6 parents 9:00am
- Friday 21st July Presentation Assembly 1:30pm
- Friday 21st July School Closes for holidays.

# The work of the Governing Body



**Martin Hobbs**  
**Chair of Governors**

Last half term, Martin spent time in school visiting classes and checking the Single Central Record. The SCR is a record of all the staff and volunteers (including governors) that work at Sunnyfields. It evidences that the school has made the statutory checks to ensure that staff have criminal record checks and are suitably qualified to work with children.

Martin also attended a finance governors meeting and a school improvement committee meeting.



**Julie Hides**  
**SEND Governor**  
**Leopard Class Governor**

During Spring 2, I was lucky enough to be invited to observe a Roots of Empathy lesson with Leopard Class – it was amazing to see how the pupils enjoyed these sessions with Mrs Brown, Mrs Gatt and Baby Iris. Roots of Empathy is a year long project where children in school learn about the development of a baby from birth to nine months. Mrs Gatt has been visiting with her daughter since September allowing the children to investigate how her daughter has changed over the last eight months. I have also continued to support the whole school governing body by attending a finance committee meeting to approve the school budget. I also attended school improvement committee meetings.



**Maureen Walker**  
**RE Governor**  
**Jaguar Class**

Maureen has visited the school throughout the half term to meet with the Religious Education Coordinator. She also attended the pupil progress meeting for Jaguar Class.



**Lorraine Flint**  
**Disadvantaged Pupils Governor**  
**Panther Class Governor**

Lorraine has participated in the pupil progress meeting for Panther Class. She has also met with Mr. Crosby to discuss the progress of disadvantaged pupils. Lorraine has joined the school in a meeting with the Standards and Effectiveness Partner who visits the school regularly on behalf of the Local Education Authority.

**Emma Wain**  
**Governor**

Emma has joined the school during the recent Standards and Effectiveness Partner meeting. She has also attended School Improvement Committee meetings.



**Gaynor Bellamy**  
**Literacy Governor**  
**EYFS Class Governor**

Gaynor has joined the school for the pupil progress meetings in EYFS. She has also led the School Improvement Committee meetings. Gaynor joined Leopard and Jaguar Class on their recent trip to the Roald Dahl museum.

We are always interested to know what is going well and what needs improving. Remember that you can email Mr. Richardson, tweet the school or email the governors directly.

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