



# Sunnyfields Primary School

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## Welcome to the new academic year!

The second autumn term is already progressing at a pace. Christmas has started early with EYFS and KS1 beginning their preparations for the Christmas productions.

At a whole school level, the leadership team have evaluated last years outcomes and have started working through this years targets on the School Improvement Plan. We have been visited by senior members of the Local Education Authority to ensure that our school is continuing to be the very best it can be. We also have our Standards and Effectiveness Partnership meeting on

Thursday. This is a meeting that takes place each term with a representative from the Local Authority who visits the school to challenge my judgements and evaluations on the quality of teaching, learning, assessment, behaviour, pupil outcomes, safety and leadership.

On a class level, the children at Sunnyfields continue to make me proud every day. I am so impressed by the commitment of our children as they work hard in school and at extra curricular clubs and tournaments. I do need to mention the Y5 and Y6

Boys Cross Country Team who have qualified for the South Yorkshire Schools Finals later in the year.

Our children have also represented the school beautifully while on educational visits. I never tire of the many compliments that I receive via email, Twitter and phone calls that compliment our stunning pupils.

As Christmas approaches I look forward to welcoming you onto site for all of the events planned.

Mr. D. Richardson  
Head Teacher

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## Extra Curricular Clubs Galore!

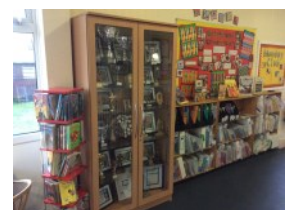
The range of clubs that are on offer to our pupils is arguably the best around. Clubs are provided, in most cases, free of charge using the PE ports Premium to fund travel costs. The staff work really hard to ensure that the clubs reflect the children's interests. We are always looking for

volunteers to work alongside the staff to support this offer. Therefore, if you have a specific skill that you think would benefit our amazing children, please get in touch. Similarly, if there is a club that you would like to see please email the school directly so that we

can discuss during our Staff Development Evenings.



**Our new Friendship Bench decorated by the children during Anti Bul-**



**The bulging Trophy Cabinet!**

## Christmas Events in School

We have many opportunities for parents to join us in school this term.

Our Christmas Fayre, which is organized and run by the Friends of Sunnyfields, opens at 2pm on Friday 1st December. Please join us for refreshments, games, prizes and a visit to Father Christmas. You are able to collect your children from classes early on this day.

On Friday 8th December our Choir will be singing some Christmas Songs at Bentley Library. We will be leaving school at 1:30pm if you would like to walk with us. If not we will see you at the library.

On the 11th December our Choir will be singing at the Frenchgate Centre. We will be there from 10:30 -12:30 singing and raising funds.

On the evening of the 11th December, from 6pm, the KS2 children will be presenting a range of musical performances. Mince Pies will be provided to get us all in the spirit.

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December see the EYFS children (1:30pm) and the KS1 children (2:30pm) present their Christmas Nativities. A special moment so all are invited!

## Meet the Governors

The governors are a board of individuals who are responsible for working alongside the staff to support the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction. The board is made up with a range of individuals who have been appointed to the governing body by the local education authority, parents, staff and the school itself. The governing

body represents all stakeholders in the school. The governing body meets formally three times per year.

The most recent Annual General Meeting of the Governing Body met on Monday 13th December and

**"The governing body represents all stakeholders in the school."**

voted Mr. Martin Hobbs as the Chair Person and Mrs. Gaynor Bellamy as the Vice Chair of Governors. Mr. Ben Shepherd has bow resigned from the governing body after many years service. We are always looking for new governors to work alongside the School's Senior Leadership Team. Therefore, if this is of interest please contact the school.



**David Richardson**  
Head Teacher



**Martin Hobbs**  
Chair of Governors



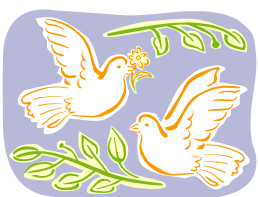
**Gaynor Bellamy**  
Vice Chair of Governors



**Julie Hides**  
Co-Opted Governor



**Jamie Macconnachie**  
Staff Governor



**Emma Wain**  
Parent Governor



**Claire Strawbridge**  
Parent Governor



**Ruth Martin**  
Co-Opted Governor



**Lorraine Flint**  
Co-Opted Governor



**Margaret Walker**  
Co-Opted Governor

## Panto and Church Visit

After several years of visiting the Cast in Doncaster for the Pantomime we have decided to invite a theatre company into school to perform Dick Whittington. Visits to the theatre are fantastic and are lovely experiences for all of the children but we are aware of the financial pressures that this places on parents. The visit from the Theatre Company is costing £12 less per 't have to pay any travel costs. We may return to the Cast next year. The cost for your pupil to watch the

performance is a voluntary contribution of £2.50.

For educational visits we are legally only allowed to request a voluntary contribution. The contribution covers the cost of the visits if all pupils pay. We never ever run in profit for any trip and often run at a loss. If contributions are ever too low we do cancel them as the school cannot financially subsidise them as this puts pressure on other areas of the school budget.

On the final Friday (22nd December) we will be holding our final presentation assembly of the year at 9:00am in the school hall. In the afternoon we will be leaving the school at 1:30pm to visit St. Leonard's Church (opposite Aldi) in Scawsby for our annual Carol Concert. The service is open to parents and lasts approximately 45 minutes. Children can be collected from the Church or school to start their Christmas Holiday early.

## Keeping in touch with school?

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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

If you are not happy with the way things are going, it is important that we know. The first step is to speak

to your child's class teacher. If this does not help speak to the relevant phase leader. Again if you concern is not addressed speak to one of the senior leadership team or email the school office who will forward on your email.

Remember that we want the same things as you do for your child!

## Christmas Lunch and Party Days

Christmas Lunch Day is on **Wednesday 20th December 2017**. Children who already have school dinners will automatically get a Christmas Lunch. For children who are normally on packed lunches they have the option to have a Christmas Lunch if they choose. The Christmas Dinner is served to the children by the teaching staff! The school office has sent out information about this. All children

no matter whether they have a Christmas Dinner or packed lunch will meet in the hall to have lunch together. On this day your child may wear a **Christmas Jumper** if they wish. There is no charge for this or any pressure to wear a Christmas jumper.

The children's Christmas Party Day is on **Thursday 21st December 2017**. Children will be provided with a party lunch before moving into their

classes for games and a disco. The lunch normally consists of pizza, hotdogs, chips, jelly and ice cream which is served by the staff. We invite parents to send in additional food including crisps and biscuits to make the Christmas Party even more fun for the children. As with the Christmas Dinner all pupils have the option to have a school party lunch rather than home packed lunches.

## Important Dates

1st December Christmas Fayre  
11th December KS2 Music Performance  
18th & 19th December EYFS & KS1 Christmas Nativity  
20th December Christmas Jumper Day  
21st December Christmas Party Day  
22nd December Trip to Church and School Closes.  
8th January School Opens  
9th February School Closes  
20th February School Opens  
All school clubs start on the second week of term and end in the penultimate week of term.

## INSET Days and SATs

INSET days (In Service Training Days) are days set aside by the Department for Education that are additional to the 190 days of pupil education. The five additional days are for ongoing training of teaching staff. INSET days include internal training as well as training alongside colleagues from other schools. Therefore, pupils do not miss any learning when staff are participating in INSET.

We have taken one INSET day in September .

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

- Monday 19th February 2017
- Friday 25th May 2017
- Monday 4th June 2017
- Monday 23rd July 2017

The Y6 SAT week is on **14th May-18th May 2017** and Y1 Phonics week commences on **11th June 2017**. Absence **MUST BE** avoided during this time as children will not be able to take the tests at a later time. The test data is used to support next steps in learning, inform next steps for pupils at secondary school and are part of the measure used to measure the school.

## The Friends of Sunnyfields

The Friends of Sunnyfields is a groups of parents and staff that work throughout the year to raise funds for our children. The FoS hold a number of events throughout the year including fashion shows, children's discos, Christmas Fayre, and Summer Fayre.

They fundraise for resources and equipment that is not normally supported by the school budget.

Over the years the FoS have raised funds for picnic benches on the playgrounds, new play equipment, playsuits for Foundation children, stages and disco lights.

The Friends of Sunnyfields would like to invite new volunteers to join. This is a great opportunity to get to know people if you are new to the school. It is also a fantastic opportunity to help raise funds for

the special items that help make the school such a nice place to be. The FoS welcomes support from parents, carers, grandparents, aunt and uncles.

The FoS is specifically looking for people to help with the organisation of the Christmas Fayre. More information can be found on the FoS Facebook page.



<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Sunnyfields>

## Pupil Safety

At the end of the school day pupils are taken to different areas of the playground. It helps greatly if parents can congregate in the middle of the KS2 playground to allow classes to get to their Muster points safely.

Children will only be dismissed when a parent or carer can be seen by the class teacher or adult with responsibility for the class. Unfortunately, we have had some parents shouting for their children to join them to leave school without the staff seeing the carer. Although it may seem that this process is slow it is for the safety of your children.

For parents who wish to complain please speak to Mr. Richardson, Mr. Crosby or Mrs. Gatt. The three senior leaders are responsible for pupil and site safety.