



# Blossomfield Infant and Nursery School,

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER JULY 2016

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Dear Parents & Carers,

**The end of the academic year at Blossomfield Infant and Nursery school is now in sight and what an exciting and busy year it has been.**

Our Governors continue to lead us with a vision that will ensure the longevity of our school. The Blossomfield staff have shown their commitment and flexibility over the past year and remain totally committed to enabling the children to achieve the very best that they can even under challenging environmental circumstances. They are determined that this will not change. The passion that makes Blossomfield special has been abundantly apparent in the dedication of a collective team of professionals who work at and with Blossomfield.

We would like to thank our Parents for being supportive and patient during this challenging year. We continue to value greatly parental contribution to the success of Blossomfield as an outstanding school.

**Our ethos and our strong values have been a strength throughout this year. We are mindful each day of our core purpose and continue to keep the children at the centre of everything we do.**

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## Parent Teacher Association

Thanks go to all members of the PTA and to all of the families who supported the summer fair.



Everybody who came enjoyed the evening, which raised £1500!

The P.T.A. also organised an after school treat for the children to celebrate the end of term. 'Magic Russ' entertained the children after school for an hour. The P.T.A continues to do great work organising events for the school community and if you would like to join the P.T.A please look out for the next meeting date in the autumn newsletter.



**We have submitted our application for our Green Flag award!**

Thanks go to **Mrs Mason, the children and parents in the Eco Group** who have co-ordinated this work in school on a daily basis. They have promoted this project in school. The most important outcome of this project is that this award acknowledges the importance that we as a community place upon educating the children about the need to be an ecologically friendly school.

## School Nurse Suggests

As we approach the holidays perhaps this is a good time to look at the safety of your play equipment, are your children using a helmet when cycling, has the trampoline got a safety net, is the swing properly secured. Many accidents that happen in the home and garden could possibly be avoided with a general review of equipment being used. I would like to wish you all a happy, fun and safe summer holidays.



## BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATE!

### RECEPTION - Twycross Zoo

The Reception children have been thinking about 'all creatures great and small' and to support their learning they went on a visit to Twycross Zoo. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and came back with lots of information about the animals that they saw.

### YEAR 2 - Kingsbury Water Park

Year 2 got back to nature with a visit to Kingsbury Water Park. The Park Ranger led the children in activities to support their learning about animals, plants and habitats. Teachers reported that a highlight of the day was the children dashing around a field with nets, catching insects to examine a little more closely!

### Summer Activities for the family

The 'Living Well' programme will be delivering activities to help families stay active and avoid boredom during the summer holiday. More information can be found at: [www.solihullactive.co.uk/livingwell](http://www.solihullactive.co.uk/livingwell)

## **CLASS ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2016-17:**

Your child will now know who their class teacher is for 2016-2017. Staffing for next year is as follows:

**Nursery:** am - Mrs Lee, pm - Mrs Turner assisted by Mrs Hutchinson & Miss Millington

**Reception:** Mrs Church, Miss Jackson, Miss Simper assisted by Mrs Simjee, Mrs Rothwell & Mrs Meads

**Year 1:** Miss Whitfield, Mrs Mason, Mrs Rae assisted by Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Welch, Mrs Stewart & Mrs Adams,

**Year 2:** Miss Russell, Miss Cole assisted by Mrs Collingridge & Mrs Cutler



## **Dates for the Academic Year 2016-2017**

### **Autumn Term 2016**

Starts: Monday 5 September 2016

Half Term: Monday 24 October 2016 to Friday 28 October 2016

Ends: Friday 16 December 2016

### **Spring Term 2017**

Starts: Tuesday 3 January 2017

Half Term: Monday 20 February 2017 to Friday 24 February 2017

Ends: Friday 7 April 2017

### **Summer Term 2017**

Starts: Monday 24 April 2017

Half Term: Monday 29 May 2017 to Friday 2 June 2017

Ends: Tuesday 25 July 2017

### **INSET DAYS 2016-2017**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017



### Helpers' Assembly

Helpers' Assembly on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July gave children and teachers the opportunity to say:

**'THANK YOU VERY MUCH'**

to parents, grandparents and community volunteers who have helped in school this year.

### **END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS**

*Before Year 2 took one more step along their journey of life they made some final lasting Blossomfield memories.*

Leavers' assembly was, as always, very moving with Year 2 children saying a final 'goodbye' to Blossomfield.

The Recorder concert was excellent. The children's skills in playing have developed remarkably since they took up their recorders last September! Thanks go to Mrs Hall for the 'magic' that she has worked in coaching the children at Blossomfield over the years to final performances. As she retires we are pleased to say that she will be passing the baton to Mrs Lee who will be teaching the Year 2 children recorders next year.

Sports Day brought out the children's competitive side but all demonstrated good sportsmanship and they were supported by the crowd! Thank you to Mrs Evans, the Shirley Heath staff and Year 6 children who supported us on the day. We are hoping to make this an annual event.

Thanks also to the catering staff and the lunchtime supervisors for organising a super Leavers' Lunch for Year 2 children and their parents.



### *Farewell*

Goodbye to staff members who are leaving us;



*Mrs Hall is retiring*

*Mrs Brady*

*Mrs Gooden*

We wish them well as they go on their way and hope that they will visit us when their busy schedule allows!

*Finally ... All of the staff would like to thank parents and children for the good wishes and gifts that they have received. We would like to wish everybody a safe and restful summer*

*break and look forward to welcoming all back to school on Wednesday 7th September 2016.*

