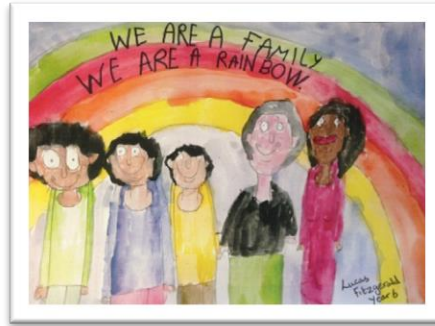


## Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2015



Dear Parents/carers

Welcome back to our final term. We have many exciting activities planned at Handsworth over the coming months, so please keep accessing the website in order to keep up to date. As we move towards becoming a paperless school, newsletters and correspondence will be sent out via email only. **Please ensure that you register on the website** by clicking the Registration link at the top of the page, so information can be emailed directly to you. You can also keep up to date with school activities via Twitter @HandsworthNews.

Year 6 will be participating in their Statutory tests from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May**. The children (and staff) have been working incredibly hard. Good luck Year 6! We are very proud of you. If you are a Year 6 pupil, remember that you are invited to attend the SATs breakfast club Monday to Thursday next week from 8.20am in the main hall.

The date for our annual Sports Day has been scheduled for **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** (weather permitting) with KS2 activities in the morning and KS1 in the afternoon.

The school class photos will take place throughout the day on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**.

This year FOH have organized a Summer Fete on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**, please try to support this event by either volunteering your much needed help or attending on the day for what should be yet another great fundraiser and community event. Contact Kathrine Bromley on 07989 303163 if you can help out at all.

A reminder from the office that online payments are now due for School Dinners (£47.15 for the half term) and Music tuition (£60.00). As the money is due in advance of meals and lessons, please ensure payments are made by the end of this week. If your child is eligible for a free school meal irrespective of whether they receive a Universal Infant School meal or prefer packed lunch, please register for free school meals via the Waltham Forest Council website. The school gains vital funding (called Pupil Premium) for every child registered, which allows us to purchase much needed resources and additional provision for these pupils. If you are eligible, your child could benefit from support towards school trips (including the Year 6 residential), sports clubs, music tuition and school uniform. Please speak to myself or the school office confidentially if you have any queries regarding this.



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Class newsletters are available on the class pages of the school website, along with the topic overviews for this term. We would encourage you to read these as the newsletter gives information about what your child is learning this term as well as school trips, assemblies and educational visits.

A polite reminder - children are not allowed to play football or play on the school equipment before or after school. The children are all aware of this and know our school rules. Please ensure that you reinforce this with your child.

This term we are delighted to have successfully appointed a Deputy Headteacher to Handsworth. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Addai, an existing member of the leadership team, to this new appointment. Miss Addai will formally take up her new role with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015. I would like to thank Miss Walter who has stepped up to the role as Acting Deputy Headteacher and will continue to do so for the summer term.

I am pleased to have been asked to support another local community school along with two of our governors Mrs Mary Wilson and Mr Simon Jarvis. I have been appointed as Interim Executive Headteacher of Longshaw Primary to guide the school out of special measures. I will usually be off site on Tuesdays, so if you have any questions and queries on that day please speak to Miss Walter. It is a privilege that we can share best practice, as Handsworth is in a very fortunate position with excellent teaching and learning, enthusiastic motivated pupils, supportive parents and strong governance and leadership.

As always, I am available most days at the start and end of the day so if you have any questions or concerns please feel welcome to come and see me. If I am not available the office will schedule a meeting at your convenience.

**Date for your diary:** Half-term break Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Here's to a lovely half term.

Jill



*Risk more than others think is safe.  
Care more than others think is wise.  
Dream more than others think is practical.  
Expect more than others think is possible.*  
Claude Bissell

