

# Newsletter - July 2017

## STAFFING CHANGES

We would like to thank Miss Potton (who is leaving us to take up a post much closer to her home in North Lincolnshire), Miss Giminez (leaving for a foreign adventure teaching abroad) and Miss Norton (who is joining another school in our locality).

Our special thanks go to Mrs Summers, who is retiring this summer. Mrs Summers has taught at Ballifield for 16 years. Mrs Summers has been maths curriculum leader at Ballifield. She has supported colleagues in teaching this subject and our school has had consistently good maths results. Our best wishes go with her for a healthy, happy retirement.

As you may know from the transition activities, we have appointed their successors. Mr Cassidy (Y4) is an experienced teacher who is joining us from a school in Leeds. Mr Robb (Y5) is a Newly Qualified Teacher as is Mr Sanderson (Y6) and Miss Owen (Y3) who have already been working in school but will join us on a more formal basis from September.

## SCHOOL DINNERS

We have just received news from the council that the price of School Meals will increase slightly for the next school year.



**The price of a school meal will remain at £2.00 per day or £10.00 per week for children in Key Stage 2. Foundation Stage and KS1 children will receive their meals free under the government initiative.**

**However if you know that you are entitled to claim Free Meals due to financial circumstances please STILL complete an application form as the schools annual budget is calculated on the number of pupils eligible for free meals. These matters are dealt with in the strictest confidence.**

Could we please remind you that all dinners that have been consumed MUST be paid for within the same week. Please remember that we no longer accept cash payments for school dinners and that all payments need to be made via SIMs Agora, accessible on our website.

**School finishes for the Summer Break at 3.15pm on Friday 21st July.**

**Children return to school on Tuesday 5th September.**

**Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am and classroom doors open at 8.40am for registration.**

## SUMMER FAYRE

The parents group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Summer Fayre. PTA raised over £850 and everyone had a fantastic time. We would like to thank the PTA for all their hard work.



PTA will be meeting again in September to start planning for Christmas, everyone is welcome!

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Once again it has been a very productive and enjoyable year and I wish to thank the whole school community for this, particularly all the staff and leadership team.

Our SATs results seem to indicate that we are at least in line with national outcomes. If we were using the old assessment tool these results would have been well above!

I would like to pass on how our teachers really appreciate the excellent turn out at the parents evenings and are grateful for your continued support and the useful feedback from the children's reports.

Transition activities have been very successful. The children are well prepared for September. Our best wishes go to all the Y6s as they prepare for the next stage of their education. They have enjoyed a great send off through the leavers' party and performance.

I know you appreciate early notice of key dates for the school year (including the Christmas performances) so please find a list for your calendar on the back of this letter.

Well, here I am at the finishing line! The last lap has been such a joy as I have been able to spend a little more time with the children. They never fail to fill me with pride and I shall really miss them.

Thank you for all your beautiful cards and gifts. I really appreciate the kind words and conversations we have had during the past few weeks.

I am certain the new headteacher will do a great job. The school is in good hands and I know the best is yet to come!

On behalf of the Ballifield team I hope you all have a lovely summer.

*Sheila Haigh*