

Newsletter - July 2018

Nurture Quality Mark Award



It is with great pleasure that I can announce that Ballifield has achieved the Marjorie Boxall Nurture Quality Mark Award. This award recognises the impact of the provision within the Haven Nurture Unit and the focus on the nurturing principles throughout school.

Our special thanks go to Mrs Roddis, who initially set up the Haven Nurture Unit (7 years ago) and has then enthusiastically supported colleagues in the planning and running of the unit. We would also like to thank Mrs Pasley and Miss Oseman for their continued hard work, and who are, I quote, 'dedicated to improving the lives of the children in their care.'

The Nurture Group Network will be presenting the award to pupils and parents, who have, or do, attend Nurture in a special ceremony with Clive Betts MP joining us.

We are extremely proud of this accreditation and we will continue to embed a whole school approach to nurture and well-being.

ATTENDANCE



As you are aware, we have had a much greater focus on attendance this year due to a challenging attendance target of 97% being set.

Attendance has been affected by illness, as it always will do, but term time holidays have a significant impact on our attendance figures. In the Summer term our figures have dropped from 96% in the Spring term to 95.2%.

Term time holidays will not be authorised unless the circumstances are exceptional. Because of this, I would urge you to consider taking your holidays during Easter next year (1st-12th April 2019) as Sheffield local authority will be the only authority that has Easter at this time therefore holidays will be cheaper. We then return to school for 4 days and are then closed Friday 19th to Monday 22nd April 2019.

SCHOOL MEALS



There is no change to the cost of school meals for next academic year. The price will remain at £2 per day. Please remember all meals must be paid for in advance at the beginning of the week.

School finishes for the Summer Break at 3.15pm on Tuesday 24th July.

Children return to school on Wednesday 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. The PTA raised over £806 and everyone had a fantastic time. We would like to thank the PTA for all their hard work.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Well, here I am at the end of my first year of Headship. Where has time gone? We have achieved so many things this year but there is always so much still to do! I wish to thank the whole school community for their hard work and support, particularly all the staff and the senior leadership team.

I would like to pass on how our teachers have really appreciated the positive turn out at the parents evenings this year 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 been a fabulous team of children who deserve much success in the future.

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 attached to this letter.

Thank you for all your support this year. I really appreciate the feedback and conversations we have had and I look forward to further improving communication and the links between home and school.

I am looking forward to the implementation of the new curriculum next year, developing leaders across school and further improving the pupils' attainment and progress.

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

Amanda Smith

