



# May Newsletter 2024

## Latest News

May is always an important time in Primary Schools. During the middle of May, children in Year 6 will take their SAT tests, the official tests to show how well the school has helped prepare them for high school.

Children in the other year groups will take their assessments in June, so May is a really important month for them too, as teachers help the children to lock in key facts like their times tables or their phonics.

As ever, we will be writing to all parents and carers at the start of July with the children's end-of-year report to let you know how they have done.

## Parking around school at drop-off and pick-up

Residents of Sandon Mount have again asked me to remind you that they need access to their driveways before and after school as they need to set off for work or to take their elderly parents to hospital and would appreciate it if you didn't park your car over their driveways to drop off and pick up your children.

## School Meals

**All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** are eligible for a free school meal. **This is not linked to benefits or how much you earn and could save you up to £420.** During these difficult financial times, it could make a big difference. If you would like your child to start school meals, just let the office know.

Here is important information about up-coming events:

### Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

School will be closed.

### Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SAT Tests

We are providing a breakfast grab bag every morning on SAT week to make sure the children are in school and ready to take the tests. Mr Sharpe will be in touch to let parents/carers know what time and where breakfast will be served. The tests start around 9.15 am every day, so it is important the children are in school and on time.

### Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May – Summer Census in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

The Government will use the number of meals we serve on this day to work out how much money to pay us for school meals in the summer term. To make sure we get as much money as we can, we plan to give every child in Rec, Year 1 & 2 a meal. This won't cost you anything but will help us. If you think your child won't eat a school meal, you can always send them with their packed lunch as well.

### Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for Half-term

We will break up for half-term on **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30 pm** and return on

**Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

## Twitter

For more information and to see photos from these events follow us on Twitter @HCPSLeeds or our Facebook page.

## Questions and Information

If you have any questions or need further information about items on this newsletter please ask your class teacher or myself and we will be happy to help.

Kind Regards Mr Martin Lumb



## Governors' News

It is that time of the year when Mr Lumb and the school leaders meet with Leeds City Council to find out how much money they have been given to provide the children with everything they need for the year ahead.

This year, that meeting is happening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, and we hope we are given the money we need to keep on providing vital support to the children and families.

Some of the amazing things that we currently provide are:

- Rainbow Room provision – an amazing resource for a group of children on the autistic spectrum who would find it very difficult in a large classroom.
- Restorative Learning – a wonderful space for 6 children who find it difficult to concentrate in a large Year 5 or 6 classroom.
- Impact North – trained therapists who come into school on two days each week to help children and their parents/carers with their mental health.
- Speech and Language Therapy – a trained therapist from the NHS who works in school two days a week to help children with communication difficulties.
- Subsidised school trips and experiences – we currently spend around £15,000 making school trips free (or as cheap as they can be) so that as many of our children as possible can experience a range of activities.
- Food and clothes parcels – times are tough, and school have a bank of food and clothes that we can give to families who need it.

I know whatever funding we are given, Mr Lumb and his team will do everything they can to make sure that you and your children get the best possible start in life.

**Chair of Governors Sarah Gardner**

## School Council News

We have exciting news! We have managed to book the Houses of Parliament tour on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July. It was action packed last year and very entertaining; David and I have been telling the school council all about it. We are looking forward to finding out what we will be doing in the afternoon. I hope it involves Pizza again!

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, the Year 5 School Council members are attending the Leeds Children's Mayor event at Leeds Civic Hall. Last year, I put myself forward for the job of Leeds Children's Mayor and got shortlisted! I am hoping that one of our amazing Year 5 school councillors put themselves forward too.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, David and I will start to take our SATs in Spelling and Grammar, Reading and Maths, with the other Year 6 children. We have all been working hard to revise and prepare. We would like to wish all of Year 6 the best of luck, and I am sure we will all do well.

Thank you for reading,  
Elsie and David.