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Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 30th March - Whole Class Photographs



Friday 31st March - School closes for the Easter break at 2.30pm

Easter Bonnet Parade begins at 2pm (KS2 playground - weather permitting).

Pupils in Years 1 to 6 will need to bring into school their bonnets and materials for decorating their bonnets in readiness for the parade next Friday.



Uniform Policy Reminder

We have recently noticed a small increase in some pupils (particularly KS1 boys) coming to school with patterns shaved into their hair. Please can we remind you of the uniform policy which states, **'The school does not permit children to have hair extensions, non-natural colour hair dyes, patterns shaved into the hair.'**



Goodbye

Last Friday, we said goodbye to Maria, our catering supervisor, who now takes up a position in a school near her home in Brownhills. We wish Maria all the best in your new job and would like to thank her for her hard work.

We have a vacancy for a Catering Supervisor.

The details of the post are advertised on WM Jobs and on our own website under the 'Vacancy' tab. The deadline for applications to be submitted is 9am on Monday 17th April.

[Click here for details of the job.](#)



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Governor Blog

Summary of the recent Governors' meeting (Tuesday 14th March 2023)

It was slightly delayed this half term due to the snow, but Governors enjoyed a very positive meeting on Tuesday evening.

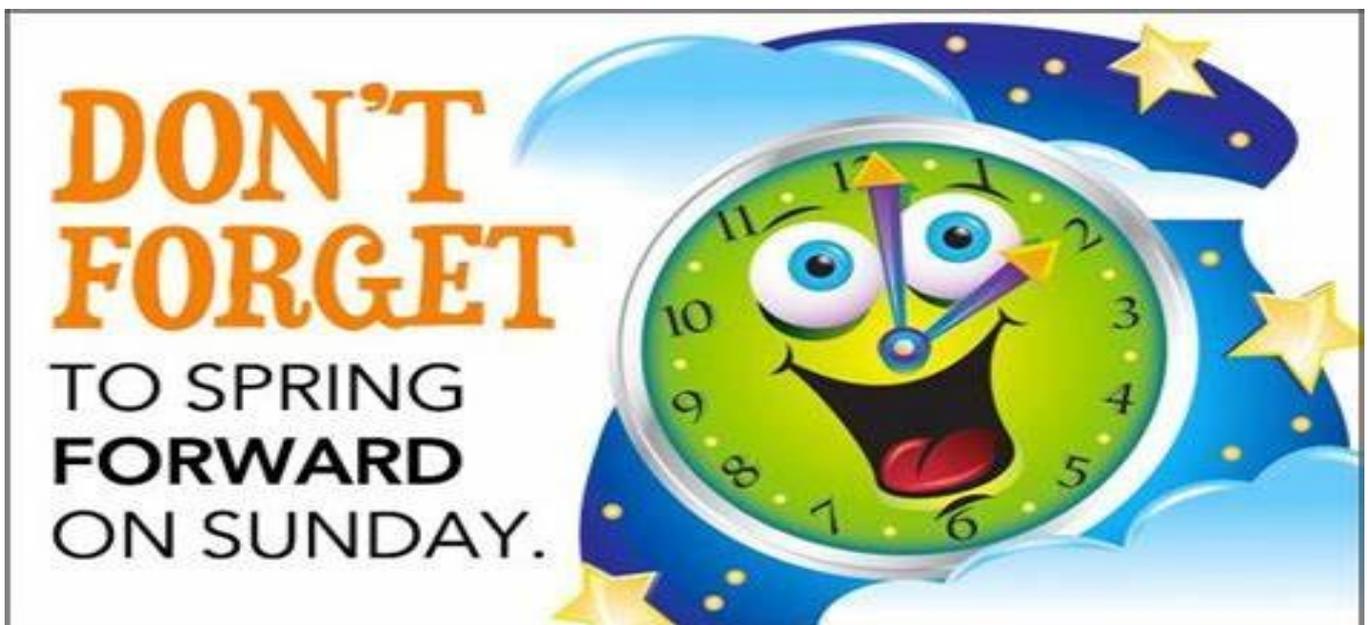
Our link Governor for Maths shared her latest report which included learning walks, looking at books and a focus on pupil progress within the school. Governors were impressed with the use of pupil voice; children are able to discuss their maths progress in detail and pinpoint their own areas for development. It was a delight to hear how capable the children are at expressing themselves.

Mr Wilkes shared the Head teacher's report which outlined several areas within the school. This included Attendance and Safeguarding data which Governors discussed in detail. Mr Wilkes also shared the latest progress and attainment data reports. These were very favourable, with both progress and attainment showing improvements in maths, reading and writing. Particular focus was placed on writing as this had been an area for development. Governors thanked all staff for their hard work to achieve such scores and overall positive school improvement. Governors also acknowledged the work carried out by staff and volunteers to provide many varied extra-curricular enrichment activities that pupils thoroughly enjoy.

In addition, we were able to look at the new Design Technology curriculum. This had been developed in conjunction with DT experts within the Primitas partnership. The DT team from EDA provided support and expertise in producing a new curriculum map alongside staff at Highfields. Governors were very impressed with how engaging and exciting the curriculum looked and would no doubt inspire the children to engage fully with the learning.

Finally, Governors shared a new parent survey which has been sent out to all parents this week so that we can seek your views and opinions.

(Written by Alison Stacey, SEN and English Link Governor)



Thank You!

Thank you to those parents who have responded to the recent Parent Survey. Your views and opinions are always gratefully welcome and received. The findings of the survey will be shared with staff and Governors. Governors will then keep parents informed through their blogs about any changes which may occur as a result of your feedback.