



# Hothfield News

11<sup>th</sup> July 2017

## Our Wonderful Y6 Leavers...(and the last ever!)

As the end of the school year approaches, we reflect on whether we have succeeded in our mission to prepare our leaving children for the next stage of their education. We set out to ensure our Year 6 leavers leave Hothfield next week with:

- *strength in the Hothfield 6Rs for Learning – Resilience; Responsibility; good social and learning Relationships; Resourcefulness and the ability to Reflect and Reason.*
- *confidence and enjoyment in reading, writing and maths*
- *a strong knowledge and understanding of the world around them and the desire to know more*
- *an appreciation of the lives of others – recognising that which we have in common and valuing difference*
- *the ability to grow from mistakes, have their ideas challenged and challenge the ideas of others*
- *an understanding that effort plus challenge equals success*
- *a positive attitude towards school and learning and a motivation to continue succeeding*

One measure of the children's 'confidence and enjoyment of reading, writing and maths' is their SATS test outcomes. Parents of each child in Year 6 will receive their child's SATS test results on Thursday alongside their child's report. These results state whether children have achieved the new 'expected standard' for the end of Key Stage 2.

We know how many of our children achieved these 'expected standards' this year and can compare these with the national figures:

	National 2017	Hothfield 2017 (68 children)
Reading - Expected Standard	71%	84%
Writing - Expected Standard (Teacher Assessment)	76%	88%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling - Expected Standard	77%	90%
Maths - Expected Standard	75%	88%
Children achieving expected standard in each of Reading, Writing and Maths	61%	78%

That so many of our children achieved the high 'expected standard' is a testament to the children's positive attitude to school and learning, their hard work, the commitment and dedication of the staff working with them and your support. We are proud of all our Year 6 children's achievements. Wherever they began on their Hothfield learning journey four years ago, we have seen them progress and develop. So many of them have achieved our aims for them and are very well placed to flourish at their secondary school.

It is always a sad moment when we say goodbye to children who have been a part of our Hothfield community for four years... Thank you so much to the children for their commitment and to their parents for your support.

## School Council Defibrillator

### Campaign: The £5 Mile

As their final act, this year's School Council would like to raise £1000 for a defibrillator. On the advice of the British Heart Foundation, we can site the defibrillator on an outside wall so that it will be available in an emergency for anyone in school or in the local community.

The School Council want to do this because they know of staff and children with a heart condition – and they know that having a defibrillator available could save a life.

To raise the money, the whole school are going to run (or walk!) a mile on the school field next Monday afternoon – 17<sup>th</sup> July and be sponsored £5 to do it.

If all the children collect £5 from family or friends, then we will have collected enough money for the defibrillator and its fitting – in one go!

**So if you are happy to support this campaign, children should please come to school on Monday with £5.**

And so this is the last Hothfield Junior School newsletter. Hothfield Junior School officially closes on 31<sup>st</sup> August and Silsden Primary School opens on 1<sup>st</sup> September – an exciting new era in the history of the education of Silsden's children.

We finish for the summer holidays at the usual time on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July and the children return to Silsden Primary School on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – hopefully in their great new uniforms! I hope you all have a happy summer.

## Hothfield Summer Bazaar

We are looking forward to the Hothfield Summer Bazaar from 3.30-5pm on Friday (14<sup>th</sup> July). There will be many stalls and activities for children and adults to enjoy. Encouraging a spirit of enterprise, this is very much an event organised and run by the children. They have planned their stalls – and it looks like we are going to have some interesting ones! We hope that as many parents, grandparents and friends of the school will be able to come along and see what the children have to sell to you...

You will receive your child's Annual Report on Thursday. Next Monday (17<sup>th</sup>) from 3.30 to 5pm it is our drop-in session if you wish to discuss your child's report with their teacher. Please return the slip with your child's report if you plan to drop in.

We hope your child enjoyed their transition day in their new class with their new teacher last week. Please note that there will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher and hear about the routines and expectations for their new class at our New Class Briefings in the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September. Details to follow when the children return in September.

Please look out for the letter about our special Goodbye Hothfield and Aire View picnic next Wednesday. We will also be saying goodbye to the Hothfield jumpers. Please note therefore:

- If you do not want your child to hand over their jumper for recycling, please make this clear in a note.
- Please send your child with any other Hothfield jumpers or cardigans you have at home that you want to be recycled on that Wednesday.
- The last Thursday and Friday will therefore be non-uniform days – no money required for this.