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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

Cathy Cox – Head Teacher

Newsletter 10

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all enjoyed the Easter break and that you and your children are looking forward to the Summer term ahead.

Starburst Academy

During the Easter Holiday we welcomed the Starburst Academy to Highwood. Following their successful activity week, they will now be at Highwood every Saturday running dance and drama activities and workshops. There will be another holiday club in the Summer break (Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August) – please ask at the office for more information or contact: info@starburstacademy.com.

Women's World Cup Theme Days

Our Summer Term got off to an exciting start with our theme days based around the upcoming Women's World Cup and women in sport. It was wonderful to see the children in their 'Family Groups', which consist of children from Year 1 to Year 6 who are in the same House Group, working together and supporting each other to learn about the different countries and athletes involved in this sporting event. The week was completed with our 'Opening Ceremony' Assembly on Friday afternoon when children across the school shared their learning with each other and with the staff. I would like to thank the staff for the creative and fun activities that they planned for the children and to Mrs Harte, Mr Willimott and Mrs Keith for co-ordinating the week.

Rewards and Consequences Ladders

At Highwood we regularly discuss behaviour around the school and ways to ensure that the children are encouraged to meet our 4 Golden Expectations:

Respect yourself and be respectful
Care for yourself, for others and for your school
Show kindness to others
Always try your best

Building on our Behaviour Policy, we have put together a 'Rewards Ladder' and a 'Consequences Ladder' which the staff will be sharing with the children over the next couple of weeks. Of course, it is impossible to list every type of behaviour that might be shown by a child, so staff are asked to use their professional judgement and their

knowledge of the child when applying consequences to a behaviour situation. These documents are attached with this newsletter for your information.

Home Learning

Last week you will have received by email a Year Group Newsletter outlining learning topics and important reminders for the term ahead. Along with this will be the Home Learning Grid for this half term. As always the teachers have tried to put together interesting and fun activities that your children can complete, linked to and building on the learning in school. These activities are entirely voluntary and we are always impressed with the many wonderful models, posters etc. that your children bring in. Thank you also for all the support given in helping your children with their reading, spelling and times tables – all of which really help them in school.

End of Term Awards

At the end of the Spring term, we celebrated children from across the school who had shown exceptional perseverance and progress in their learning. The class teachers nominated the children and spoke about their achievements in a whole school assembly. Congratulations and well done to:

Pine 1	Harrison	Elm 1	Kaya
Birch 2	Mahdi	Beech 2	Arianna
Maple 3	Max	Cedar 3	Layla
Hawthorn 4	Jack	Hazel 4	Daisy-Mae
Poplar 5	Georgina	Willow 5	Sophia
Sycamore 6	Satara	Chestnut 6	Jack

Please remember to look at the 'Dates for your Diary' section below

Kind Regards,
Mrs Cathy Cox
Head Teacher

Head Teacher's Awards

The following children have earned and celebrated their Headteacher's Awards since the last newsletter. Congratulations to all of them for all their hard work and perseverance.

Birch 2	Elina, Lyla
Beech 2	Lily, Willow, Emilia
Maple 3	Alessia, Daisy
Cedar 3	Flynn
Hazel 4	Nicole
Hawthorn 4	Ruby
Willow 5	Mara, Oliver, Brookelin
Sycamore 6	Tate, Allan

Dates for your diary

Week 3	
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 7 May	Y3 trip to Verulamium Museum, St. Albans
Wednesday 8 May	Y5 trip to The Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
Friday 10 May	Elm 1 Sharing Assembly and Parent Reading Event
Week 4 Y6 SATS Week	
Monday 13 May	Y6 SATs - English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (2 papers) Book Look 3.30 – 4.00pm
Tuesday 14 May	Y6 SATs - English Reading test Early Years trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
Wednesday 15 May	Y6 SATs - Mathematics Paper 1 (arithmetic) and Paper 2 (reasoning)
Thursday 16 May	Y6 SATs – Mathematics Paper 3 (reasoning) Census Day – important day for school’s funding. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please encourage them to have a school meal on this day!
Friday 17 May	Pine 1 Sharing Assembly and Parent Reading Event
Week 5	
Wednesday 22 May	Y5 Mini Police Session 2
Friday 24 May	Non – Uniform Day: Friends Event Willow 5 Sharing Assembly and Parent Reading Event
Half Term (Monday 27 May – Friday 31st May)	
Week 6	
Monday 3 June	INSET Day 5- School closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 June	Start of half term for pupils Y5 Mini Police Session 3
Wednesday 5 June	Year 5 Sex Education and Transition to Year 7 Meeting for Parents 6.00pm
Friday 7 June	D-Day commemoration and celebrations
Week 7 Phonics Screening Check in Y1	
Monday 10 June	Book Look 3.30 – 4.00pm
Tuesday 11 June	Year 2 Sex Education meeting for parents 6.00pm
Wednesday 12 June	New to Reception Autumn 2019 meeting for parents 6.00pm
Friday 14 June	Maple 3 Sharing Assembly and Parent Reading Event
Saturday 15 June	Friends’ Summer Fair 12.00pm – 3.00pm
Week 8	
Monday 17 June	Y5 – registration for the SW Herts Consortium test for secondary school places closes
Tuesday 18 June	Class Photos with Van Cols New to Nursery Autumn 2019 meeting for parents 6.00pm
Wednesday 19 June	6:00pm Y6 Puppet Performance for parents
Thursday 20 June	Y5 Mini Police Session 4 6:00pm Y6 Puppet Performance for parents

Friday 21 June	Cedar 3 Sharing Assembly and Parent Reading Event
Week 9	
Monday 24 June	Early Years Sports Day 9.30am
Friday 28 June	Hazel 4 Sharing Assembly and Parent Reading Event
Week 10	
Tuesday 2 July	Open Evening 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Friday 5 July	Sports Day for Years 1, 2 and 3 9.30am - 11.30am Sports Day for Years 4, 5 and 6 1.20pm - 3.20pm
Week 11	
Thursday 11 July	Year 6 Transition Day to secondary schools Class Swap day
Friday 12 July	Reports out to parents
Week 12	
Wednesday 17 July	Della Allen Awards Assembly for staff and pupils
Thursday 18 July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 19 July	Sports Certificates Assembly for staff and pupils
Week 13	
Tuesday 23 July	Class parties
Wednesday 24 July	2:00pm End of term for pupils