



Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week Highwood joined in with Hertfordshire's 'Walk to School Week.' Well done to all the children who took part and increased their daily steps – hopefully this will continue! After half term we will, at last, have the use of our whole school field once again for games and activities in PE lessons and during breaks and lunchtimes which will help us to provide even more opportunities for physical activity during the school day.

Statutory Assessments

Last week, Year 6 completed their Key Stage 2 Standard Assessment Tasks (SATs) in mathematics, reading, grammar and spelling. The children worked extremely hard and showed exemplary attitudes towards the tests. They were a credit to themselves and to Highwood. I would also like to thank the teaching team in Year 6 for all their efforts in getting the children to the point of readiness and for organising the week so that it ran smoothly and without unnecessary stress for the children.

The Year 2 tests in mathematics, reading, grammar and spelling are also taking place and the teachers will put together the results of these along with their own teacher assessments. The Year 1 Phonics Screening takes place in the week beginning June 10th and the Early Years Profile will be completed in Ash and Oak Reception classes over the next few weeks with the results being submitted by the end of June.

Eco Schools

The Highwood Eco Team, supported and guided by Mrs Keith and Miss Wing have achieved the Bronze Eco Schools Award and they are now well on the way to achieving the Silver accreditation. Working towards a more sustainable world and looking after our environment is vitally important and it is good to know that the children of Highwood are doing their bit! A display of the activities and challenges they have been working on is in the entrance to the dining room – please do take a look next time you are in school for a Sharing Assembly or other school activity.



Parents in school

It has been lovely to have so many parent helpers in school this week – along with our regular helpers we have had talks and assemblies run by parent helpers as part of our Cultural Diversity theme. If you would like to help in school please do get in touch either by speaking to your child's class teacher or by emailing admin@highwood.herts.sch.uk

Safeguarding Reminder

Please help us to safeguard your children by ensuring that they do not bring devices into school which link to the internet or can be used to photograph other children or staff in school. Year 5 and Year 6 are permitted to bring a phone for their journey to and from school with their parents' permission but these must be dropped off at the office for safe keeping during the school day. Other devices such as vtech watches and fitbits are not suitable for school as they can be used to take photographs or to link to the internet. Digital or analogue watches that do not have these features are, of course, welcome but must be removed for PE lessons.

Knowledge Organisers

Our Knowledge Organisers will once again give you an overview of the themed learning which will be happening in your child's class after half term. If you have any spare time during the holiday, please do spend some time looking at the knowledge organiser with your child. Any activities or research that your child can do linked to the topic will help them in their learning next half term.

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	Awais, Bethany, Abigail, Leah
Beech 2	Amelia, Stanley, Faisal
Maple 3	Sabina, Elouise, Alice
Cedar 3	Jessica
Hazel 4	Scarlett, Olivia, Skylar, Daisy-Mae
Hawthorn 4	Husam, Lilly, Tanaiy, Nishil, Patrycja
Willow 5	Callum, Gemma
Sycamore 6	Diva, Isabella
Chestnut 6	Rudransh, Alfie

Dates for your diary

Half Term (Monday 27 May – Friday 31 st 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	Year 3 Roman Day Book Look 3.30 – 4.00pm
Tuesday 11 June	School Council Trip Year 2 Sex Education meeting for parents 6.00pm
Wednesday 12 June	Year 4 History off the Page - Anglo-Saxon Day in school 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 12x.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
Tuesday 25 June	Year 2 History off the Page - Seaside Day in school
Friday 28 June	Hazel 4 Sharing Assembly and Parent Reading Event
Week 10	
Monday 1 July	Year 1 trip to Aldenham Country Park
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 at 6.00pm
Friday 19 July	Sports Certificates Assembly for staff and pupils
Week 13	
Tuesday 23 July	Year 6 trip to Hollywood Bowl and Laser Planet Class parties
Wednesday 24 July	2:00pm End of term for pupils