



# Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Summer Term is always a very busy time in schools and this year is no exception. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on our Sports Days and at Open Evening in the next couple of weeks.

## D-Day Celebrations

This half term began with our D-Day theme with children across the school learning about this important part of our history. It was lovely to welcome residents from Elton House Care Home to our commemoration assembly followed by refreshments with the School Council. The writing, singing and dancing produced by the children was inspiring and despite the rain, everyone enjoyed a 'picnic' with their family group in the afternoon. A great way to start the last half term of the year.

## Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the Summer Fair on Saturday – it was lovely to see so many children (and adults!) enjoying the stalls and activities organised and set up by our dedicated Friends Committee. Events like these help to raise money so that the children can continue to benefit from the many enrichment activities currently provided at Highwood. A special thanks goes to Lisa Callaghan and Emma Sykes for the huge amount of hard work they put into making the fair possible.

## Y6 Puppet Shows

This week the children in Year 6 have entertained children from Knutsford Academy, the children of Highwood and of course, most importantly their parents, with their fantastic puppet shows; 'Oliver' and 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. These shows are the end product of a year's worth of work, which has seen the children create their own puppets, learn to string them and manipulate them, create scenery and work as a team with lighting effects and voices to produce the final shows. The project was donated to Highwood by the Young People's Puppet Theatre in memory of our previous Head Teacher, Della Allen, who sadly passed away two years ago. Della worked with the Young People's Puppet Theatre when they first started and then introduced the project at Highwood in 2015/16. We intend to continue to work with them to provide this fantastic opportunity to children of Highwood in order to make sure that the Year 6 curriculum continues to be creative and exciting for the children alongside the English and mathematics that they need to be learning to prepare them for the next stage of their school life and for their SATs assessments.



## Y5 Mini Police

Our Year 5 children have been involved in a community project with our local police and PCSOs. Road safety, safe driving and parking has been one of the community issues they have worked on. The project concluded this week with a special assembly where the children presented their ideas to the rest of the school. We were privileged to welcome Councillor Alan Plancey, Mayor of Hertsmere as well as representatives from the local police and PCSOs to share in this assembly. Thank you to PCSO Leon James for putting together this project and for his continued partnership work with Highwood.

## Staffing Vacancy at Highwood

From September we have a vacancy for a Breakfast Club Assistant. We are looking for someone who is able to work from 8:00 am to 9:15 daily to help the children have breakfast and engage in activities before going down to their classrooms. If you are interested in this vacancy or if you know someone who would be, please contact the School Office or email us on [admin@highwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@highwood.herts.sch.uk).

## Staffing for next year

I will be sending out a special newsletter on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June with details of teachers and support staff for each class next year. This will allow you time to plan your visit to Open Evening on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July when you will be able to visit your child's current classroom and meet the staff who will be teaching your children next year.

**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	Michael, Aadi, Fajr, Jacob, Gracie
Beech 2	Milana, Jacob, Annie, Reece, Violet
Maple 3	Daniel
Cedar 3	Neissa, Lily, Layla, Isha
Hazel 4	Archie
Hawthorn 4	Connor, Aleksander, Daniel, Anish
Willow 5	Zeba
Poplar 5	Tobie
Sycamore 6	Charlie

## Dates for your diary

Friday 21 June	<b>Cedar 3 Sharing Assembly and Parent Reading Event</b> Y5 – registration for the SW Herts Consortium test for secondary school places closes
<b>Week 9</b>	
Monday 24 June	Early Years Sports Day 9.30am
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 History off the Page – Seaside Day
Wednesday 26 June	French Café
Friday 28 June	<b>Hazel 4 Sharing Assembly and Parent Reading Event</b>

<b>Week 10</b>	
Monday 1 July	Y1 trip to Aldenham Country Park
Tuesday 2 July	Y5 Athletics Event at Queens' School 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
<b>Week 11</b>	
Monday 8 July	Scholastic Book Fair Week
Tuesday 9 July	Music Performance Assembly
Thursday 11 July	Year 6 Transition Day to secondary schools Class Swap Day
Friday 12 July	Reports out to parents
<b>Week 12</b>	
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
<b>Week 13</b>	
Tuesday 23 July	Y6 Trip to Laser Planet and Hollywood Bowl Class parties
Wednesday 24 July	<b>2:00pm End of term for pupils</b>
<b>Summer Holidays</b>	
Monday 29 July – Friday 2 August	Starburst Academy Summer Activity Week
<b>Week 1</b>	
Monday 2 September	INSET DAY 1 for staff (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 3 September	INSET DAY 2 for staff (school closed to pupils)
Wednesday 4 September	Term starts for pupils in Y1-Y6 Home visits for Early Years
Thursday 5 September	Home visits for Early Years
Friday 6 September	Home visits for Early Years
<b>Week 2</b>	
<b>Week 3</b>	
Friday 20 September	Friends Welcome Picnic