



# Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this academic year. It has been lovely to receive so many comments on the Annual Report Reply Slips showing your appreciation of Highwood staff and their part in ensuring that your children are being provided with outstanding learning experiences alongside high quality care and support for their social and emotional well-being.

## Deputy Headship

Congratulations to Mrs Danni Harte who has been promoted to the position of Deputy Head Teacher from September 2019. Many of you will know Mrs Harte from her work as Assistant Head Teacher this year. Her relentless energy and commitment to the children of Highwood will no doubt continue as she takes on this new role.

## Book Fair

Thank you to Mr Ben Meyjes for organising the recent Scholastic Book Fair and to you, as parents for supporting it. This means we have been able to spend a total of £1123.79 on books for your children to enjoy over the summer. Scholastic will be donating £674 worth of books to Highwood following the fair which will enable us to continue to add to the stock of Highwood's 100 Best Books already purchased from the Sponsored Read fund.



### **100 Best Books.**

*We are very excited about our new reading project. Thanks to the support of the parents and carers of Highwood, we have been able to purchase a range of high-quality books for children from Early Years to Y6. We will be launching a reading journey for the children of Highwood called "100 Best Books". This will provide a recommended reading list to help your child read a wide range of books throughout their time at Highwood. (Mr Meyjes)*



## Automated Gates

The work to install the new automated gates at Highwood is due to take place in August. Below is a summary of opening and closing times for each of our gates.

Gate	Morning Open	Morning Close	Afternoon Open	Afternoon Close
Mead Way Vehicle Entrance Gate	7:55 am	9:00am	3:00pm	6:00pm
Mead Way Pedestrian Gate 1	8:00 am	9:00am	3:00pm	5:00pm (4:30pm Tuesdays)
Mead Way Pedestrian Gate 2	8:00 am	9:00am	3:00pm	5:00pm (4:30pm Tuesdays)
Key Stage 2 Gate (Mead Way)	8:30am	9:00am	3:20pm	3:45pm
Bushey Mill Lane Vehicle Exit Gate	Opens on vehicle approach (not for pedestrian use)			
Bushey Mill Lane Pedestrian Gate (Next to British Legion)	8:00 am	9:30am	3:00pm	5:00pm (4:30pm Tuesdays)
Bushey Mill Lane Pedestrian Gate (Access to North Bushey Pre-School)	8:00 am	9:30am	3:00pm	5:00pm (4:30pm Tuesdays)

## 'New To' Meetings

During the week beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding 'New to...' Meetings for parents of children in Y1 – Y6. These meetings give parents a chance to hear some more information about the year ahead and to ask questions of the new class teachers.

KS1 Class	Time	KS2 Class	Time
Y1: Elm + Pine	2:45pm Tues 10/9/19	Y3: Maple + Cedar	2:45pm Fri 13/9/19
Y2: Beech + Birch	2:45pm Tues 10/9/19	Y4: Hazel + Hawthorn	2:45pm Thurs 12/9/19
		Y5: Willow + Poplar	2:45pm Wed 11/9/19
		Y6: Chestnut + Sycamore	2:45pm Mon 9/9/19

## Della Allen Awards

These awards were set up in Mrs Allen's name as part of our appreciation of her dedication to Highwood Primary School and to celebrate areas of learning that she was particularly passionate about; Progress in Learning, Creative Arts and Community Spirit. The staff were asked to nominate two children from each year group for each of the three awards. The nominations were then very carefully considered by a panel of governors to decide which children would receive the special trophies in our celebration assembly on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Well done to all of the children who were nominated and congratulations to the three winners:

Award	Nominees	Winner
Progress in learning	Tony, Kiana , Humodh , Freya, Charlie, Mahdi, Sehisha, Bethany, Ruby, Archie, Fatima, Chloe, Jake, Ashley	Max

Creative Arts	Nathan, Mattie, Millie, Emily, Maycie, Sienna, Sabawon, Asher, Sky, Summer, Zeba, Amie, Janell	Kaycie-Leigh
Community Spirit	Khloe, Amanda, Leo, Seth, Issabella-Eve, Isabel, Lily, Lasali, Natalie, Kyle, Charlotte, Amy, Akshana	Medina

### Statutory Assessments

We now have all of the results for Early Years, Year One, Year Two and Year Six. Well done to all of the children and thank you to all of the staff who have worked with them to achieve the results below:

<b>Reception: Good Level of Development (GLD)</b>		
% attaining a good level of development overall (GLD)	73.3%	
<b>Year One: Phonics Screening Test</b>		
% of pupils who achieved the required score (32/40)	86%	
<b>Year Two: Key Stage One SATs</b>		
% at each level	Met the expected standard	Working at greater depth within the expected standard
Reading	72.4%	24.1%
Writing	60.3%	20.7%
Mathematics	77.6%	22.4%
<b>Year Six: Key Stage Two SATs</b>		
% at each level	Met the expected standard	Working at greater depth within the expected standard
Reading	67.2%	29.5%
Grammar, punctuation + spelling	68.9%	36.1%
Writing	70.5%	26.2%
Mathematics	67.2%	31.1%

### Year Six

Finally, I would like to wish all of our Year Six children good luck as they complete their Highwood journey and move on to their Secondary Schools in September. Everyone at Highwood hopes you will continue to treasure the memories you have made during your time at primary school.

Best wishes to you all for a lovely Summer holiday – I look forward to seeing you all again in September,

Mrs Cathy Cox  
Head Teacher

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 24 July	<b>2:00pm End of term for pupils</b>
<b>Summer Holidays</b>	
<b>Week 1</b>	
Monday 2 September	INSET DAY for staff (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 3 September	INSET DAY 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>	
Monday 9 September	2:45 New to Y6
Tuesday 10 September	2:45 New to Y1 2:45 New to Y2
Wednesday 11 September	2:45 New to Y5
Thursday 12 September	2:45 New to Y4
Friday 13 September	2:45 New to Y3
<b>Week 3</b>	
Friday 20 September	Friends Welcome Back Picnic
<b>Week 4</b>	
<b>Week 5</b>	
Thursday 3 October	Y5 Trip to Phasels Wood
Friday 4 October	Y5 Return from Phasels Wood
<b>Week 6</b>	
Wednesday 9 October	Individual Photos
<b>Week 7</b>	
<b>Week 8</b>	
Monday 21 October	Y6 Residential Trip to Conover Hall
Friday 25 October	Y6 return from Conover Hall
<b>Half Term Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November 2019</b>	
Monday 4 November	Start of half term
Friday 20 December	<b>End of term – school ends at 2:00pm</b>
<b>Christmas Holidays Monday 23 December 2019 – Friday 3 January 2020</b>	
Monday 6 January	<b>INSET DAY 3 – school closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 7 January	<b>Start of Spring Term</b>

<b>Half Term Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February 2020</b>	
Monday 24 February	Start of half term
Friday 3 April	<b>End of term – school ends at 2:00pm</b>
<b>Easter Holidays Monday 6 April 2020 – Friday 17 April 2020</b>	
Monday 20 April	Start of Summer Term
Friday 8 May	<b>Bank Holiday – School closed to pupils</b>
<b>Half Term Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May 2020</b>	
Monday 1 June	<b>INSET DAY 4 – School closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 2 June	Start of half term
Friday 17 July	<b>End of Term – School ends at 2:00pm</b>
Monday 20 July	<b>INSET DAY 5- School Closed to pupils</b>
Tuesday 21 July	<b>Occasional Day – School Closed to pupils</b>

