



Highwood Primary School

Early Years Newsletter Reception



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Highwood School! Here is some information which we hope you will find useful.

Library

The Reception children will visit the library on a Friday. Our first visit will be on Friday 21st September. Your child will bring home a library book in their school book bag. Please spend some time looking through the book with your child and return it the following Friday in their book bag so it can be changed.

P.E.

Both Oak and Ash class will have PE on a Monday morning.

Please remember that your child only needs black shorts and their house colour T-shirts. Our P.E will start the week beginning 17th September. We will send P.E kits home at half term to be washed so please leave your child's P.E bag on their peg.

Book Look

The first Monday of every month, parents and carers are invited in to look through their child's learning journey within the learning environment. The children will love showing you some of the things they have been learning. Our first book look will be on Monday 1st October from 3.30pm - 4.00pm.

Phonics Meeting

On Wednesday 10th October at 2.30pm and 6pm we will be holding a Phonics Meeting. In this meeting we will discuss the ways in which we teach Phonics and how you can help and support your child.

Shoes, clothing and jewellery

For health and safety reasons, may we remind you that jewellery is not to be worn at school except for stud earrings. Please make sure these are not worn on P.E days.

We go outside every day so depending on the weather coats, wellington boots or sunhats are a necessity. Please make sure all items of clothing and footwear are clearly named.

Water bottles

Provide your child with a NAMED bottle of water daily. As they come in each morning, they can place their bottles in the snack area tray. Please do not put squash or juice in their bottles.

Contact Information

Please make sure we have your current mobile phone number.

Early Years Fund

While being voluntary the Early Years Fund is very much appreciated.

From it we buy lots of little extras such as ingredients for making play dough and cooking activities. It is £7.00 each term.

Payment can be made electronically through the School Gateway. If you need help with setting up this service please speak to a member of the office team.

Please help!

We are continuously developing our outdoor learning environment and there are few things that we need. If you have or can get hold of any of these items we would be very grateful!

- Guttering and pipes
- Whisks and measuring jugs
- Umbrellas
- Kitchen roll tubes, Small boxes, Yoghurt pots, Milk bottle lids
- Unwanted/used toy cars, people and marbles

Sharing Assemblies

You are warmly invited to our Sharing Assemblies to see what your children have been doing at school. These are at 9:10am on Friday mornings: Ash Reception - Friday 28th September, Oak Reception - Friday 5th October.

Early Years School Trip

We will be taking the Early Years classes on a trip to Paradise Wildlife Park next year in May. We will let you know an exact date as soon as we have provisionally booked it.

Early Years Christmas Performance

On Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th December the Nursery and Reception children will hold their Christmas Performances.

Term dates

We close on Friday 26th October for half term.

Although a long way off, the school finishes for Christmas on Thursday 20th at 2.00pm.

Should you have any queries or concerns, no matter how small they may seem, please do not hesitate to contact one of the reception team. Or you can email us at admin@highwood.herts.sch.uk

Thank you.

The Reception Team