



Highwood Primary School

Early Years Summer Newsletter Reception



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and we welcome you back to the Summer term which is set to be a very busy one in Reception. You may have noticed that we have made a few changes to the Reception environment. This is so that we can operate more as an early year's unit as opposed to two separate classrooms. The changes have created more space and enhanced opportunities for the children to engage in purposeful play. We believe that this will lead to effective learning across all areas of the curriculum. The children have adapted well to the changes and seem to be enjoying the new, larger areas. Please do ask us about the changes if you would like to know more.

Magic moments

We have sent home a magic moment sheet for you all to tell us something about the holidays. These sheets are a really great way for you to tell us about what your child has been up to at home. We put them into their learning journals and really value this input from home.

P.E.

P.E. is on a Monday morning for both Ash and Oak. Please provide your child with named plimsolls or velcro trainers as now the weather is getting warmer we will be having sessions outside.

Please continue to ensure that your child's P.E. kit comes to school in a named draw string bag and that ALL ITEMS of clothing are clearly named in order to help your child develop their independence.

School trip in May

You should have already received a letter about our school trip. All of our early years' classes will be attending the farm on **Tuesday 14th May**. Please make payment via School Gateway where you can also let us know if you are available to help on the trip. If we have a lot of offers of help we will draw names from a hat and let you know nearer the time. If your child is not going to be joining us for the trip please also speak to us so we can complete our numbers for booking and travel arrangements. Come and see us if you have any questions about the trip.

Water bottle

Please send your child in every day with fresh water, in a water bottle, that is clearly named. Children have access to their water bottles throughout the day and on warmer days they will also be able to access them during lunchtime play.

Changing weather

Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. A light, waterproof jacket is preferable even on a sunny day as our weather is so unpredictable and we do go outside every day. A hat will be needed to protect your child from the sun. Sun cream should be applied before your child arrives at school if necessary.

Early Years Fund

Whilst being voluntary, the Early Years Fund of 50p per week is very much appreciated. It is **£3.00** each half term or **£6.00** for the whole term. If you wish to pay by cheque please make it payable to Highwood Primary School.

Contact Information

Please make sure we have your current mobile phone number.

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
- Old telephones and mobile phones
- Umbrellas
- Kitchen roll tubes, Small boxes, Yoghurt pots, Milk bottle lids

Important dates

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday Monday - School closed

Monday 13th May - Book Look

Tuesday 14th May - Early Years trip to Paradise Wildlife Park

Monday 27th May-Friday 31st May - School closed for half-term

Monday 3rd June - School closed for INSET day

Saturday 15th June - Summer Fair

Tuesday 18th June - Class Photographs

Monday 24th June - Early Years Sports day

Tuesday 2nd July - Open Evening

Although a long way off, the term ends on Friday 24th July 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.

Alternatively you can email admin@highwood.herts.sch.uk and state which member of staff you would like your email forwarded to.

Thank you.

The Reception Team