



# Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

Cathy Cox – Head Teacher

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## Welcome to Year One

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year One,

Welcome back, we hope you have had a restful Summer break. We want to make the transition to Year One as smooth as possible to ensure that your children are happy and feel safe and secure within a familiar learning environment. In the Autumn term the structure of the day will be very similar to that of Reception. The children will have teacher-led sessions followed by adult directed, independent and practical activities. They will also continue to engage in child initiated learning. The timing of the teacher-led sessions will gradually increase so that by Autumn 2 they will be ready for more formal learning.

### Meet the team

Elm 1 – Miss Emma Schumacher

Pine 1 Miss Bonnie Mukherjee

### Support Staff

Ms Eileen Traynor

Mrs Keshy Trundle

### Assistant Head Teach/KS1 Phase leader

Miss Lynda Marriott

### Reading books

The children are expected to read every day. Reading books will be changed on a Monday and a Wednesday if the reading record has been signed and each book has been read **twice**.

### PE days

Please ensure your child's PE kit is named and has the following;

Trainers (preferably Velcro)

Jogging bottoms or shorts (blue or black)

Warm top (blue or black)

T-Shirt (colour of house)

Socks

Elm 1 – Miss Schumacher	Pine 1 – Miss Mukherjee
Tuesday- Indoor	Thursday - Indoor
Thursday- Outdoor	Wednesday - Outdoor



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## Library

Library days are Monday for Pine 1 and Wednesday for Elm 1. Children can choose two books to take home for that week and return the following week. Please note they will not be able to take out new books without returning the previous ones.

## Home learning

At the beginning of the year your child will receive a Home Learning Journal and there will be a new Home Learning Grid every half term. There will be a choice of nine activities to complete - preferably one a week. There are a variety of tasks that reflect our learning throughout the half term. Please sign and date the grid weekly once your child has completed each activity. Please ensure that your child hands their home learning in every Tuesday to be checked.

## Phonics screening

This year we will be working towards the Phonics Screening Check; a statutory assessment which takes place in all Primary schools in June. This is where the children will be tested on their phonic knowledge and how they apply this to read words. During the Spring term you will be invited to an information meeting about the check.

## Sharing Assemblies

You are invited to sharing assemblies where we will be sharing all of our wonderful learning from the Autumn and Spring terms.

**Elm 1: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**

**Pine 1: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

We welcome parents in the classroom. If you would like to help by listening to children read or if you have any other special talents you could share please let us know.

Thank you, The Y1 team

Miss Emma Schumacher, Miss Bonnie Mukherjee, Ms Eileen Traynor, Mrs Keshy Trundle