



Highwood Primary School

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Highwood Governor Newsletter Winter Term 2016

Welcome to our fourth Governor's Newsletter which comes to you in what has been the most challenging of terms for us all at Highwood. Your Head teacher, Deputy Head teacher, Assistant Head teachers and entire staff team have been amazing, dealing daily with the constant challenges and changes that have happened since our move to our School Village. The daily scenarios they have faced are unprecedented and certainly not what one expects when training to be a teacher – the staff team have dealt with everything with resilience and good humour.

A special mention should go to our Office Staff who are endlessly upbeat in spite of the constant interruptions to their daily routine. They have tirelessly reassured parents and kept them informed with regard to the arrangements for all the alterations and improvements being made to the School Village. They are frequently being called upon to walk to the gates to let visitors and parents in and out to uphold appropriate security to protect your children whilst they are on school premises.

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff and a big thank you goes out to them all.

Governor visits and training

There have been over 50 visits to Highwood Primary School by the Governors since September 2016. These visits include meeting with senior leaders, school council representatives, office staff and members of the Local Authority. Governors have had training throughout 2016 in order that the Governing Body has a wide range of knowledge in a variety of areas, and so are best placed to provide support.

Equality Focus Group

Following various meetings by a group of Governors, Inclusion Team staff and parents, the Equalities Policy has been updated in line with the Equality Act 2010. This policy and action plan has been ratified by the Governors and can be viewed on the school website.

Updated Policies

The 'Health and Safety' and 'Early Years' policies have been updated and ratified by the Governors - both can be found on the school website.





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Friends of Highwood

Once again our Friends have managed to arrange exciting ways to raise money for our school. The local churches have been extremely helpful in allowing our Friends to use their halls in order to enjoy a Christmas Fair, our Secret Shopping Room etc. We are very grateful to all the parents who have helped and supported the various functions this term.

Thank You

Finally we would like to thank all parents and carers for their support and patience since our June flood. We realise that on occasions it has been difficult to remain positive when changes to arrangements have been made at short notice. The staff team do everything possible to try to reduce the impact of these changes on everyone and ensure appropriate Health and Safety procedures are followed at all times.

Season's Greetings

We wish you all a very wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. As Governors, we continue to work hard to ensure that your children receive the very best learning opportunities at Highwood.

Best wishes,

Rita Mitchell, on behalf of the Governors of Highwood

