



Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Open Evening and Sports Days

It has been lovely to see so many of you at our Annual Open Evening and Sports Days. These events give you a chance to see the fantastic learning and celebrate the achievements of your children. Thank you to the Friends of Highwood for providing the very welcome refreshments at Sports Day. I know the children have enjoyed receiving their certificates and finding out which House has won the Sports Day Cup.

The final scores were:

Early Years: Earth 171, Air 168, Fire 195, Water 184

Key Stage One: Earth 60, Air 61, Fire 78, Water 77

Key Stage Two: Earth 94, Air 111, Fire 113, Water 107

Therefore the winning House is Fire with 386 points overall! Well done to all.

Farewells

As we approach the end of the academic year we have to say goodbye and thank you to some of our staff who are moving on to different things:

- Mrs Heather Woollett has been with us for three years and has been a very dedicated Year 3 teacher – we will all miss her as she moves to a school closer to home
- Mr Johnathan Crockett is getting married and moving with his new wife to Kent. As Reception Class Teacher, Mr Crockett has been a highly valued member of the Early Years Team at Highwood as well as using his PE skills to enhance our PE provision
- Dr Catriona Ahmadi has been accepted on a School Direct course in order to become a Secondary School Science teacher; we wish her well in this endeavour and thank her for her 4 years as a teaching assistant and science specialist at Highwood.

We have been privileged to have these highly skilled and inspirational members of staff at Highwood and I would like to thank all three of them for the contribution they have made to learning and teaching at Highwood Primary School.



Welcomes

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome two new teachers to our team. Mr Daniel Waygood and Miss Hannah Austin are both experienced Year 6 teachers; they will be taking classes Sycamore 6 and Chestnut 6 from September and we all look forward to them becoming part of the Highwood family. The children will get a chance to meet Miss Austin and Mr Waygood on Transition day (Thursday 13 July).

Support Staff

At Highwood we are very lucky to have a fantastic team of support staff who work tirelessly to help the teachers ensure that the children's different learning, social and emotional needs are met. Due to the changing financial climate it is no longer possible to dedicate full time teaching assistant support to each class. Mrs Muncie, our SENDCo has been helping me to decide where each of our Teaching Assistants will be best placed next year based on the needs of the children in each class.

Teaching Assistants will be working within a phase but not always in just one class.

Early Years (Nursery and Reception)	Mrs Lou Hayford (HLTA), Mrs Janine Bannon (HLTA), Mrs Lisa Herbert, Mrs Sharon Wing, Mrs Natalie Martin, Mrs Alison Harvey, Mrs Jackie Carlton
Key Stage One (Pine, Elm, Beech and Birch)	Mrs Suman Jolly (HLTA), Mrs Denise Mullan, Mrs Keshy Trundle, Mrs Fran Lawrence
Lower Key Stage Two (Maple, Cedar, Hawthorn, Hazel)	Mrs Libby Warren (HLTA), Mrs Nicole Marshall, Miss Eileen Traynor
Upper Key Stage Two (Poplar, Willow, Chestnut, Sycamore)	Mrs Tracy Henderson (HLTA), Mrs Vanessa Watson, Mr James Allett, Mrs Reena Patel, Mrs Kanmani Shameem
Inclusion Juniper and across the school	Miss Zahidah Dodwell, Mrs Nicola Royle, Mrs Carole James, Mrs Jenny Hughes, Mrs Teresa Jenn, Mrs Jackie Carlton

Naming the Chicks

Thank you to everyone who suggested names for the three chickens who have stayed at Highwood following the Chick Project. The £23 raised will go to the Friends of Highwood. The chicks will be coming home with me at the end of July and by September I am sure I will be bringing fresh eggs into school. The names that have been chosen are: Agnes, Margot and Edith (the three little girls from 'Despicable Me'). Thank you to Evie Jones in Willow 5 for these great names!

Annual Reports

The staff have been preparing the Annual Reports to parents which will be coming home on Friday 14th July. Included in these will be assessment results for Reception (Early Years Profile), Year 1 (Phonics Screening), Year 2 (Key Stage 1 SATs) and for Year 6 (Key Stage 2 SATs).

The Key Stage 2 SATs are taken by Year 6 before they leave us to go to Secondary School. I am pleased to be able to tell you that our Year 6 children did very well this year with 85% of the children reaching age related expectations in mathematics, 85% in grammar and spelling, 83% in reading and 73% in writing. The number of children who reached age related expectations in reading, writing and mathematics combined is 67% (the national average is 61%) – well done Year 6!

Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have completed their Merit Charts. I hope they all enjoyed 'spending' their Golden Tickets!

Birch 2	Dihein, Amie, Austin,
Beech 2	Sky, George
Maple 3	Cian, Eve, Talia
Cedar 3	Brookelin,
Hazel 4	Zainab, Jack, Dolly, Scarlotte, Isha, Lorrenna, Holly, Rowan, Jake
Hawthorn 4	Allan, Akshana
Willow 5	Billy, Ellie, Lily, Callum, Idrees, Calisha, Evie
Poplar 5	Olivia
Chestnut 6	Hannah, Penzy, Jodie

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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11 July	School closed to pupils (Mrs Allen's memorial service)
Thursday 13 July	Secondary Transfer day – Y6 to new schools, EY – Y5 class swaps and meet the teacher
Friday 14 July	Sports Certificates Assembly Year 6 Leavers' Disco Annual reports out to parents
Monday 17 July	Year 6 performance at Queens' School at 6.30pm
Tuesday 18 July	Attendance Assembly
Wednesday 19 July	Last day of the school year for children in Nursery Class Parties
Thursday 20 July at 2.00pm	Staff Leavers' Assembly <i>School closes for summer holidays at 2pm</i>
Friday 21 July – Monday 24 July	<i>School closed to children</i> Staff to pack up classroom resources
Summer Holidays 2017	

