



Highwood Primary School

Early Years Newsletter Reception



Friday 5th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers of children in Reception,

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a lovely break over the holidays and we welcome you to the Spring term.

Staff

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Kehoe to our Early Years team. She is working in both Nursery and Reception so she will be getting to know all of the children. We are also looking forward to Mrs Paton returning to work, following her maternity leave, this term.

P.E.

Please note that P.E. sessions are on Monday morning for both Ash and Oak. Please 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. It is really important that ALL of your child's school uniform is labelled as when they remove it for PE it is very easy to get mixed up.

Magic moments

We have sent home a magic moment sheet for you all to tell us something about the holidays. We try to send these out at the end of term but please know that you can have one at any time. They are a really great way for you to tell us about what your child has been up to at home. We put them into the learning journals and really value this input from home.

Home learning

A new home learning grid will be sent home soon. We love to see what your children have been doing every week. The activities on the grid are linked with our school learning so this helps you child to either pre-learn or consolidate learning. Remember this should be enjoyable and can be made very practical. It should take no longer than a total of twenty minutes a week. This is in addition to reading and practising Teddy/Rocket Words which should be done as often as you can. Please continue to help your child learn the words which they bring home as it really helps them to make progress at school.

School trip in May

We are planning a day trip to Mead Open Farm in Leighton Buzzard. Nursery and Reception will all go together on Tuesday 22nd May. We will require parent volunteers to support on the trip and we will send out more details soon.

Topics

Your children express many interests which we feed into our planning. Last term the children enjoyed talking about toys and we turned our role-play area into a toy-shop. This term we are going to start by looking at different forms of transport as a lot of children have expressed an interest in vehicles.

Water bottle:

Please send your child in everyday with fresh water, in a water bottle, that is clearly named.

Early Years Fund

Whilst being voluntary, the Early Years Fund of 50p per week (£3.00 each half term) is very much appreciated.

From it we buy lots of little extras for creating, it also funds parties, coffee mornings and contributes towards outside trips. Please send this to school in a clearly labelled envelope.

Please help!

Later this term we hope to be re-establishing our outdoor learning environment and there are a few things that we will need. If you have any of these items we would be very grateful if you could save them for us. Please do not send them in yet as we have nowhere to store them.

- Guttering and pipes
- Pots and pans
- Old telephones and mobile phones
- Whisks and measuring jugs
- Child-sized umbrellas
- Kitchen roll tubes, Small boxes, Yoghurt pots, Milk bottle lids
- Gardening items such as pots, tools, top soil, packets of seeds, etc.

It is also important that your child has a named pair of wellington boots at school as we do go outside in all types of weather. With this in mind, please ensure that your child comes in suitably dressed for the weather, for example, if a cold day your child needs a warm coat, hat and gloves.

Term dates

We close on Friday 9th February for half term.

Although a long way off, the term ends on Thursday 29th March at 2.00pm.

Contact Information

Please make sure we have your current mobile phone number.

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

Thank you.

The Reception Team