



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 we hope will be filled with lots of amazing magic moments!

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.

Reception P.E. day has changed to a Tuesday afternoon 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.

Topics for this term

Your children express many interests which we feed into our planning. This term we will be exploring animals and dinosaurs.

School trip in May

Everyone should have received a letter about our trip to Paradise Wildlife Park in Broxbourne. Oak Reception will go on Tuesday 9th May and Ash Reception will go on Wednesday 10th May. We will require parent volunteers to support on the trip; please let us know if you are available to help.

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.

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 and building. It also funds parties, coffee mornings and contributes towards outside trips.

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!

- Logs and wood
- Guttering and pipes
- Pots and pans
- Old telephones and mobile phones
- Whisks and measuring jugs
- Wellies (size 11 plus)
- Umbrellas
- Kitchen roll tubes, Small boxes, Yoghurt pots, Milk bottle lids
- Gardening useful things like potting pots, top soil bags, bags of seeds (spring flowers, vegetables etc...)

We are also in desperate need of spare clothes for aged 4-5. Can you help with :

- Girls knickers
- Boys pants
- Girls tights
- Girls socks
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- Black school shoes, plimsolls for boys and girls?

Important dates

Friday 5th May - Ash's Sharing Assembly

Tuesday 9th May - Oak Reception's school trip

Wednesday 10th May - Ash Reception's school trip

Friday 19th May - Oak's Sharing Assembly

We close on Friday 26th May for half term and reopen on Tuesday 6th June.

Monday 3rd July - Early Years Sports day

Although a long way off, the term ends on Thursday 20th 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,

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Thank you.

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