



Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

Cathy Cox – Head Teacher

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Newsletter 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoy a very welcome half term break next week and that the weather is kind to all of us!

Parent Consultations

Thank you to you all for attending Parent Consultations – the discussions are a really important part of the partnership between school and home. It was lovely to see so many of you also taking the time to speak with Mr Meyjes and our representative from the Chorleywood Bookshop about our reading project '100 Best Books.' Reading is the key to all learning and it is lovely to see how enthusiastically the children have taken to our promotion of reading this term.

I am also grateful to Mr Marshall for opening up the IT Suite to showcase some of the ways your children access maths at school – this is something we hope to continue to offer at other parent consultation evenings. If you missed your appointment for any reason please do get in touch with your child's teacher either directly on the playground or through the School Office to arrange an appointment.

Parent and Carer Questionnaires

Thank you for completing the Parent Questionnaire at Parent Consultations last week. The results will be carefully analysed and discussed with staff and governors to give us a picture of the things you think we are doing well as a school, and what you would like us to improve.

We are always looking for constructive feedback and ways to develop and improve, so we are now in the process of putting together an electronic 'Survey Monkey' to ask parents and carers some further questions about preferences on how to pay for trips and enrichment experiences for the children – further information about where to find this will be sent out after half term.

Uniform

At Highwood we are proud of our school uniform and when you as parents and carers choose Highwood for your child, you are also agreeing to abide by our school policies and procedures. Wearing school uniform gives children a sense of pride in their school along with a sense of belonging. Unfortunately our staff are finding that



they are increasingly having to speak to children about large or colourful hair adornments, clothing and especially about footwear. Children are only permitted to wear clothing or footwear which is not school uniform if they have a particular medical condition or a Special Educational Need which requires an adaptation to uniform. Any child who has a recognised need (that the school is aware of) must still comply with school colours – any trainers worn for such reasons must be black. Black ankle boots may be worn but they must be flat with **no heel**. Full length boots are not suitable for school.

Children are welcome to change into trainers for break and lunchtime – especially if they wish to play ball games on the field, but they must change back into school shoes at the end of the break and be prompt in their return to lessons. Please refer to our School Uniform Policy on our website for further information.

Friends of Highwood

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends of Highwood today by sending in a Tombola Gift in exchange for the children having spooky or crazy hair. These donations are really appreciated as the Tombola is a really important part of the Christmas Fair. It is not too late to send your gift in after half term! All funds raised by the Friends go towards extras and enrichment activities for your children.

Living Streets

Our Living Streets Project has now been running for two weeks and we are pleased to see how many children are walking or riding bikes or scooters at least part of the way to and from school. There have been more reports in the news this week about the air pollution around schools caused by so many children travelling to and from school in cars. By walking to school your children are helping everyone to benefit from cleaner air and better health. With this in mind, please remember to switch off your engine if you are parking or waiting in one of our Visitors parking spaces as they are directly outside our Early Years outside area.

Knowledge Organisers

All year groups from Year One to Year Six will be receiving the Knowledge Organisers for the next half term today. These documents show what will be covered in the 'Topic' subjects. Any pre-learning of vocabulary, facts or activities related to the topic that you can do with your child over half term will give them a head start in their next stage of learning.

In addition to the Knowledge Organisers please do encourage your child to read – by themselves, with you, with other members of the family and with friends. Half term is a good time to complete books from the 100 Best Books to fill up those passports! As always, we appreciate all the support you give to your children with their Home Learning.

Please remember to look at the 'Dates for your Diary' section below

Kind Regards,

Mrs Cathy Cox
Head Teacher

Head Teacher's Awards

The following children have earned and celebrated their Headteacher's Awards since the last newsletter. Congratulations to all of them for all their hard work and perseverance.

Maple 3	Jorja, Haydar
Cedar 3	Jola, Safia-Angel, Mia
Hawthorn 4	Bagavi, Max
Poplar 5	Kacey, Keeley
Willow 5	Harry
Sycamore 6	Charlie

Dates for your diary

Half Term – Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November 2019	
Week 9	
Monday 4 November	3:30 Parent Book Look
Wednesday 6 November	10:00 Prospective Parents Tour of the School – Please ring the Office to book 01923 256210
Thursday 7 November	Flu immunisations
Friday 8 November	'Bristlebots' workshop Year 4
Week 10	
Monday 11 November	10:00 Prospective Parents Tour of the School – Please ring the Office to book 01923 256210
Tuesday 12 November	Y6 NHS checks
Wednesday 13 November	Robot Workshops Year 4 and 5
Friday 15 November	Sharing Assembly: Chestnut 6
Week 11	
Tuesday 19 November	10.00 Prospective Parents Tour of the School – Please ring the Office to book 01923 256210
Friday 22 November	Sharing Assembly: Pine 1
Week 12	
Thursday 28 November	10:00 Prospective Parents Tour of the School – Please ring the Office to book 01923 256210
Friday 29 November	Sharing Assembly: Elm 1
Saturday 30 November	'Friends of Highwood' Christmas Fair
Week 13	
Monday 2 December	10:00 Prospective Parents Tour of the School – Please ring the Office to book 01923 256210 Parent Book Look
Tuesday 3 December	Author visit to Y6 5:00 – 6:00 Christmas Bedtime Stories
Friday 6 December	Sharing Assembly: Hazel 4
Week 14	
Tuesday 10 December	9:30 EY Christmas Production
Wednesday 11 December	2:15 KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 12 December	9:30 EY Christmas Production

Week 15	
Tuesday 17 December	9:10 KS2 Christmas carols for parents
Thursday 19 December	Christmas Parties
Friday 20 December	No Sharing Assembly 2:00 End of term
Christmas Holiday Monday 23rd December 2019 – Monday 6th January 2020	