



Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Newsletter 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

The winter seems to be with us already – please ensure that your children have warm coats in school every day for breaks, lunchtimes and outdoor learning! It is also vital that your child now has their winter P.E. kit in school every day to allow for changes to the timetable as the children will be starting to practise their Christmas productions soon. They must have trainers, tracksuit bottoms and a warm jumper.

Travel Disruption (4/12/19)

On Wednesday 4th December there will be a NATO meeting at The Grove hotel in Watford. This will involve Leaders from all over the world which will mean that there will be high level security arrangements and significant press interest. Hertfordshire Police have released a map of road closures and whilst none of these are near to Highwood, there is likely to be heavy traffic all around the Watford area that day. Please leave enough time for your journeys to and from school. As far as we know, the Carols at the Colosseum will go ahead as planned – Mrs Nicolas will keep those involved informed if anything changes.

Parent and Carer Survey Monkey

We will shortly be sending a link to an online 'Survey Monkey' for parents and carers to complete seeking your views on how trips, visits and meetings are organised at Highwood. Please do take a couple of minutes to complete the survey as your answers will help us to continue to improve our systems and communication.

Attendance

On Monday 11th November, Mrs Faulkner and Ms Green led our half termly attendance assembly where the children were reminded of the importance of good attendance and how this helps their learning in school. We also recognised the children who have made improvements in their attendance this year so far. After the first half term, 217 children have 100% attendance. A lottery took place and 6 children from Key Stage One and 6 children from Key Stage Two won a ticket to a special lunch with me and Mrs Faulkner – photos and quotes from this lovely event will be in the November Round Up. In the table to the left, you can see the attendance figures so far for each class. The Department of Education requires that all schools aim for at least 95% attendance for pupils and that schools ensure that there are policies in place to promote and monitor this.

Maple 3	95.72
Willow 5	95.87
Oak Rec	96.13
Beech 2	96.37
Cedar 3	96.79
Pine 1	96.97
Ash Rec	97.06
Chestnut 6	97.12
Elm 1	97.32
Hawthorn 4	97.36
Birch 2	98.10
Hazel 4	98.13
Sycamore 6	98.14
Poplar 5	98.56



Friends of Highwood

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the appeals for tombola gifts, raffle tickets, the money tree and coloured hampers already! The Friends are working tirelessly to put together a fantastic Christmas Fair – if you are available to help on the day it will be much appreciated. All of the children will benefit from the funds raised!

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	Michael
Cedar 3	Abu-Bakr
Hawthorn 4	Romaissa
Chestnut 6	Nelson, Amelie

Dates for your diary

Week 11	
Monday 18 November	Y6 Reading Ambassadors to Elton House
Tuesday 19 November	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	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	Prospective Parents Tour of the School – Please ring the Office to book 01923 256210 Parent Book Look
Tuesday 3 December	Author visit to Y5 and Y6 YR and KS1 Christmas Bedtime Stories 5:00pm – 6:00pm
Wednesday 4 December	Author visit to Yrs 1, 2 and 3 Choir – Carols at the Colosseum
Friday 6 December	Sharing Assembly: Hazel 4
Week 14	
Tuesday 10 December	EY Christmas Production 9:30am
Wednesday 11 December	KS1 Christmas Production 2:15pm Choir to visit Elton House
Thursday 12 December	EY Christmas Production 9:30am

Week 15	
Monday 16 December	Visit to North Bushey Baptist Church (Y1 – Y6)
Tuesday 17 December	KS2 Christmas carols for parents 9:10am
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 19 December	Christmas Parties
Friday 20 December	No Sharing Assembly End of term 2:00pm
Christmas Holiday Monday 23rd December 2019 – Monday 6th January 2020	
Start of Spring term – Tuesday 7th January 2020	