



Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

Cathy Cox – Head Teacher

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Newsletter 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely to see all the children (and adults!) dressed up for World Book Day last week and enjoying all the great activities based around reading. Thank you for supporting your children with the sponsored read and our quest to set up a 'Reading Shed' at Highwood. We will keep you posted on our final total.

Coronavirus Update

Information is sent to Highwood daily from the Department of Education and from Hertfordshire County Council. At the time of writing, the guidance is that we remain open and should anyone (child, parent/carer or member of staff) be confirmed as having the virus or coming into contact with someone who tests positive, that they and their family should self isolate for 14 days. If this happens we will then increase our cleaning routines at school and we will provide a pack of learning activities for any child who cannot come to school on medical advice from NHS England.

It may be that the Government will decide to take stronger action in the coming weeks and if we are directed to close the school, the teachers will be providing learning activities online for the children. We will provide you with more information about this at the time of closure.

In the meantime we are continuing to teach and remind the children about personal hygiene, hand washing and coughing into tissues or into the crook of their arm.

Please be reminded that information about school closures is sent out via the Everbridge notification system. If you have not already done so, please register for this using the following link:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

We will also update our website and twitter feed but sometimes there is a delay in these messages becoming live.

Staffing Updates

On Friday 20th March we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Mazhar for a while as she starts her Maternity Leave – an exciting new chapter for her and her family. Miss Nleya returns from her Maternity Leave on Monday 23rd March so we are very happy to welcome her back into Year 3 alongside Mr Marshall who will share the



teaching of Maple 3.

Mrs Katie Kenwright has changed her role at Highwood. Instead of supporting the children at Tea Time Club, she has joined our team of Inclusion Teaching Assistants. The children are already appreciating her skills and support with their learning. Mrs Goodenough has made a welcome return to Tea Time Club alongside Miss Warren and Miss Ellicott.

Finally we have a new member of support staff starting next week; Miss Walker will be supporting the staff in the teaching of sport and PE and helping out at lunchtimes with games for the children.

Environmental and Safety Concerns

Now that the warmer weather is on the way, could we please request that you switch your engine off when you are parking on roads near to the school or on the drive-through. The children in Year 4 have been taking part in the Cleaner Air Project with Hertfordshire County Council and have discovered that there are higher levels of air pollution in these hotspots. Many of our children suffer from asthma and this is a real concern for them and their families.

At Highwood we promote healthy ways to come to school including riding scooters. Please remind your children that they should dismount from their scooters on the slope next to the drive-through and in the area where Key Stage One line up. This morning there was a near collision involving a very young child.

Parent Consultations

The system for booking Parent Consultations is now live – please do take the opportunity to make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher. It may be that circumstances change with regards to school closures but at the present time, we are going ahead with all school activities until we are directed to change our plans.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Cathy Cox
Head Teacher

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

Head Teacher’s Awards

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

Beech 2	Seth, Owais
Birch 2	Elena, Leo, Milan, Millie, Harry
Cedar 3	Violet, Mahdi, Alana-Rose
Hawthorn 4	Zara, Hamdi
Hazel 4	Niyam
Poplar 5	Micah, Dale, Ariana, Jaydan
Chestnut 6	Nithulan

Dates for your diary

Week 10	
Wednesday 18 March	Reception: Road Safety Workshops
Thursday 19 th March	Y2 Trip to Great Missenden
Friday 20 March	Sharing Assembly: Hawthorn 4
Week 11	
Monday 23 March	Y1 to Windsor Castle
Tuesday 24 March	Y1 and Y2 Scooter Training Beech 2 local area walk (morning)
Wednesday 25 March	Birch 2 local area walk (morning)
Friday 27 March	Sharing Assembly: Pine 1
Week 12	
Monday 30 March	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 31 March	Y6 Knex Challenge Parent Consultations
Friday 3 April	Sharing Assembly: Elm 1 2:00 pm End of Term NO Tea Time Club
Easter Holidays Monday 6 April – Friday 17 April	
Week 1 Summer Term	
Monday 20 April	Start of term 8:50 Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am Tea Time Club runs as usual
Wednesday 22 April	Game On football festival held at Bushey Manor
Thursday 23 April	Friends of Highwood QUIZ 7:00pm – 10:00pm
Week 2	
Friday 1 May	Sharing Assembly: Hazel 4
Week 3	
Monday 4 May	SCHOOL OPEN – THIS IS NOT A BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 8 May	SCHOOL CLOSED - Nationwide Bank Holiday for VE Day 75 year celebration
Week 4	
Friday 15 May	Sharing Assembly: Maple 3 Highwood's Got Talent auditions
Week 5	
Thursday 21 May	School Census Day
Friday 22 May	Dress Down Day in exchange for a gift for the Summer Fair Tombola Sharing Assembly: Poplar 5 End of half term
Half Term Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May	
Week 6	
Monday 1 June	INSET DAY 4 – School closed to children
Tuesday 2 June	Start of half term 8:50 Breakfast Club starts at 8.00 Tea Time Club runs as usual
Thursday 4 June	Highwood's Got Talent dress rehearsal 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Week 7	
Tuesday 9 June	Year 4 trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum
Friday 12 June	Sharing Assembly: Cedar 3 Highwood's Got Talent at the Bushey Arena
Week 8	
Tuesday 16 June	Year 6 Puppet Performance
Wednesday 17 June	Van Cols photographer in school : Class Photos Year 6 Puppet Performance
Friday 19 June	Sharing Assembly: Oak Reception
Week 9	
Thursday 25 June	Year 3 trip to Verulamium Museum
Friday 26 June	Sharing Assembly: Ash Reception
Saturday 27 June	Summer Fair
Week 10	
Tuesday 30 June	New to Nursery meeting for parents 6:00pm
Friday 3 July	Sharing Assembly: Birch 2
Week 11 week commencing 6 July Sports Days – dates to be confirmed	
Week 12	
Friday 17 July	End of Summer Term: School finishes at 2:00pm No Tea Time Club
Summer Holidays	
Week 13	
Monday 20 July	INSET DAY 5 – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 21 July	Occasional Day – School closed to pupils