



Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

Headteacher Mrs B Rai

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and that you had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. This is the first newsletter for this academic year. I shall write to you regularly to inform you of general news and updates.

I'm delighted to say that we have had a very successful start to the new academic year.

You will be pleased to know that the children seem to have settled into their new classes extremely well. The school team are impressed with how quickly the children are learning the behaviours for learning and getting to know new routines, new teachers and new classes.

Children have brought big smiles and great enthusiasm to the lessons and displayed some exceptional characteristics of respect and kindness.

'Be a rainbow in someone's cloud.' Maya Angelou 

Coronavirus Risk Assessments

Thank you in advance for your consideration as we continue to navigate towards a sense of normality in our community. We will keep you updated as we complete risk assessments.

It is lovely to see all the children smartly dressed in their school uniforms. It is important that the children wear the correct uniform. Please ensure your child does not wear trainers for school. Black shoes must be worn. We want all the children to wear the correct uniform proudly.

On P.E. days children are allowed to come to school wearing their kit and trainers can be worn.

COMMUNICATION The majority of our communication is electronic. Alternatively, you can visit the school website to keep up to date with school matters. We are an eco-friendly school determined to focus upon issues of sustainability and reducing waste. Cutting down on the use of paper will support our eco-friendly ethos.

Please ensure we have your correct contact details and email address.



INCLUSION and SEND MATTERS Mrs Fernandes and Mrs Muncie lead the School Inclusion Team and are responsible for Special Educational Needs. If you would like to discuss matters related to your child's learning and development needs, please do not hesitate to make an appointment. You can contact them via admin@highwood.herts.sch.uk.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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Should you have any concerns about a child's welfare, please speak to designated members of staff for Child Protection and Safeguarding:

Ms Green

Miss Dodwell

Miss Marriott

The School Governing Body member with responsibility for Safeguarding is Mrs Lisa Pratchett

MEDICAL Please speak to your child's teacher if there have been any recent changes to your child's medical requirements. Information can also be handed to the Office Team.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS will commence. The school team will give you greater information about the school day, curriculum and home learning. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. The meetings will take place towards the end of the day and last for 30 minutes. Children will continue to be taught and supervised by the school team whilst the meeting takes place. Please have a look at the table below to see when the meeting for your child's year group is taking place.

DIARY DATES You'll see from the list of dates below that there's plenty to look forward to. There will be some additions of workshops and class trips. However, a separate letter will be sent home for these nearer the time.

Please make sure you re-check dates and timings as sometimes changes have to be made. We will let you know if events have to be cancelled due to the rising numbers in COVID 19.

Finally, we hope your time with us will be very happy and you will soon feel very much part of our school vision. I believe in a partnership between parents and the school and I trust that you will support us in our work, helping your children to fulfil their potential.

On behalf of the school team, we are really looking forward to working in close partnership with you over the coming year.

Thank you for your co-operation in advance and we look forward to you joining us at the welcome back picnic!

Yours sincerely,
Bindu Rai
Headteacher

15/09/21	Friends of Highwood AGM 6.30pm at school
17/09/21	Friends of Highwood Welcome Picnic
20/09/21	Year 1 Parent Information Meeting Talk at 2.30 - 3.00pm in the classroom Year 2 Parent Information Meeting Talk at 2.40 - 3.10pm in the classroom
21/09/21	Year 3 Parent Information Meeting Talk at 2.35pm – 3.05pm in the classroom Year 4 Parent Information Meeting Talk at 2.30pm – 3.00pm in the classroom
22/09/21	Year 5 Parent Information Meeting Talk at 2.50pm – 3.15pm in the classroom Year 6 Parent Information Meeting Talk at 2.50pm – 3.20pm in the classroom
04/10/20	Black History Month starts – learning to take place across the school under the topic “Proud To Be Me” Dyslexia Awareness Week EYFS Phonics Meeting 2pm details to follow
05/10/21	Harvest Food Donation Collection commences – details to follow
06/10/21	Individual Photo day
08/10/21	Deadline for handing in Flu Immunisation consent forms
12/10/21	Hustings for School Council and ECO Committee Representatives begins – further details to follow
15/10/21	World Mental Health Day – we will be promoting the benefits of mindfulness, exercise, appreciation of music and creativity to help well being
21/10/21	Vaccination UK in to administer flu immunisations Harvest Festival Celebration Election for School Council Last day for Voting Friends of Highwood Autumn disco and pumpkin festival
22/10/21	END OF HALF TERM – normal staggered finish times
HALF TERM Mon 25th October - Fri 29th October	
01/11/21	Friends of Highwood launch Christmas cards
03/11/21	Black History Month Celebration Assembly. Poetry Theme - Proud to Be
04/11/21	Diwali celebrated by Hindus and Jains, Bandi Chhor Divas celebrated by Sikhs
05/11/21	Guy Fawkes Night
11/11/20	Class Remembrance Assembly Remembrance Assembly & Armistice Day – two minute silence to be held
16/11/21	Anti-Bullying Fortnight linked with our school values and British values sharing learning NHS Emotional well-being programme for Year 6 (Lancaster Model Programme)
23/11/21	Parent Consultation evening today and tomorrow Details to follow – an opportunity to hold a 10 minute meeting with the class teacher regarding your child’s progress
24/11/21	Parent Consultation evening - see above
03/12/21	Friends of Highwood’s Mufti day for tombola prizes - please donate items to school. More details to follow
04/12/21	Friends of Highwood Christmas Fair
08/12/21	Prospective Reception parents talk and tour 9.30am – please contact the school office to book a space
15/12/21	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/T-shirt day
21/12/21	Pupils break up School Ends at 2.00pm (staggered finishes will be advised nearer the time, but will start from 1.45pm)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 22 nd December 2021 – 4 th January 2022	
05/01/22	INSET DAY 3 - School Closed to Pupils
06/01/22	Start of spring term - welcome back to pupils

Please park **SAFELY**

We need everyone to play their part in keeping the roads near schools safe.

DRIVERS SHOULD NOT:

- park on yellow zig zag markings.
- park on double yellow lines at any time, or on single yellows during restricted hours.
- park or drive on footpaths.
- park within 10 metres of a junction, as this decreases visibility.
- block driveways or dropped kerbs.

You may be issued with a fixed penalty notice.
Thank you for your cooperation.

