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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with mixed emotions that we share the news that our wonderful Early Years teacher and joint Maths Lead, **Miss Emily Hall**, will be leaving Highwood at the end of this term.

After six dedicated years with us, she has accepted a position at a school much closer to her home. While we are saddened to see her go, we fully support her decision and wish her every success in this new chapter.

I am sure you will agree that Miss Hall has been an exceptional educator, bringing warmth, dedication, and creativity to the classroom. Her passion for nurturing learners has had a lasting impact on the children, and her kindness and commitment have truly made a difference. We are incredibly grateful for all she has contributed to Highwood. Please join us in wishing her happiness and success in this next step of her journey.

At the same time, we are **delighted to welcome Mrs Shamim Marsh** as Miss Hall's successor. Mrs Marsh brings many years of experience in education and has already met the children twice. Over the coming weeks, she will be spending more time with the class and the Early Years team to ensure a smooth transition. We look forward to her bringing her expertise and enthusiasm to our school community.



We would like to say an enormous thank you for everyone's support to encourage reading for pleasure.

A special thank you is sent to Mrs Keith, Reading Lead, who organised a fun packed day where children shared stories, used their imaginations to write their own. The day was positively memorable!



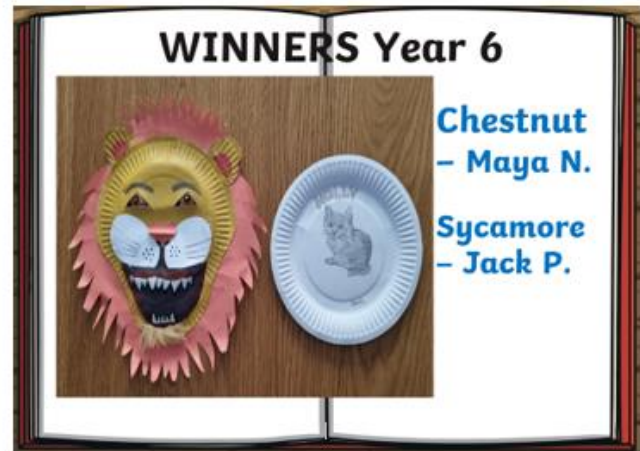


Winners of the Book Character Plate Competition. This was judged by our governors last week.

The children were given a paper plate to take home. We requested that they decorate their plate with a well-known or favourite book character. This could be completed as a Home Learning task for the week.

We announced the winners in assembly. Each winner received certificate and prize. We had a variety of creative designs. Have a look below:





We now have launched into Science Week. We look forward to your support by volunteering and sharing your expertise. The children are already underway with developing their scientific enquiry skills.

Best wishes,

Bindu Rai
Headteacher

