



Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had an enjoyable Bank Holiday Weekend.

The school team have started to plan for the remainder of the summer term. However, some of our traditional summer term events will not take place this year or will change due to covid restrictions. Despite this, it has been reassuring for all our pupils to return to school and get back into a learning routine. With this in mind, we continue to monitor the children's attendance at school and include here an overview of each class' attendance percentage over the last two weeks for you to see.

I'm pleased that our swimming lessons for Year 5 Willow have commenced and it's also great to see our extra-curricular clubs back up and running.

Hawthorn 4	98.61
Beech 2	98.19
Willow 5	97.08
Pine 1	96.78
Maple 3	96.51
Sycamore 6	96.06
Cedar 3	95.68
Ash Reception	94.18
Poplar 5	93.43
Birch 2	93.76
Oak Reception	93.11
Chestnut 6	92.58
Hazel 4	92.35
Elm 1	92.31

FRIENDS OF HIGHWOOD It was a pleasure to hold a meeting with the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, Beverly and Lisa respectively, from the Friends of Highwood last Friday. The committee are keen to commence various fun and memorable events, as well as raising money to make Highwood an even better place to learn. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK During the week, our assemblies will focus on different universal values of character formation. They will relate to our ethos, and aspects of curriculum learning too. The values will also be discussed during circle times throughout the week in class.

VALUES of Respect and Self-Discipline

Being a good member of our school.
Learning to follow school rules.
"Let your best shine through."



BEHAVIOUR and LEARNING The school team are helping the children to remember our Golden Expectations. Please spend time at home talking to your child about demonstrating the right behaviours for learning including during playtimes and lunchtimes.

Our Golden Expectations

Respect yourself and be respectful

Show kindness to others

Care for yourself, others and your school

Always try your best



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS We know how much our pupils like to celebrate their special birthday with their classmates by bringing sweets into school. After careful consideration, we have decided to pilot the following; please can I kindly request that if you would like to participate, then the sweets will need to be quarantined for 72 hours in class before being handed out so bring them in 3 days before the actual birthday. We can not accept cakes or any food items that contain nuts. Please take care, as we have numerous children and adults who have food allergies that can be triggered through even airborne contact. Finally, the Birthday treat will be given out at the end of the day so that adults who are collecting the children can make a decision as to whether it should be consumed.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK - 17th to 21st May 2021 We are excited to be taking part in Walk to School Week this May. We all know the health benefits of walking, so please help us to reduce congestion by supporting children in being more active and to produce lower carbon emissions during this event.

We would like to encourage all our pupils to try and walk, cycle or scoot to school all the time, but particularly during this week. If it's not possible to walk all the way, then it would be great if you could park 10 minutes away from school and walk or scoot the last part of your journey. Each class will have a poster of featuring a map of Hertfordshire and the aim is to take a 'virtual' walk by helping Buster The Dinosaur (the Active and Safer Travel Team mascot) walk around Hertfordshire. Every time a pupil travels sustainably, a dot can be coloured in. The information provided will be contribute towards our Healthy School Award and Travel Plan.



SAFETY NEWS Finally, thank you for supporting the school with the government's roadmap out of lockdown. We will continue to follow our risk assessment carefully and kindly request that you do the same when you are out and about in the community. We hope to get through this final stage by no class bubbles having to learn remotely again, due to any positive cases.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Now that we are able to book some events in for the children, please find below a list of upcoming dates for your diary. You might also find it useful to see our term dates for next academic year.

Continue to stay safe,
Kind Regards, Mrs Bindu Rai

Dates for your diary

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 11th May	Floella Benjamin, author. Virtual reading event. Letter to follow.
Friday 14th May	Year 6 height and weight screening by the NHS School Nursing Team
Monday 17th - Friday 21st May	Walk to School Week
Wednesday 19th May	Reception classes health screening by the NHS School Nursing Team
Friday 28th May	End of half term - School ends normal times
HALF TERM	
Monday 7th June	INSET DAY 4 - school closed
Tuesday 8th June	INSET DAY 5 - school closed
Wednesday 9th June	Start of term - school open
Wednesday 16th June	Class and siblings Photo Day with Van Cols
Thursday 1st July	Sports Day
Monday 5th July	Reserve Sports Day in case of extreme weather on Thursday 1st
Thursday 8th July	Year 6 Secondary Transition Day and class swap day
Thursday 15th July	Year 6 Puppet performance - Sycamore. Details tbc.
Friday 16th July	Year 6 Puppet performance - Chestnut. Details tbc.
Monday 19th July	Year 6 Shipwrecked team building event
Tuesday 20th July	Year 6 Shipwrecked team building event
Wednesday 21st July	End of summer term - School ends at 2:00pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS	

Term dates for academic year 2021 – 2022

Wednesday 1 September	Occasional day – School closed to pupils
Thursday 2 September	INSET DAY 1 – School closed to pupils
Friday 3 September	INSET DAY 2 – School closed to pupils
Monday 6 September	Start of term
Half Term Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October 2021	
Monday 1 November	Start of half term
Tuesday 21 December	End of Term – school ends at 2pm
Christmas Holidays Wednesday 22 December 2021 – Tuesday 4 January 2022	
Wednesday 5 January	INSET DAY 3 – School closed to pupils
Thursday 6 January	Start of Spring Term
Half Term Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February 2022	
Monday 21 February	Start of half term
Friday 1 April	End of term – school ends at 2pm
Easter Holidays Monday 4 April 2022 – Monday 18 April 2022	
Tuesday 19 April	INSET DAY 4 – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 20 April	Start of Summer Term
Monday 2 May	May Bank Holiday - School Closed
Half Term Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June 2022	
Monday 6 June	INSET DAY 5 – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 June	Start of half term
Friday 22 July	End of term – School ends at 2pm