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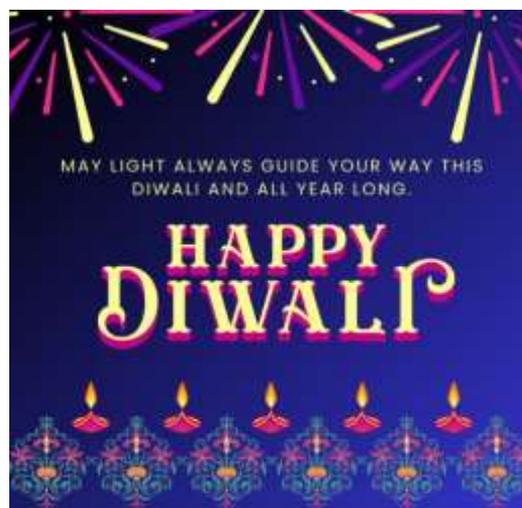
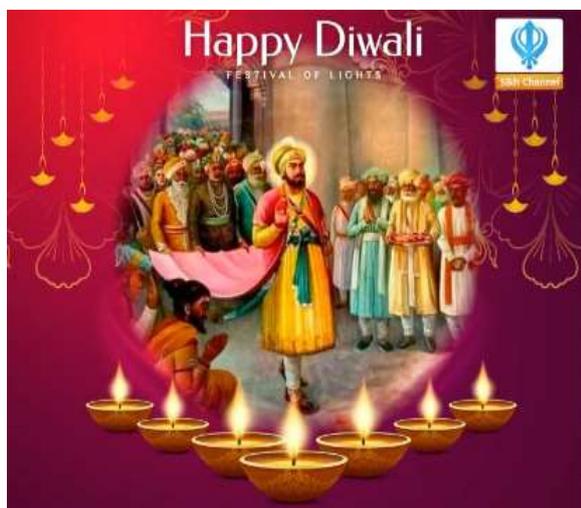
**Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential**  
Headteacher Mrs B Rai

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. As we approach the festive season, we would like to wish our Hindu, Sikh, and Jain families the joy of Diwali or Bandi Chhor Divas. The Festival of Lights is a time of celebration, reflection, and sharing happiness with loved ones.

A special thank you to Mrs Kamboz who delivered an informative assembly last week all about this wonderful festival.



At Highwood Primary School, we aim to educate our children about British Values. We promote a deep understanding of different faiths, traditions and appreciate diverse cultural celebrations that contribute to the rich tapestry of our community.



**Remembrance Day** The red poppy has become a symbol of remembrance for those who have died in service to their country, particularly during wartime.

**Thank you for your donations to support the Royal British Legion. Thank you for honouring and supporting our veterans. Let us stand united in gratitude.**



## Ofsted and the CQC have published the final Area SEND inspection report of the Hertfordshire Local Area Partnership.

You may already be aware of the latest report.

Please see the link below to read the report. We will find out what actions will be taken to make improvements.

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50232445>

The inspection report identifies "widespread and/or systemic failings" across the local area partnership led by Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB). It is the lowest rating possible. This means that the inspection identified failings that have a "significant, negative impact on the experiences and outcomes of children and young people".

**Parent Consultation Week** Our staff are looking forward to your attendance at Parents' Consultation meetings. Parents and carers will have the chance to view their child's school books, and speak to the class teacher to understand how the autumn term is progressing in terms of learning and settling into a new year group.

**Anti-Bullying Week** We are looking forward to Watford Schools Trust and our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors launching the theme **Make a Noise!** We hope the children enjoyed wearing their odd socks on Monday to mark the day. Thank you to Miss Marriott who has carefully organised the event.



Wishing you an enjoyable week ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Bindu Rai  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	School tour for prospective parents 2:00pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	School tour for prospective parents 2:00pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Year 6</b> to Queens' School to see Matilda Production
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Year 4</b> Shang Dynasty - workshop in school
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 🌲	<b>Years 5 and 6</b> Christmas Performance <b>9:15-9:45am</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 🌲	Non-uniform day in exchange for TOMBOLA gift
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 🌲	Friends' Christmas Fair!
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Immunisations – mop up clinic
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 🌲	<b>Nursery's Nativity 9:30 – 10:00am</b> <b>Reception's Nativity 2:15 – 3:00pm</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 2</b> History off the Page – workshop in school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 🌲	Whole school visit to church; parent volunteers required!
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 🌲	Friends' WRAP night for Secret shopping room
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 🌲	<b>KS1 (Years 1 and 2)</b> Christmas Performance <b>9:15-9:45am</b> <b>Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 🌲	Friends' Secret Shopping Room – details to follow
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 🌲	<b>Years 3 and 4</b> Christmas Performance <b>9:15-9:45am</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term! <b>2:00pm finish</b>
🌲 Christmas Holidays 21 <sup>st</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024 🌲	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Start of term
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	School tour for prospective parents 2:00pm
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>Year 3</b> trip to Tring Museum
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	End of half term – finish at 3.25pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Half term Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024	