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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential
Headteacher Mrs B Rai

Wednesday 18th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Highwood Primary, we are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where every child can thrive. Our dedicated staff team have been establishing the school expectations and getting to know all the children. It's great to have our Early Years children beginning their new adventures! They are gradually settling in, trying their best with new school routines and making new friends.

Reaffirming Our Commitment to British Values after the UK Riots

Recent events over the summer have been carefully thought about amongst the school team. It understandably caused some concern and reflection and we want to take this opportunity to address these issues and reaffirm our shared commitment to the values that define us. At Highwood Primary, we deeply believe in the principles of respect, tolerance, democracy, and the rule of law—core British values that are central to our ethos. These values guide everything we do, from our curriculum to the way we interact with one another every day. In light of the summer's challenging events, we feel it is more important than ever to emphasise these principles within our school community.

Our Response to Recent Events

The riots that took place over the summer have highlighted the need for unity, understanding, and positive engagement within our society. We are committed to ensuring that our school remains a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment where every child can learn and grow.

We will be incorporating assemblies, discussions, projects and activities into our curriculum that encourage themes of cohesion, empathy, and a deeper understanding of the diverse society we live in. Our aim is to help our pupils develop the knowledge and skills they need to contribute positively to our community and beyond, promoting respect and tolerance. Despite the challenges we face, we remain hopeful and committed to building a better, more inclusive future for all.

We are confident that by working together, we can continue to make Highwood Primary a place where every child feels valued and respected.



There will be a full governing body meeting on Wednesday 18th September. We will be reflecting upon last year's achievements and re-defining the school improvement priorities.

Our focus is underpinned with parent and carer support. **We know that YOU make the difference!**

What children do at home affects their learning, behaviour and attitudes. It affects their language development, understanding of the world and learning how to get on with others. By working even closer with you, we look forward to building a strong partnership.



Building works Thank you for your patience due to the roof maintenance works. We appreciate it isn't easy traveling around the school and will always consider your needs carefully.

Now that the Family Centre has closed, I am pleased that Mrs Kenny and the Inclusion team have remodelled the section to support specific interventions and groups of pupils. They have worked creatively to create the Sunflower Room. It is an engaging learning space.

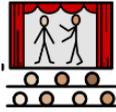


Yours sincerely,

Bindu Rai
Headteacher

DIARY DATES You'll see from the diary dates 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. Please keep a note of the dates of class sharing assemblies and parent meetings.

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Tuesday 24 th September	Years 5 and 6 Meet the new teacher meeting 8:55-9:25am
Tuesday 24 th September	Years 1 and 2 Meet the new teacher meeting 2:45-3:15pm
Wednesday 25 th September	Years 3 and 4 Meet the new teacher meeting 8:55-9:25am
Thursday 26 th September	KS1 & KS2 Assembly - Rabbi Yosef from Bushey Chabad 
Thursday 26 th September	Yr 6 parent PGL information meeting 3:40-4:15pm 
Tuesday 1 st October	Black History Month begins. 
Thursday 3 rd October	Van Cols Photograph Day (individual and siblings) 
Friday 4 th October	Chestnut 6 class sharing assembly for parents/carers 9:10-9:30am 
Monday 7 th October	Harvest Celebration Week – Details to follow 
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop day. A separate letter will be sent to Year 3 parent and carers 
Friday 11 th October	Poplar 5 class sharing assembly for parents/carers 9:10-9:30am 
Wednesday 16 th October	Year 4 Shang Dynasty Workshop at School
Friday 18 th October	Fishers Fields morning trip for Year 1
Friday 18 th October	Hawthorn 4 class sharing assembly for parents/carers 9:10-9:30am 
Wednesday 22 nd October	Year 5 trip to STEM Discovery Centre TBC

Wednesday 23rd October to Friday 25 th October	Year 6 on PGL residential trip to Liddington 
Friday 25 th October	Maple 3 class sharing assembly for parents/carers 9:10-9:30am 
Monday 28th to Friday 31st October Half- Term	
Friday 8 th November	Year 1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Tuesday 12 th November	Parent Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 13 th November	Parent Consultation Meetings
Tuesday 27 th November	Mini Medics Workshop Year 6 
Wednesday 28 th November	Mini Medics Workshop Year 6 
Friday 20 th December	End of Term
Monday 6 th January	Start of Spring term – Pupils Return

