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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential
Headteacher Mrs B Rai

Tuesday 19th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

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.

There will be a full governing body meeting on Wednesday 20th September. We will be reflecting upon our recent Ofsted Inspection 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.



HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION We shall be sharing with the children stories of Harvest around the world and acts of kindness throughout the coming weeks. Harvest Assembly is a lovely occasion which encourages the children to think about where our food comes from and how lucky we are to live in a country where food is plentiful. We invite you to send into school any of the items on the list attached (**please watch the 'use by' dates!**) for the food bank on behalf of New Hope. If you could spare an item or two for your child to bring in, it

would be much appreciated. I know that food banks up and down the country are really stretched and this is a local cause that we are very keen to support. **Please send items in to your child's classroom this week.**

Yours sincerely,







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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 Events

Wednesday 20 th September	Years 3 and 4 Meet the new teacher meeting 8:55-9:25am	
Thursday 21 st September	Years 5 and 6 Meet the new teacher meeting 8:55-9:25am	
Thursday 21 st September	KS1 & KS2 Assembly - Rabbi Yosef from Bushey Chabad	
Thursday 21 st September	Friends of Highwood Welcome Back Picnic 3:30-5:00pm Please come along to have a look at the new play equipment followed by the FRIENDS' AGM in the main hall at 6:00pm... ALL WELCOME! Please come to support this friendly bunch raise money for our school.	
Monday 25 th September	Harvest Assembly – Watford Schools Trust TBC	
Monday 25 th September	Yr 6 parent PGL information meeting 3:40-4:15pm	
Tuesday 26 th September	Author Zanib Mian KS2 visit.	
Tuesday 26 th September	KS1 Phonics Refresher for Year 1 & Year 2 parents/carers 9:00am-9:30am	
Wednesday 27 th September	Phonics information for New to Nursery & Reception parents/carers 9:00am-9:30am	
Thursday 28 th September	Years 1 and 2 Meet the new teacher meeting 2:45-3:15pm	
Friday 29 th September	Chestnut 6 class sharing assembly for parents/carers 9:10-9:30am	
Friday 29 th September	Friends of Highwood Tuckshop after school	
Monday 2 nd October	Black History Month begins	
Thursday 5 th October	Van Cols Photograph Day (individual and siblings)	
Tuesday 10 th October	Mini Medics Workshop - Sycamore 6	

Friday 13 th October	Hawthorn 4 class sharing assembly for parents/carers 9:10-9:30am	
Friday 13 th October	Birch 2 class sharing assembly for parents/carers 2:55-3:10pm	
Wednesday 18 th October to Friday 20 th October	Year 6 on PGL residential trip to Liddington	
Wednesday 18 th October	Year 5 trip to STEM Discovery Centre TBC	
Friday 20 th October	Cedar 3 class sharing assembly for parents/carers 9:10-9:30am	
Friday 13 th October	Pine 1 class sharing assembly for parents/carers 2:55-3:10pm	
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October Half- Term		
Tuesday 31 st October	Mini Medics Workshop - Chestnut 6	