



# Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Dear parents and carers,

The first half of the autumn term is nearly behind us and half-term approaches. It has been a full-on start to the academic year. There has been lots to celebrate and great learning opportunities taking place. The school development plans are well underway, and we are seeing steady progress. I am particularly delighted that we have commenced the Early Years Quality Standard.

This week we have been concluding our Governance cycle for the start of the year, including our working plan. We continue to consider rising energy costs, no increase in national funding, and the unfunded pay increase for staff. This has provided further challenges for our existing and future school budgets. However, we are determined to provide the best possible outcomes.

Next half term starts with the **Friends of Highwood Mad Hair Day!** We look forward to many children participating and donating £1.00 towards our outdoor play equipment. The committee has been holding meetings with a few companies to gather various options. They will meet with School Council after half term to share their ideas.

We will also be holding our Parent Consultation evenings with the Chorleywood Bookshop Fair, pupil progress meetings, Anti-bullying Reach Out theme week, Friends of Highwood winter events, assemblies, end-of-term performances, stay and plays, and much more.

Wishing you a lovely half-term break with your loved ones. For our families celebrating Diwali, we wish you a wonderful time, full of hope, peace, and joyfulness!

We will see you on Monday 31st November at 8:45am.  
Stay safe and happy,

Mrs Rai  
Headteacher

