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> Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential Headteacher Mrs B Rai

> > Tuesday 5th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we're thrilled to welcome our children back to school as we continue the exciting journey through the autumn term. There are plenty of activities, events, and important dates to look forward to, so be sure to mark your calendars!

There will be some additions of workshops and class trips. However, a separate letter will be sent home.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to create a vibrant, supportive, and inspiring learning environment. Let's make this half of the autumn term full of learning, laughter, and memorable experiences!



Finally, please join us at helping out at Friends of Highwood events. It would be great to have new families join us. A couple of hours of volunteering makes a huge difference.

The Friends of Highwood offers a chance to connect with other parents and families, build friendships, and work together toward shared goals. We all want the best for our children, and by being a part of Friends you can contribute to making Highwood a warm and inclusive community.

Members stay informed about school initiatives and get a voice in decision-making processes that impacts our school. Your feedback and ideas are valuable, and by joining in you'll have an opportunity to shape the future of our school.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a lasting difference. Yours sincerely, Bindu Rai Headteacher



Tuesday 5 th November	Yr 5/6 Football team away match - Coates Way
Friday 8th November	Year 1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Friday 8th November	Watford Schools Trust Year 5 Workshop pm Poplar Class
Monday 11 th November	Armistice Day 2-minute silence to be observed
11 th – 15 th November	Anti Bullying Week – Choose
Tuesday 12 th November	Respect Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 12 th November	Parent Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 13 th November	Parent Consultation Meetings
Thursday 14 th November	Year 6 Science workshop all day (in classrooms)
Thursday 14 th November	Watford Schools Trust Year 5 Workshop pm Willow Class
Wednesday 20 th November	History off the Page Workshop – Year 2 (in classrooms)
	STEP INTO CHRISTMAS
Monday 25 th November	Set up the stage in the Hall
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Monday 25th November	Pupil helpers to set up Christmas tree and decorations
Tuesday 26 th November –	Hall out of use for Nursery and Reception
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Tuesday 3rd December	Nursery dress rehearsal to Year 1
10:00am	
Wednesday 4 th December 9:30am	Nursery Performance to parents/carers
Wednesday 4 th December from 11.00am – Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Christmas rehearsals
Friday 6 th December	Dress Down Day (No Football Kits) and bring an item for the Christmas Fair Tombola. Please donate gifts, bottles and chocolates
Friday 6 th December 10am-11am	Willow 5 Class to demonstrate Trombone learning to Parent and Carers only
	Friends of Highwood Christmas Fair
	The festive event of the year! Games, crafts, food and Santa's Grotto. Everyone is welcome. We will need lots of help to make it a successful day. Please volunteer. Thank you.
Tuesday 10 th December 9:15-10am	KS1 Christmas Performance dress rehearsal to Years 3,4 and 5
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance to parent/ carers
9:15-10am	
Wednesday 11 [™] December	Christmas Dinner & Festive Jumpers
Wednesday 11 th December from 11.00am – Thursday 19 th December	KS2 Christmas rehearsals
Tuesday 10 th December	Yr 3 & 4 Football Club Festival at Bushey Manor
	Wrap Night from 5.00pm in the Hall. Please give up an hour or so to wrap 2,000 presents. Please help out by arriving when you can. There
	will be mince pies, giggles and music to get us in the festive
	mood. Thank you.
	Whole School service to North Bushey Baptist Church Please volunteer by helping us walk the children Kather to and from the church. Thank you.

Friday 13 th December	Friends of Highwood Secret Shopping Room – Activity Studio out of use
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Tuesday 17 th December	
2:15pm	Year 3 and 4 Dress Rehearsal to Reception and KS1
Wednesday 18 th December	
9:15am	Year 5 and 6 Dress Rehearsal to Reception and KS1
Wednesday 18 th December	
2.15pm	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance to parent/ carers
Thursday 19 th December 9.15am	
	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance to parent/ carers
Thursday 19 th December	End of Year Celebration Parties
Friday 20 th December	End of Term 2.00pm - No Tea time club
Monday 6th January	Start of Spring term – Pupils Return