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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential
Headteacher Mrs B Rai

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Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas and end of year is fast approaching, and our children have started their preparations for this year's festive performances. We are looking forward to enjoying time together as a community and celebrating this time of year.



Friends of Highwood have been fantastic as they prepare for our annual Christmas Fair. We are really pleased that it is going ahead despite the scaffolding for the roof works giving us restricted space to host the event.

At Highwood we are committed to ensuring that our focus remains on the children and building a strong supportive community together.



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.

Our annual **dress down day** is **Friday 6th December** in exchange for a Tombola gift. **All bottles, chocolates and unwanted unused gifts welcome. Please check use by dates.**

Are you a keen baker? Would you be willing to make some cakes/biscuits for our cake stall? Please provide a full ingredients list and no nuts. Cakes to be delivered to school on Friday 6th December. (If the local supermarket usually bakes your cakes we will happily accept those too!)



STAFF and GOVERNOR ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to share the news regarding our leadership team.

After a thorough interview process, we are pleased to confirm that **Mrs Catherine Thompson and Mrs Jacqueline Gerrald** will take on the roles of substantive Assistant Headteachers. The governing interview panel was highly impressed with their contributions and the dedication they have demonstrated so far in their current acting roles.



Return from Maternity Leave We are pleased to welcome **Miss Amy May** back after her maternity leave. Miss May will be teaching Willow Class alongside Mrs Suman Jolly. We look forward to seeing her energy and expertise back in the classroom.

New Parent Governor Please join me in warmly welcoming **Mr Tommy Giovannelli**, who has been elected as our new Parent Governor. As communicated earlier, Tommy brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, and we are excited about the positive impact he will have in strengthening our governing body.



Thank you for your collaboration as we move forward.

Yours sincerely,
Bindu Rai
Headteacher

