



Highwood Primary School

Early Years Newsletter Reception



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Highwood School! Here is some information which we hope you will find useful.

Library

The Reception children will visit the library on a Wednesday. Our first visit will be on Wednesday 25th September. Your child will bring home a library book in their school book bag. Please spend some time looking through the book with your child and return it the following Wednesday in their book bag so it can be changed.

Book Look

The first Monday of every month, parents and carers are invited to look through their child's learning journey within the learning environment. The children will love showing you some of the things they have been learning. Our first book look will be on Monday 30th September from 3.30pm - 4.00pm.

Phonics Meeting

On Tuesday 8th October at 2.30pm and 6pm we will be holding a Phonics Meeting. In this meeting we will discuss the ways in which we teach Phonics and reading. We will also tell you how you can help and support your child at home.

Shoes, clothing and jewellery

For health and safety reasons, may we remind you that jewellery is not to be worn at school except for stud earrings. We go outside every day so depending on the weather coats, wellington boots or sunhats are a necessity. Please make sure all items of clothing and footwear are clearly named.

Water bottles

Provide your child with a NAMED bottle of water daily. As they come in each morning, they can place their bottles in the snack area tray. Please do not put squash or juice in their bottles.

Contact Information

Please make sure we have your current mobile phone number.

Early Years Fund

While being voluntary the Early Years Fund is very much appreciated.

From it we buy lots of little extras such as ingredients for making play dough and cooking activities. It is £7.00 each term.

Payment can be made electronically through the School Gateway. If you need help with setting up this service please speak to somebody in the office.

Please help!

We are continuously developing our outdoor learning environment and there are few things that we need. If you have or can get hold of any of these items we would be very grateful!

- Whisks and measuring jugs
- Kitchen roll tubes, Small boxes, Yoghurt pots, Milk bottle lids
- Unwanted/used toy cars, people and marbles
- Play sand
- Binoculars
- Old phones

Early Years Christmas Performance

On Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th December the Nursery and Reception children will hold their Christmas Performances.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be held on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th October. Look out for an email nearer the time. You will be asked to book appointments online.

Term dates

We close on Friday 25th October for half term.

Although a long way off, the school finishes for Christmas on Friday 20th December at 2.00pm.

Should you have any queries or concerns, no matter how small they may seem, please do not hesitate to contact one of the reception team. Or you can email us at admin@highwood.herts.sch.uk

Thank you.

The Reception Team