



Newsletter

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'Where Individuals Matter'

Dear Parents/Carers,

During October half-term, we will officially move into our new building! As you will have read in the recent Headteacher Bulletin, the classes that are relocating will be:

1RA

1JW

2SE

3KH

5SA

The teachers and support staff have been making sure the classrooms are ready for the children and the furniture is being delivered during next week to complete the process of moving in.

Inside this newsletter are the locations of the classrooms and the dropping off / picking up which we will trial during the first week or so. We will have plenty of adults around on the first few mornings to make sure everyone knows where they are going and also in the evenings to collect feedback about our choices of entry and exit routes.

The small gate on Fairwater Drive (pictured) will also be reopened as the pathways will be tarmacked over the half term holiday.

Could I request that all parents stick to the footpaths and do not use the grassed area as a shortcut. This will make sure that our field remains usable all year round and that our building (particularly the brand new carpets) remain in a good state of repair.

Thank you for your patience during this part of our expansion and I hope you are as excited about our new building as we are!

Enjoy the break!

Matt Hickey

Head Teacher

@headhighwood





Foundation 1 News

Miss Nunn

Welcome to our first Foundation 1 News this year. We have had a very busy start to the Autumn Term in F1. All the children have settled incredibly well and have begun making friends. We have begun exploring our termly topic '**what makes us special?**' which has allowed us all to get to know each other and explore ourselves as individuals.

As part of our topic we have been learning about ourselves and our bodies and exploring how amazing and different they all are. The children had the opportunity to paint their own self-portraits by looking in the mirrors and discussing what they look like and have created a height chart so we can see how our bodies are all different shapes and sizes. We have also been busy beginning to share our 'all about me' boxes that the children have created at home (which are all amazing). These have allowed the children to understand



that we are all unique for example, we live in different lives, like different things and have different families.

As part of learning about our amazing bodies we have been exploring '**The 5 Senses**' and engaging in lots of exciting activities to enable us to use our senses to learn more. This half of term we have focused mostly on touch and taste. In order for us to explore touch and feel, the children have explored lots of different sensory plays such as cornflour and Gelli Baff, done painting using their hands and feet and participated in a 'what's inside the mystery box?' game. To explore taste, the children have discussed their likes and dislikes and



also participated in a fruit tasting activity. We will also be exploring Halloween using our senses, by carving pumpkins and baking some Halloween biscuits.



F1 has really enjoyed participating in P.E where we have been developing our listening skills and our gross motor movements. We have been learning lots of new games such as the 'hoop game' which helps the children to follow direction and listen well. They have also been practicing their balance and climb-

ing skills. All the children have been showing great perseverance when trying to get in and out of their P.E kits independently.

Lots of fun has been had engaging in role play this half term. Outside the children have been exploring the doctor's surgery, where they have been learning more about their bodies and the way they work and inside they have been exploring the house home corner which has been encouraging them to discuss their own homes and families and represent their experiences in their play.



Thank you to all the parents that have supported us during the first half of this term.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see what we are up to each week! @HighwoodPrimFS1



Foundation 2 News

Mrs Parker, Mrs Perrott and Mrs Stroud

Welcome to our first Foundation 2 News this term! We have had a very busy first half of the term, ensuring that all our children settle into their new classrooms. We have also had some new F2 children start with us so we have been very busy making new friends!

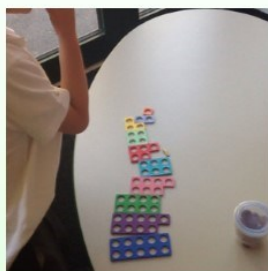
Our Topic this term is **"How do we know that dinosaurs lived on Earth?"** We were all excited to go outside and discover some large claw marks in the outside area. The children came up with lots of theories, including that a giant T-rex had visited!



We had a very interesting visit from athlete Daniel Lewis. The children enjoyed taking part in lots of different activities and then they watched him demonstrating some of his jumping technique!



A very strange thing happened last week, when we found a large dinosaur egg in the outside area. The children observed it very closely, hoping that it would hatch! The next day it had vanished! Perhaps the mother dinosaur had come back for it!



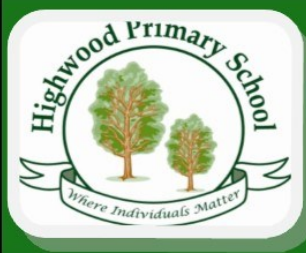
In maths we have been starting to learn numbers to 10. Our challenge now is to begin writing them! We also identified different patterns and made some of our own.

We love to do messy play! We had fun making dinosaur eggs out of papier-mache and then painting them! It was very sticky and gooey!



Thank you to all the parents that have supported us and we look forward to another busy but enjoyable half-term in Foundation 2!

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Year 1 News - Autumn 1

Mrs Weir & Miss Amor

Mrs Wildey, Mrs Turnbull, Mrs Kearney, Miss Rajput

All of the pupils and staff have really enjoyed the start to Year 1! It has been a wonderful experience to see the children become more independent. Every individual has produced thoroughly impressive pieces of work. We look forward to moving into our new classrooms and building on the fantastic start to the year. Have a great half term!

What adventures could we have with our bikes?

Settling in

During our first week in Year 1, the children spent lots of time brainstorming ways to show our learning behaviours. We showed off our teamwork skills with parachute games and quickly became independent at putting away and collecting our home time things!

Topic and Science



The children began by learning all about the Tour de France, the Tour of Britain and our very own Tour of Highwood which will be taking place soon after

half term! We have designed our own racing jerseys in preparation for the race. We have also looked at the history of bicycles and how they have changed. We have also enjoyed using the atlases to locate the countries of the United Kingdom.

In science, we have been studying materials and their properties. Mrs Weir brought her bike in and we discussed the parts of the bike and which materials they are made of.



Check out our new Twitter feed to be up and running after half term!

@Highwoodprim1 (Mrs Weir)

@2Highwood1 (Miss Amor)

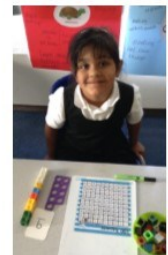
Maths

We have been working hard to represent numbers using different resources. There has been some amazing creativity on display with these activities! We have

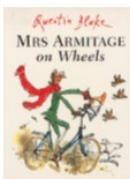


moved onto comparing numbers, missing number problems and addition and subtraction.

We are persevering with explaining our thinking and proving our answers are correct.



English



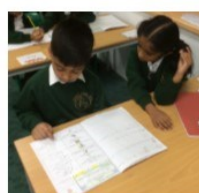
This term we have been reading the story 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' to link with our topic on bicycles. We started by reading the story and then re-telling it by putting pictures

into the correct order. Then the class used actions to be able to verbally retell the whole story. We have also been using "Give me 5" to help write our sentences.

Give me 5



1. Think of your sentence.
2. Say your sentence out loud.
3. Count the words.
4. Write your sentence - remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces, phonics and a full stop.
5. Read your work back.



Then we got the chance to be brilliantly creative by writing our own versions of the story!



Year 2 News

Mrs Eatwell & Mrs Neilson

Was the Great Fire of London a total disaster?

This half-term has flown by! The children have started to settle into year 2 well and seem to be really enjoying school. They have shown great enthusiasm for our topic and already have lots of useful knowledge about the Great Fire of London. This half-term we have been focusing on writing to inform in Literacy. The children have retold the events of the Great Fire of London. They have also created a fact file about Tudor artefacts which we borrowed from Reading Museum!



We started off the term by looking at non-fiction texts about the Great Fire and sequenced pictures of the events on a timeline. Then we wrote our own sentences about the pictures in the book. To help make our sentences more interesting we learnt about adjectives to describe the fire, as well as the people and their emotions. We re-lived the day the fire started and acted it out through drama. We used time connectives to sequence the events.



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We have been learning all about place value in maths. We learned our number bonds to 20 and the children are starting to learn the related subtraction facts. It would be great if you could continue this at home. We have learnt about how you can write numbers up to 100 as words. The children have also learnt how to show numbers in different representations, including numicon, dienes and money. They have compared numbers using the $<$ $>$ $=$ symbols.

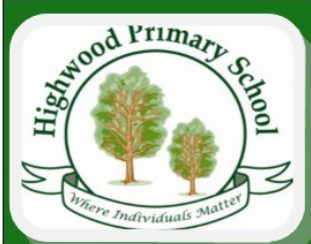


We have also been looking for patterns in maths. The children have been consolidating their ability to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. They have learnt how to write multiplication as a repeated addition pattern. They have also been looking at the relationship between multiplication and we will explore this further next half term.

As Scientists, we have been learning all about different materials and linking this to materials in 1666, particularly wooden houses. Can your child tell you the properties of different materials from around your home?



We have had a fantastic half-term and I cannot wait for next half-term. Well done Year 2, see you soon!



Year 3 News

**Mrs Hartgrove, Mrs Tindall
& Mrs Chintagunta**

Could you survive in pre-historic times?

LITERACY

This term we have been looking at fairy tales. In guided reading we have all been looking at Hansel and Gretel by Anthony Browne.



In English we have been writing fairy tales. Sometimes we changed ones we already knew. Then we made up our own and wrote them neatly so that they can be displayed.



MATHS

In maths we have been working with numbers up to 1000. We have been partitioning and writing the numbers in words. We have been adding 10 and 100 to a number and are just about to look at written methods.



SCIENCE

In science we have been looking at rocks, soil and fossils. We have sorted and organised rocks based on their properties and tested them. We have learnt all about fossils and Mary Anning who we pretended to interview.



TOPIC

In topic we have been looking at pre-historic times. We started with timelines and organised key events. Then we have been looking at prehistoric animals and how people in the stone age lived and ate.



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Year 4 News

Mr Allaway, Mrs Anil and Mrs Shakeel

Welcome to the first edition of the Year 4 news! I am pleased to say that we've had a fantastic start to the school year, with lots of exciting opportunities and lots of new learning going on. Please read on to find out more!

Which of our senses is the most important?

To begin answering our question, we explored the different sounds we could hear in the

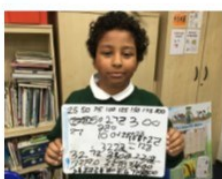


playground. We created a detailed list and then used them in our science. Year 4 then looked at how different animals have unique senses that help them to stay safe, hunt for prey and make sense of the world around them. We learned some interesting facts such as, 'a dog can hear sounds as high as 40,000 Hz' and 'a falcon can see an object from 1.5 Km'.

Science

In science, year 4 have been learning about different animals and how they fit together in food chains. We have been looking at their properties and learning how to classify them into different categories. We started this with a game of 'Guess Who'.

Maths



In maths this term the children have spent a lot of time looking at numbers and place value. They learned how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, by using our knowledge of place value. The children

have explored Roman Numerals and are able to use their knowledge to create numbers up 100 (some even beyond 100). They have learned all about counting up in different multiples and are able to represent it using resources and abstract concepts.

English

We have been learning about 'writing to inform' and have created our own dragon fact files. We learned how to add in description using adjective noun phrases, conjunctions and sub headings.



Meeting a guide dog!

A highlight of the half term was meeting Kashmir, an experienced guide dog, and her owner Jenny. We learned all about how people overcome the difficulty of losing a sense.



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I look forward to continuing this hard work after half term! Mr Allaway



Year 5 News Autumn 1 2018 Team: Mr Anderson & Mrs Chaudhary. Twitter - @HighwoodPrimYr5

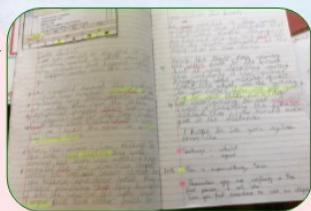


Has the Earth finished growing?

Welcome to the first edition of the Year 5 news! I am pleased to say that we've had a fantastic start to the school year, with lots of exciting opportunities and lots of new learning going on. Please read on to find out more!

Literacy - Firework Maker's Daughter.

The book 'The Firework Makers Daughter' by Philip Pullman addresses a dilemma, which a young Chinese girl called Lila faces, when she realises she has to climb a mountain and face a fire fiend to become a true firework maker. The children have been making use of the senses to write about imagined settings, we have also focussed on character roles. We have used a variety of retrieval exercises to develop comprehension skills and we have put ourselves in the situations of each character to feel empathy for them when faced with difficult decisions.



Maths - Place Value and finding patterns.

Our maths lessons this half term have really supported us in learning about space. We have been looking at the place value of numbers up to 1,000,000 as well as counting beyond zero (negative 1, negative 2, etc.) and rounding numbers to different degrees of accuracy. We have designed decimal games, written our own number riddles and made number lines to put our learning into practise!



Science In Science we have been looking at materials and which ones are effective for everyday life. We have compared materials and investigated why certain materials are more effective for particular uses. We have learnt about their properties and categorised them. We have been testing them for strength using Newton Meters, this in turn has helped us to read scales.

Music - eRAPtions. In Music we have been thinking carefully about Volcanic eruptions, we started with brainstorming words and then thought about how we would represent each stage of the eruption. We then thought carefully about which instruments would be best for

representing that particular stage. We wrote Volcano Raps and poems using the vocabulary and literacy skills learnt this half term to help us.

PE - Pyroclastic, Gymnastic. This half term the children have been improving their gymnastic skills, Mr Edwards has been monitoring their progress and teaching them new skills to improve their EXPLOSIVE routines.

Geography/Topic - Has the Earth finished growing

We enjoyed making Papier-Mache Volcanoes for our homework project and we also worked on our mixing of colours to paint them in a realistic way. Then they were ready to test out using our science knowledge. We mixed bicarbonate of soda with vinegar and stood back to see the reaction! It was great to see the volcanoes in action; however, we were also curious to find out why some eruptions were better than others. We then tested the amount of carbon dioxide gas that was released using balloons over plastic bottles. We still have some thinking to do about the best ratio of bicarbonate of soda to vinegar though.



We have been thinking about whether the Earth has finished growing. If you want to know our thoughts, just ask!

Well done, Year 5, on making this topic so incredibly interesting and thought-provoking.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Raines for all of her help and support this half term.

*It has been a super start to the year.
We look forward to continuing this
hard work after half term in our new*



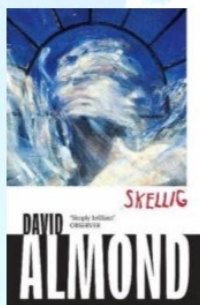
Year 6 News

Teachers: Mr Pearce & Mrs Haden - Mrs. Raines and Mrs. Render

Welcome to the first newsletter for Year 6. Although we have only been back in school a matter of weeks, we have already achieved a lot. Our topic this term is, 'How do we shape the world and how does the world shape us?', and we have been thinking about this through English and Science.

English

In English, we have been studying a fantastic book, 'Skellig' by David Almond. It is a story about a boy who discovers a unique (and previously undiscovered) creature in his garage. Through our reading of the text, we have been investigating how an author hooks a reader as well as using the events of the story to create persuasive adverts that put a positive spin on a negative house. We are currently looking at how we can write to entertain and use grammar and sentence structure to reveal a character's feelings.



Maths

So far in maths, the children have been securing their understanding of place value. They have been learning how to read, write and compare large numbers (up to 10,000,000) and numbers with 3 decimal places. More recently, we have been investigating negative numbers and their uses in the wider world from recording and comparing temperatures to keeping track of our finances! Soon, we will be delving into rounding and number sequences so all our learning of place value will come in really handy!

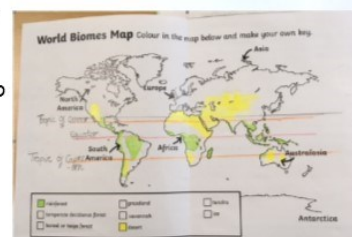
Science

If someone discovers a new living thing (for the first time), how might they name it? With this question in mind, the children have been looking at the classification and naming of living things and soon they will be looking at how Linnaeus came up with his binominal classification and classifying some organisms of their own.



Geography

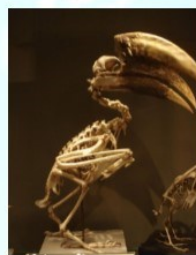
We have been looking at Central America in preparation for our History focus on the ancient Maya. So far, we have looked at the tropics and the equator and why the climate is the way it is in these places. Following this, we will be looking at the rainforest habitat (and biome!) and comparing it with that of the United Kingdom so as to better understand how the Maya grew as a civilization compared to the Anglo-Saxons.



PE This term the children have enjoyed learning some very energetic dances in Zumba. I have been amazed at the speed at which they have learnt the steps, and with their enthusiasm.

Art

In Art, we have started to look at birds from Central America and their varied and incredible colours. Following this, we will be taking a closer look at bird skeletons and practising our use of shade to create a sense of lighting.

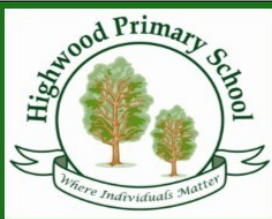


Reading

In our reading, we have been looking at the skills of skimming and scanning to quickly find the right information from a text. Moreover, we have been looking at how characters are created through details that are stated and implied and how we can use evidence to back up what we understand.

Parents, the children should be asking you to read with them on a regular basis - I'm hoping they can show off what they have been learning so far!

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Speech and Language Resource News

Mrs Godfrey & Mr Bevan

Mrs Payne, Mrs Wright, Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Pithiya

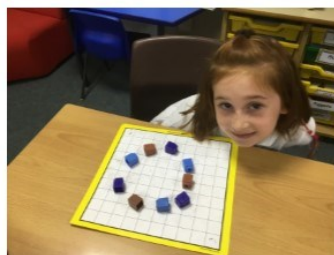
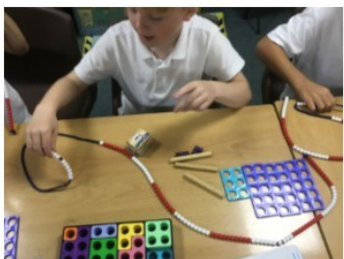
Well this half term has certainly been exciting! We have moved into the first part of our brand new Resource teaching area and the children have been working really hard together. We've also been excited about the new rooms that have been built during the term and we can't wait to be able to use them! When the new area is signed over to the school we will have a coffee morning so that the parents can come and see it for yourselves!

Literacy—Does a poem have to rhyme?



We have been very busy in Resource exploring different types of Poetry this half term. We began with rhyming and made our own rhyming strings before re-writing an animal poem that rhymes and making our own funny limericks! We also thought of ideas to add to a rainbow colours poem, and investigated alliteration and similes in shape poems. In the last week of this half term, we will be looking at free verse with some of our children, reading and discussing Revolting Rhymes by Roald Dahl. Look out next half term for our unit on stories, with our key question 'Does a story have to have a happy ending'?

Maths—Investigating Number Systems, Pattern Sniffing and Solving Calculation Problems



It's been all about Number this half term with the youngest members of the Resource extending their counting beyond 10 and finding one more and one less and others investigating place value, number sequences, odd and even numbers, estimating using a number line and using their skills in addition and subtraction.



Well Done to all the resource children for settling in well to our new group, therapy room and resource classroom. We have been impressed with the teamwork and perseverance shown so far this term.



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PE/Sports News

Sports coach: Mr Edwards

Welcome to the first half term "PE & Sports News Page" of 2018.

PE Lessons:

This half term the children have been learning about the health, fitness and wellbeing side of PE. I have been able to test the children's overall fitness together with heart rate results. This has made very interesting reading! KS1 have learnt about the heart and its importance to keep healthy. They have also been testing out the circuits in readiness for their testing in KS2. In KS2 the children were partnered up to encourage motivation and score keeping and to discourage inflated figures! There were 6 stations working different parts of the body to gain an overall picture of the children's fitness. All of their repetitions were recorded and input into a data sheet. The minimum targets of total repetitions are between 140 for yr3 and 170 for yr6. In total, KS2 48% of children managed this minimum standard. This is 10% down on last year. That leaves 52% of the school in need of encouragement to do more physical activity out of school. I am happy to share your child's individual results if you are interested. We have also been playing football working on the skills such as control, pass & receive, targets, positional & strategy work.

Year 6 have also had an extra session taking part in Dance with Miss King.

We have also had the introduction of Miss Rowse teaching year 5, 3. FS2 and team teaching with year 1W in gymnastics.

Lunch & After School Clubs:

This term we have had:-

Mondays: KS2 Tag Rugby with Mr Allaway & KS2 Netball with Mrs Hartgrove

Tuesdays: KS1 Multisports lunch & KS2 Boys & Girls Football with Mr Anderson and help from Mrs Allen plus KS1 Multisports with Miss Amor.

Thursdays: KS1 Boccia & Kurling after school plus KS2 Hockey with Mrs Weir.

Fridays: Lunchtime Dance Stars with Miss King.

Autumn Half Term Matches & Tournaments:

This half term we have had boys and girls mixed football tournaments and WPSFA (Wokingham Primary Schools Football Association) league games. The football after school clubs have been very busy. Our first tournament was Boys yr 5 & 6 football held on the Madjeski 4G pitches overlooked by the main stadium. This was a great opportunity for us to try many different children in many different positions in preparation for the league games. Even though our selections were mainly experimental, the boys still managed to hold their own against some very strong schools.

3/4 Mixed Football at Willow Bank Junior School. This was a fantastic event with Highwood only losing 1 game out of 5.

3/4 Boys Football Festival at Crosfields. Our boys played really well finishing the day well with a brilliant win against local opposition! They battled through every game. A souvenir football was presented to the school by former Wales & Reading captain and legend Ady Williams. This was a great treat for the children and one particular PE teacher!





PE/Sports News

Sports coach: Mr Edwards

Tournaments continued

5/6 WPSFA League. We are currently Played 2 Lost 2. This is a shame as we have a really good group of players this year, who work so hard for each other. Hoping to find the net more often as the season goes on!



Next Half Term

PE Lessons:- Tag Rugby & Hockey.

PE Kit required:-Winter Gear. Shorts, Highwood PE T-Shirt, Black Plain Tracksuit, sturdy trainers or Football Boots not plimsolls. **No Earrings!**

Please ensure your child has plain tracksuits, both long trousers and long sleeved top as it is too cold for them this time of year to be dressed in shorts and t-shirt! Unless it is heavy rain or deep snow they will still do PE outdoors. Too many children are expecting to do PE without long sleeves and trousers.



Mr Edwards Message For The Half Term.

I am now in my 9th year teaching PE in Highwood Primary and in this time I have seen some amazing performances and achievements. This has been largely due to the children's enthusiasm and working to task. The only area I cannot help with and this is where I need children and parents help, is that children need to participate in more physical activities out of school. For the first time, the 3/4 Football team at Crosfields all played football for teams outside of school and it really showed. There are many local sports clubs from Tennis, Football, Gymnastics, Swimming, Cricket and many more. If you wish to know more about the clubs we have links with, please come and find me in school, I am always happy to help. I am convinced that if we had more children participating in sports clubs outside of school this would have a huge effect on the children's overall health and well-being plus even more successful when representing for Highwood in our sports fixtures. .

It just remains for me to wish you all a great half term break. Stay safe.



Family Centre



It's been a busy start to the year in the Family Centre. It is lovely to be in the new room just off the playground. Our weekly stay and play sessions are running every Tuesday morning from 8.55 - 10am. These are free to attend and refreshments are provided. If you would like to come and join in please just turn up! There is also the monthly coffee mornings held on the first Monday of every month. The Family Centre doors will be open and you can pop in once the children are in class.

After half term we have an ESOL course starting on Wednesday mornings. ESOL stands for English for Speakers of Other Languages. It is free to attend but does need to be booked. Please come to the office if you would like to attend and we can give you the forms to fill in.



On Friday 2nd November we have a Wheels Breakfast from 8.20-8.45. This is open to anyone who comes to school on their bike or scooter that day. It is free of charge but does need to be booked so we get the right amount of food in! Parents are asked to stay with their children during the breakfast. A letter has gone out about this and there are posters around the school.



After Christmas we are hoping to run some sessions on how to help your child in Maths and English. Further details will be sent out once plans are finalised.

On a final note, if there are any groups or sessions that you would like to be held in the Family Centre please do come and chat with me and I will see what I can do!





FRIENDS OF HIGHWOOD



FOH Autumn Term 2018

Hasn't this term flown by. Hopefully all the new starters have settled in well. It was lovely to meet some of the parents of foundation parents at the afternoon tea and we hope that they found it helpful to meet some of their child's families.



Our biggest undertaking this term was setting up the online payment system. This had a few hitches but made the booking system much more convenient for both parents and the committee. It would be lovely to see more people make use of this for the next event.



The film night, last week, was a massive success, with over half the school coming to watch one of the three films. All the children enjoyed themselves and the film choices all seemed very popular.

On Thursday we are holding a second hand uniform sale, however, we are now also happy to take orders via email (foh@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk). If you let us know what item and size you are after, we will check the stock and arrange a time to get them to you. School logoed items, such as jumpers and cardigans, are £2 each with other items, such as school trousers, skirts and pinafore dresses for just £1. Please also remember that uniform can be donated to us at anytime by either handing it to one of us or in at the school office.



The art project that we funded last year for the 50th anniversary is now being collated and should soon be on display in the new building. Make sure you look out for it and try to find your child's contribution.



Next term we are looking forward to the Winter Fair on Saturday 15th December 10 am – 12pm.

Very soon next term we will be launching the jolly jam jar competition, so start collecting your empty jars to fill with goodies (a letter explaining all will come out just after half term). I wonder which class will bring in the most this year – can the current Year 2s make it a hat-trick?



Have a good half term and we look forward to getting into the swing of Christmas with you next term,



We are supporting both the Scouts and Rivermead PTA by selling tickets for the fireworks display at Rivermead on Friday 2nd November. The tickets are available in advance from our school office and are at a discounted price and we receive a percentage of the ticket price. So if you think you would like to go and watch the fireworks please buy your tickets from us! They are already on sale and will continue to be until the end of the school day on Thursday 1st November.

FOH (Friends of Highwood)





PHOTOS

Visit from international triple jumper, Daniel Lewis



Arrangements for the start of next term.

Year Group	Entrance	Details
F1		<p>Arrangements for drop off will be exactly the same after half term as they are now.</p> <p>An adult will come to the gate and you will enter through the Nursery doors.</p>
F2		<p>Arrangements for drop off will be exactly the same after half term as they are now.</p> <p>An adult will come to the gate and you will enter through the F2 doors.</p>
1A		<p>Miss Amor's Class will move into classroom 1 (the first classroom as you approach from the Nursery).</p> <p>We will trial drop offs and picks from the double external doors that lead directly into the classroom. Please try to keep the pathway as clear as possible for parents accessing other classrooms.</p>
1W		<p>Mrs. Weir's Class will move into classroom 2 (the second class as you approach from the Nursery).</p> <p>We will trial drop offs and picks from the double external doors that lead directly into the classroom. Please try to keep the pathway as clear as possible for parents accessing other classrooms.</p>

Year Group	Entrance	Details
2E		<p>Mrs Eatwell's Class will move into classroom 3 (the third classroom as you approach from the Nursery side).</p> <p>We will trial drop offs and picks from the double external doors that lead directly into the classroom. Please try to keep the pathway as clear as possible for parents accessing other classrooms.</p>
4A		<p>Arrangements for drop off will be exactly the same after half term as they are now.</p>
3H and 5A		<p>Year 3 and Year 5 will enter the new building from the new entrance. They will walk down the corridors by themselves to access their classrooms.</p> <p>Year 3 will be in classroom 5 and Year 5 will be in classroom 4.</p> <p>This will also be the collection point / exit route for year 3 and 5.</p>
6P and 6R		<p>Arrangements for drop off will be exactly the same after half term as they are now.</p>



Reminders



PARKING

There is no parking on the school site unless you have been authorised to do so.

Please be considerate to our neighbours in Carrick Gardens and Kingfisher Drive by not parking on pavements, grass verges, across driveways and single yellow lines. We have received a number of complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking, near misses and aggressive parents. All reported incidents have been passed to the police.

ABSENCE

Please contact the school by 9.30am either by text on 0786 000 5083 or by phone on 0118 9265493 if your child is not well. You can also notify us on the school news app

If your child is going to be late in and requires a dinner please ensure this is ordered by 9.30am.

ATTENDANCE

All requests for leave of absence must be made on the absence form available from the school office. Routine appointments should be made outside of school time.

Please see the latest Attendance Policy on the school website regarding Penalty Notices.

MEDICINES

Only prescribed medicine in the prescribed container may be administered by school staff. A form must be completed at the school office.



EARRINGS

Please note that only stud earrings are allowed and earrings must be removed for PE.





Reminders

Uniform

Did you know that you can now order school uniform online via the SCOPAY system. Orders for jumpers, cardigans, PE t-shirts, book bags and PE bags can be placed and paid for online. The office will then contact you to arrange collection once they



have received the order.

Highwood News APP

Highwood Primary School's mobile app is designed to keep you well informed about your child's education and life in general at school, and to help cut down on paper and ink consumption. We will post school news, events, curriculum information, contacts details and the like on the app and will also use it to send important messages.

How to download the app

You can get the app if you have an Apple or Android phone and/or tablet. :

1. Click on one of these links in an email or text on the device itself:

[Highwood Primary School app \(Android\)](#)

[Highwood Primary School app \(Apple\)](#)

2. Or visit the Apple app store or Google Play on your device and search for "Highwood Primary School".

We are using a new ParentMail system to send texts and emails. You should have received a message with a link to set this up.



The benefits to this are;

- Saves the school money which in turn will benefit the children.
- Use a free, secure mobile app on Android and iOS to pick up school messages instantly.
- Have an account simply for school messages (away from your busy email inbox!)
- Connect to other schools, nurseries or clubs that use ParentMail.
- Highlight important messages or archive old messages to make life easier.
- Messages can be sent directly to mums, dads and carers – even grandparents!

Registering with ParentMail is very easy! They have been sent a message with instructions in the message.

Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would highly recommend you download the Parent-Mail App for the best user experience. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

Please be assured that ParentMail is registered with the Information Commissioner and guarantees that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

DOGS

Please note that no dogs are allowed on the school site.



CYCLING

Please ensure that if cycling to school your child wears a bicycle helmet.





Diary Dates



Monday 22 nd to Friday 26 th October 2018	Half Term – School Closed
Wednesday 31 st October 2018	Parents evening – 3:30pm to 6pm
Thursday 1 st November 2018	Parents evening – 5pm to 8pm
Friday 2 nd November 2018	Wheel it Breakfast – 8.15am
Monday 5 th to Friday 9 th November 2018	Year 6 Trip to Marchants Hill
Monday 5 th November 2018	Family Centre Coffee morning – 9am Year 1 Maths workshop - 3:30pm to 4:30pm Year 2 Maths workshop - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Thursday 8 th November 2018	F2 Maths workshop - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Monday 12 th November 2018	Year 3 Maths workshop - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Tuesday 13 th November 2018	New Parent Tours – 9.30am, 1.30pm & 6pm
Wednesday 14 th November 2018	School photographer in for individual & family photos
Thursday 15 th November 2018	New Parent Tours – 9.30am, 1.30pm & 6pm
Monday 19 th November 2018	F1 (Nursery) SPLAT – 10am or 1:30pm F2 (Reception) – 1:30pm
Tuesday 20 th November 2018	KS1 SPLAT – 1:30pm
Wednesday 21 st November 2018	KS2 SPLAT – 1:30pm
Friday 23 rd November 2018	NON-UNIFORM DAY for Winter Fayre donations
Monday 26 th November 2018	Year 6 cycle training
Tuesday 27 th November 2018	Year 6 cycle training
Monday 3 rd December 2018	Family Centre coffee morning – 9am
Thursday 6 th December 2018	Year 6 Maths workshop - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Friday 7 th December 2018	NON-UNIFORM DAY for Winter Fayre donations
Wednesday 12 th December 2018	Foundation & KS1 Nativity – am Christmas Lunch
Thursday 13 th December 2018	Foundation & KS1 Nativity – afternoon
Friday 14 th December 2018	Foundation & KS1 Nativity - am
Saturday 15 th December 2018	Winter Fayre – 10am to 12pm
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	Last day of term – school finishes at 1:30pm
Thursday 20 th December 2018 to Wednesday 2 nd January 2019	School Holidays
Thursday 3 rd & Friday 4 th January 2019	INSET DAYS – School closed for staff training
Monday 7 th January 2019	First day of the Spring Term