

# Headteacher's Bulletin

Dear Parents,

It is great to finally move into our new building – seeing the children learning in a fantastic environment makes the disruption of an expansion project so worthwhile. We had a few teething issues with the new doors that have all been fixed and so far our entrance and exit routes seem to be working.

Please could parents and children stay off the grass during their travel into school, as the new grass (and old grass) will soon die if the same areas are constantly walked on during the drop off and pick up times. Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey  
Headteacher



## Friends of Highwood

### Winter Fair non-uniform days

On the following days non-uniform can be worn in return for bringing in prizes for the Christmas Fair:

#### Friday 23rd November

Prizes for the chocolate tombola.

#### Friday 7th December

Foundation and Year 1

Prizes for children's tombola (e.g. good quality new toys and books)

Years 2 – 6

Prizes for bottle tombola

## Winter Weather

With the colder weather please ensure that your child brings a coat to school as they will be outside during break and lunch.



## Diary Dates

### Year 6 Residential

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November

**Maths Workshops 3.30 – 4.30pm**

Year 1 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Year 2 – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

F2 – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Year 3 – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Year 6 – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### SPLAT Days, 1.30pm

Nursery – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November

10.00am or 1.30pm

F2 – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November

KS1 – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

KS2 – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

### School Photographs

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

### Year 6 Cycle Training

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> and Tues 27<sup>th</sup> November

### Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

### Foundation and KS1 Nativity

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> December – morning

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> December – afternoon

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> December – morning

### Last day of term

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm – please note that there is no After School Club on this day

## Anxiety in children

### workshops for parents

The Community Youth Partnership is running two free workshops for parents regarding anxiety in children and young people. They are on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November at the Oakwood Centre from 7.30 – 9.00pm. To book a place email [office@jacoutreach.org](mailto:office@jacoutreach.org) or phone 0118 9441444. Further details can be found on the flyer in the community section of the school website.



## FOH Jolly Jam Jars!

The Jolly Jam Jars competition is now in full swing! Please fill empty jars with prizes, sweets, small toys, stationary etc. and bring them into your class teacher. There is a prize for the class that brings the most!



**Don't forget!** You can order and pay for school uniform online via SCOPAY.



## Punctuality



Punctuality is a key aim for the school this year, to increase the number of pupils arriving to school on time. Last term there were a total of 226 lates, which is an average of 7 pupils late every school day, with those pupils losing vital learning time. As always, we want to work with families, so if punctuality is an area that you require support with, then please feel free to come and see Michelle in the Family Centre for advice.



## Year 4 Bikeability



Some children from Year 4 recently took part in Bikeability and gained their Level One qualification. The instructor was very impressed with how well they could control their bikes and how fantastic their attitude was all morning. Well done Year 4s!