

Headteacher's Bulletin

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that all Highwood families had a restful break and enjoyed time with their families.

This term will see the completion of our school expansion, with our official opening ceremony on Thursday 14th February. Once the final area of the school is finished (end of January), some of our office spaces will move to their permanent position but there will be **no movement of classes** for the remainder of the academic year. This will make sure that we continue with as minimal disruption as possible for the children.

Thank you for your support during this process.

Matt Hickey
Headteacher



Friends of Highwood

Happy New Year from FOH! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our events this term, which will include a disco and our annual Easter Trail. Further details soon. Second-hand uniform can be ordered by emailing the FOH at foh@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk or at the Family Centre monthly coffee mornings.



Family Centre Stay & Play

The Stay & Play sessions are moving to a Thursday this term, starting 24th January and running until the end of term. These sessions run from 8.55 – 10.00am and are for parents and their younger children not yet at school. Everyone is also welcome at the drop-in coffee mornings on the first Monday of every month, from 8.55 – 9.30am, starting from 4th February. These will also include an FOH second-hand uniform sale, so come along and see what is on offer!



School Uniform



It is our policy that children wear school uniform when attending or representing school. Leggings are not part of school uniform – trousers, or a skirt and tights should be worn – and footwear should be black school shoes, **not** trainers or boots. Long hair is to be tied back, and accessories should be minimum, i.e. no large hair bows. No make up or nail varnish is to be worn, and jewellery is limited to a watch if wished, small objects of religious significance and stud earrings (which must be removed for PE). PE kit must be brought in each Monday and kept in school for the week. More details on the uniform policy can be found on the website.

Punctuality



As the new year starts we ask parents to ensure that your children are arriving on time to school. Last half term there were 263 instances of late, which is on average is 7 children being late a day. Arriving late loses the children vital learning time whereas punctuality allows them to settle in with their classmates ready for a positive and productive day. Please see Michelle if you would like support with this.

Spring **SPLAT!** dates

Spring 2019

7th March – KS1 pm
11th March - FS1 am, FS2 pm
13th March – KS2 pm

Summer 2019

10th June - FS1 & FS2 pm
13th June - KS1 pm
17th June - KS2 pm

Don't forget the **Highwood News App** for up to date information and reminders about events in school.



Diary Dates



Year 4 Swanage meeting

Thursday 17th January at 3.20pm

Year 4 Viking Day

Tuesday 29th January

Maths Workshops 3.30 – 4.30pm

Year 5 – Wednesday 16th January

Year 4 – Thursday 7th March

Literacy Workshops 3.30 – 4.30pm

Year 4 – Thursday 7th February

Year 5 – Wednesday 6th March

INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 15th February

HALF TERM– SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February

Last day of Spring term

Friday 5th April at 1.30pm

Menu change for census day

Please encourage your children to have a school lunch on Thursday, 17th January for school census day. The menu will change to be:

Thursday 17th January



Main – fish finger & chips
Vegetarian – Spanish omelette
Jacket potato

Friday 18th January

Main – beef tortilla stack
Vegetarian – vegetable and apricot
couscous
Jacket potato.