

Headteacher's Bulletin

Dear Parents,

As you will read below, the school is taking part in the Big Pedal initiative starting next week. I will be joining in the fun by cycling in to school and I hope parents will too. Hopefully I won't be too sore on Monday, as I am taking part in the London to Reading Cycle event this Saturday to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. I'm looking forward to it and hopefully my assembly on Monday (with my medal) will help motivate others to join in this great initiative to encourage sustainable transport and a healthy lifestyle.

Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey
Headteacher



Stay & Play!

Thursdays from 8.55 – 10.00am in the Family Centre



Friends of Highwood

Entry for the FOH Easter Trail is now closed. We are looking forward to the event itself now, on 4th April. Remember you can enquire about, and order, second hand uniform by emailing the FOH at foh@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk



Unsafe Parking

It has been brought to our attention that parents are parking in the entrance to the Reading University Sports Pavilion on Woodlands Avenue. This is **NOT** a parking area, and it is unsafe for the pupils from all the local schools who walk in that area. The issue has been reported to the local PCSOs and the Civil Parking Enforcement Unit for action to be taken. There are nearby roads where parents can park more safely, or The Waterside Restaurant on Fairwater Drive have given permission for our parents to use their car park and walk the few minutes to school.



Diary Dates



Year 3 – Reading Museum
Tuesday 26th March
F2 trip to Winchester Science Museum
Wednesday 27th March
Year 5 Fun Fair Event
Thursday 28th March – pm
Year 1 trip to Legoland
Friday 29th March
Last day of Spring term
Friday 5th April at 1.30pm – no After School Club on this day
First day of Summer term
Tuesday 23rd April



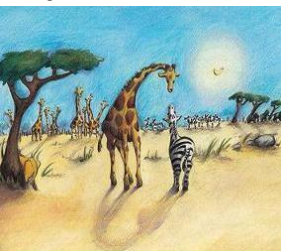
It's pedal time!

Highwood are taking part in the Big Pedal initiative again this year, which is the UK's largest inter-school challenge encouraging pupils, staff and parents to use 'human power' to get to school. Each day between 25th March and 5th April a record is taken of how many of us walked, scooted or cycled to school, and these are logged against other schools. Prizes are on offer for the schools with the highest numbers! If you have no choice but to drive to school, bear in mind that using the Park & Stride would count, so consider parking at The Waterside Restaurant and walking or scooting from there. There is much evidence for the health and social benefits of being more active, and with parking being such an issue at the moment this is a great incentive to find alternative ways to get to school.



Year 3 and 4 production

Years 3 and 4 are brushing up their drama skills and practising for their production - **Tuishi Pamoja: A friendship under African skies**. Performances will be on Wednesday 3rd April at 6.00pm and Thursday 4th April at 2.15pm. A maximum of three tickets can be applied for now until Friday 29th March. Any spare tickets after that will be available from the school office from Monday 1st April.



Family Centre coffee morning



The next drop-in coffee morning is on Monday 1st April, from 8.55 – 9.30am. This will also include an FOH second-hand uniform sale, so come along and see what is on offer!

Cycle helmet fitting



As part of the Big Pedal initiative we will be holding a session for the children to come and check that their cycle helmets fit correctly and safely. Please ensure that you return the slip to take part in this, and that your child has their bicycle helmet in school on Wednesday 27th March.