

# Headteacher's Bulletin

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of the Spring Term.

We are currently looking for parent volunteers that would be available at varying times of the day to help listen to children read. If you think you could spare even 30 minutes each week, then please make contact with Mrs. Vaux. Reading is the number one priority on our improvement plan this year, so your support would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Matt Hickey  
Headteacher



## Year 1 Balance Bike Training

The Year 1s have enjoyed two days of balance bike training this week. Balanceability is a learn-to-cycle programme designed to help the children gain the confidence and skills required to ride a pedal bike independently. It is a great way to introduce the children to the fun of riding a bike, and to encourage this excellent way of keeping active. The instructors were very impressed with the behaviour of our pupils and highlighted how supportive they were of each other. Well done, Year 1s!



## Family Centre

Coffee mornings are now going to be coffee afternoons! These will be held once a term on a Thursday, from 3.00 – 3.30pm and there will be a second hand uniform sale. Come along to our first one on 30<sup>th</sup> January.



'1-2-3 magic' is a course for parents focusing on how to deal with children's challenging behaviour. This is being held on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February and 5<sup>th</sup> March. There will be no Stay and Play sessions on these weeks.

There are two courses being run by Wokingham Adult Education. For information or to book a place please call 0118 974 3797 or email [adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk).

- ESOL course (English for Speakers of Other Languages) starting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 9.30-11.30am
- Helping Children in School with Maths, starting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 9.30-11.30am.

## Friends Of Highwood

Happy New Year! The FOH will soon be busy planning events for this term and dates have already been set for the School Disco and the popular Easter Trail. If you are able to help with any of these events please contact us. Follow us at @HighwoodFOH. [foh@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:foh@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk)

## Lovely Lego!

Year 1 are studying toys this term, looking at what they are made of and how they have changed over the years. If you have any Lego that you no longer need the children would be able to make great use of it! Please let Mrs Richards or Miss Schlaefli know if you are able to help.



## Autumn Diary Dates



### F2 Writing Workshop

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 3.30 – 4.30pm

### F1 Prime Areas Workshop

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 3.30 – 4.30pm

### Year 4 parent meeting for Swanage 2020

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 3.30 – 4.30pm

### FOH Disco

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 3.15 – 5.00pm

### Inset Day – School closed

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

### Half Term – School closed

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February

### KS1 SPLAT

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1.30 – 3.15pm

### Foundation Stage SPLAT

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

F1 – 10.00 – 11.30am

F2 – 1.30 – 3.15pm

### Lower KS2 SPLAT

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30 – 3.15pm

### Upper KS2 SPLAT

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30 - 3.15pm

### Year 3/4 Production

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 6.00 – 7.00pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2.00 – 3.00pm

### FOH Easter Trail

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 3.15 – 4.15pm

### Last day of Spring term

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 1.30pm – **no After School Club on this day**

### First day of Summer term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## Menu change for Census Day

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January

is school census day so please encourage your child to have a hot school meal that day. The menu for the 16<sup>th</sup> will be breaded fish and chips or vegetarian cheese frittata and chips, and for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> it will be Mexican beef chilli or vegetable bolognese. Jacket potatoes will be available on both days.

