

# Headteacher's Bulletin

Dear Parents,

We currently have an attendance rate of 96.1% This is almost exactly the same as where we were this time last year (96.2%). A huge amount of work from school and home goes into keeping our attendance figures strong, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for working with us on this priority. The more your children are in school, the more progress they make and this has been really evident this term. Let's see if we can keep it rising! Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey  
Headteacher



## Autumn Diary Dates



### 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

## Books, books, books!



One of Highwood's key focusses this year is to promote the love of reading and we have been busy spending the funds raised at our Book Fairs and through donations and other initiatives. Reading improves the children's vocabulary and spelling as well as stimulating their imaginations and helping them write exciting stories of their own. We are very much looking forward to sharing these new class books with the children!



## Cycle safety

We were able last term to buy new cycle and scooter pods with funds received from a travel grant. Since these have been installed it has been fantastic to see more people cycling to school. Cycling is a great way of keeping active and is a valuable life skill for the children to have. It is important however that everyone stays safe on their bikes so please ensure that helmets are worn when cycling, and that bikes are walked around the school site.



## No dogs on site

Other than guide and hearing assistance dogs, no dogs (even those that are being carried) are allowed on the school site. This is for the safety of the children.



## We are a nut-free school

Please be vigilant and ensure that your child does not bring **any** nut products into school, including those such as chocolate Nutella spread, or food cooked in nut oil or containing any traces of nuts.



## Friends Of Highwood

To contact FOH or keep up to date with news:

Follow us at @HighwoodFOH.

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## NO smoking or vaping

Highwood School is a no smoking or vaping site. Please ensure that all cigarettes are extinguished before entering the school gates.

