



Newsletter

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'Where Individuals Matter'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. Having looked through it myself I am sure that you will agree the term has started off at breath-taking speed!

I would also like to welcome all of our new families to Highwood. The children all seem to have settled in very well.

The Highwood Highlights so far from the term have been;

EYFS: A visit from a dog!

Year 1: The planning of a bike mechanic shop!

Year 2: The opening of the new KS1 outdoor area.

Year 3: A visit to The Reading museum to learn about The Romans and the Celts.

Year 4: A project on sounds and senses culminating in a visit from Berkshire Vision.

Year 5: A fantastic assembly on Earth and Space which included some great singing to David Bowie songs.

Year 6: Some amazing Zumba dancing!!

Whole school initiatives: A brilliant visit from GB Triple jumper Kola Adedoyin who inspired the children into action. Thank you to all of you who sponsored children. There are also important messages from our chairman of governors and the Friends of Highwood at the back of the letter.

Highwood Values.



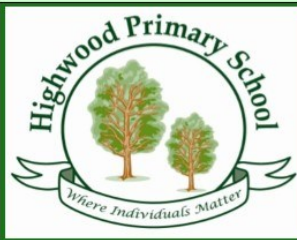
The children continue to show our Highwood values both in their work and outside in the playground. We share these on Friday assembly.

Up and coming events.

Next half term looks equally exciting. Coming up to Christmas we have a few things for you to be part of. There is the EYFS and KS1 Nativity which is always a real treat, The Friends of Highwood Winter Fayre and some festive singing from KS2. We hope you will come to as many of these as possible and look forward to seeing you there.

Anita Kearslake

Deputy Head Teacher



Foundation News

Mrs Robinson & Mrs Walker

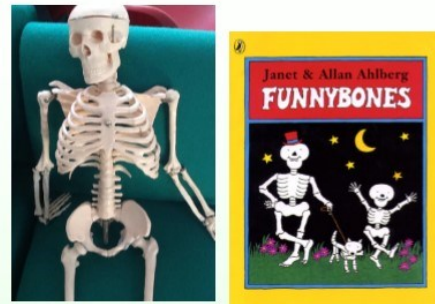
Welcome to our first Foundation News this term! We have had a very busy first half of the term, ensuring our new F1 children settle into their new classroom. We have also had some new F2 children start with us so we have been very busy making new friends!

Our Topic this term was "All About Me" so the children brought in pictures of when they were a baby and talked about how they have changed. We looked at different hair colours, eye colours, sizes and found out if they played with different toys when they were smaller.



We had a great opportunity to meet Gemma Dingle from "Dogs Trust" who came to speak to the children about dog safety. She brought in a lovely "dog" called Chloe and she let us stroke her dog but we had to ask her for her permission first, in case Chloe was hungry or unwell as she might not have wanted to be stroked.

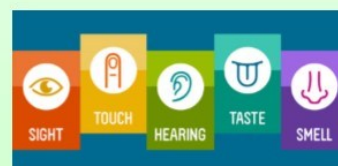
The F2 children then moved onto learning about their body parts - The "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" song proved quite popular with the Foundation children! Mrs Robinson amazed the children by showing them some X-Rays, showing them how our body is made up of bones. The children were then read the story called "Funnybones".



The F2 children also looked at themselves and drew self-portraits which have been displayed in the F2 room.



The F1 children have also been learning about their 5 senses - we have played games to see if we can use our sense of hearing, sense of touch, sense of smell and sense of sight. We are doing our sense of taste next week!



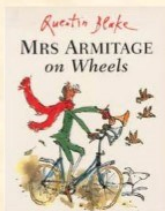
Thank you to all the parents that have supported us this half term and we look forward to another busy but enjoyable half term in Foundation!



Year 1 News

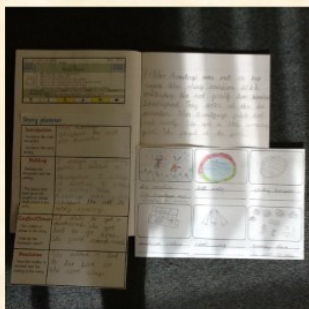
Mrs Vaux, Miss Amor and Mrs Mountford

This half term has whizzed by! All the children have settled into year 1 really well and have enjoyed starting to learn about our topic "Tour of Highwood". This term's Literacy has been on 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' by Quentin Blake. This week we are writing our own story based on this book.



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We started off the term by learning the story of "Mrs Armitage on Wheels" and being able to sequence pictures. Then we wrote our own sentences about the pictures in the book. To help make our sentences more interesting we learnt about adjectives to describe all of the senses. Finally we have been planning and writing our own version of "Mrs Armitage on Wheels". The children have used their fantastic imagination and have been very creative.



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We used our maths brain to learn about numbers. Counting to 100 was not easy but the children were engaged and approached their learning with great perseverance. We have used the Numicon to develop our understanding of place value of each number. We learned our number bonds from 1 to 10 and the children are starting to be awarded bronze stickers. We have learnt about how you can write numbers as words.



We have started to plan a bike mechanic shop to go in our outdoor area. We have been making signs and posters and thinking about the tools we will need. Next term we will be taking real bikes apart to look at the mechanics of a bike.



Finally, Bikeability visited us on the last day of term. Some of the children practised balancing on bikes to help them ride a bike without stabilisers. Others developed their skills on their bikes from home. We had a talk about how to be safe on your bike. The children loved every minute.



See you next term!



Year 2 News

Miss Williams, Mrs Eales, Mrs Vickery, Mrs Kearney, Mrs Wright, Mrs Moffat

This half-term has flown by! The children have started to settle into year 2 well and seem to be really enjoying school. They have shown great enthusiasm for our topic and already have lots of useful knowledge about the Great Fire of London. This half term we have been focusing on writing to inform in Literacy. The children have retold the events of the Great Fire of London.



They have been building up skills in order to write a newspaper article about it this week.

We started off the term by looking at non-fiction texts about the Great Fire and sequenced pictures of the events on a timeline. Then we wrote our own sentences about the pictures in the book. To help make our sentences more interesting we learnt about adjectives to describe the fire, as well as the people and their emotions. Finally, we have begun writing our own newspaper article about the fire. The children have really enjoyed re-enacting being in the fire in our Dance/Drama Studio.



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We have been learning all about place value in maths. We have been revising counting to 100 using the big numbers song, which the children love! We have used the Dienes to develop our understanding of place value of each number. We learned our number bonds to 20 and the children are starting to learn the related subtraction facts. It would be great if you could continue this at home. We have learnt about how you can write numbers up to 100 as words.

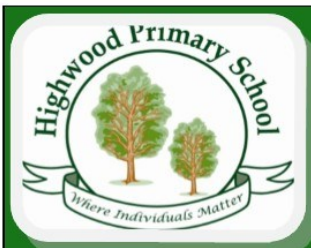


The children have also been learning how to add and subtract different 2-digit numbers using dienes and drawing them. Can they show you how to do this at home? This week we have moved on to mental methods of addition and subtraction, but this will need to continue next half-term.

As Scientists, we have been learning all about different materials and linking this to materials in 1666, particularly wooden houses. Can your child tell you the properties of different materials from around your home?



We have had a fantastic half-term and I cannot wait for next half-term. Well done Year 2, see you soon!



Year 3 News

Teacher: Miss Abbott

This half term has flown by and I can't believe the children have nearly completed their first half term in Year 3! We have welcomed 6 new children into our class and I am so pleased with how the children have settled in so far :)

LITERACY

We kicked off the term with a bang as we delved head first into an incredible story all about the life of a typical Roman boy.

Escape from Pompeii tells the story of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the



children have loved using drama to explore the setting and dramatic events of the story.

After retelling the story, the children adapted the plot to write their own stories imagining that a volcano in Highwood playing field destroyed the school! They have learnt how to show their characters feelings through incredible description and powerful vocabulary. I have been so impressed with the language they have used and the progress they have made so far!

MATHS

This term the children have been learning all about number and place value. Using dienes and playing around with numbers, (such as making a virtual number line!) the class have shown a good understanding of the value in digits and been tackling some tricky addition calculations. Already this term, several of the



children have excelled with learning and recalling their times tables facts. Some children have passed every times tables test for the past 6 weeks! Such maths superstars!



HISTORY and Geography

Our history topic has centred around what life would have been like for a child growing up in Roman times. Using atlases to locate Italy has developed the children's map reading skills and they have also learnt all the continents of the world. Using a timeline, the children have discovered when key events happened during the Roman era, especially to show when and how the Romans developed their empire. Through retelling the legend of Romulus and Remus, the class were able to find out how Rome began. The homework activities have shown so much creativity and hard work. An array of Roman shields and



volcanoes are on display, showcasing the talent in Year 3!



THE READING MUSEUM

At the end of September, Year 3 had a super day out at the Reading museum, learning all about Roman life. The children loved dressing up as Romans and Celts



which helped them understand more about the clothes they may have worn and the jobs they did. During the day, the children were able to have a go at building bridges and designing their own mosaics and undoubtedly got a taster of real Roman life!

Have a wonderful half term break, Miss Abbott :)



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Year 4 News

Autumn 1

Team Mr Anderson, Mrs Tindall, Mrs Anil & Miss Rajput.

Welcome to the Autumn 1 edition of the Year 4 news! It has been a busy but very enjoyable term with my new class. They have settled in well and are all working really hard.

Literacy - Poems about the senses.

Our English lessons this half term have been focussing on poetry with links to our main topic about the senses. The children have used models from various poets to inspire them and to help them learn how to structure the poems. We have also performed some of the poems in the Dance Drama studio. Our favourite was a poem called 'The Sound Collector'. We used the school environment to collect our own sounds to include in our poems.



Updates from the visit will be posted on the Year 4 Twitter page.

Come in and see some of the fantastic homework which has been produced by Year 4 in the art area. This will continue to expand as more homework comes in. We will be making musical instruments next half term which will also feature in the art area.



Maths - Place value

Our focus this term has been on place value, the children have been learning about various aspects and then they have been choosing a challenge to develop their thinking and to bring each area into a useful real life problem solving exercise.



The children have also been learning about negative numbers and where they can be applied again in real life situations.

Science - Senses and which one is the most

Important?

Science has been our main focus this term, with the question "Which sense is the most important?" As the children have been learning about each sense and why that particular one is important, the children are still debating as to which one is the sense that they would keep. They have taken the question home and some of the homework has brought about some great discussion both at home and at school. We have a visitor coming from 'Berkshire Vision' where the children will carry out some activities to help them to understand more about the daily life of a blind person.

Music - The Lion Sleeps and Soundation

In music we have been playing both percussion and tuned instruments in the Dance Drama studio. It is great having the sound system and laptop where we are able to use the songs to help us learn about song structures and rhythm. We have taken this a step further in ICT. We have been layering tracks to make complete songs, using a piece of software called 'Soundation', we have composed some great pieces, starting with rhythm tracks and then building each part such as bass and then adding the main tunes on top.



PE - Circuit fitness

This half term the children have been focussing on their fitness through Circuit training. They have been looking at ways to improve their fitness. We were also very fortunate to have a visit from GB Triple Jumper Kola Adedovin. Year 4 prepared some questions for him and he even had some of us emulating his warm up moves as well as taking part in some fitness activities.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents and anyone who has supported us in Year 4 this half term.



Year 5 News

Teacher: Miss Baker

Welcome to the first edition of the Year 5 news! I am pleased to say that we've had a fantastic start to the school year, with lots of exciting opportunities and lots of new learning going on. Please read on to find out more!

Has the Earth finished growing?

Our Solar System

Science

To begin answering our question, we began with a study of our Solar System; it is not an exaggeration to say that we know a LOT about space! We have found out about the scale and size of the different

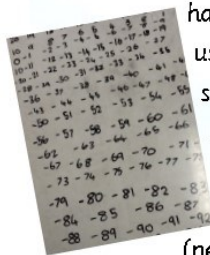


planets in our Solar System, comparing them to different fruits and measuring out the distance with pieces of toilet roll! We then looked at how the Solar System works, using inflatable planet models to show how the planets orbit the sun. We made orrery models which challenged us with our maths, art and science combined! It shows how the Solar System is made up and it demonstrates why different planets take different amounts of

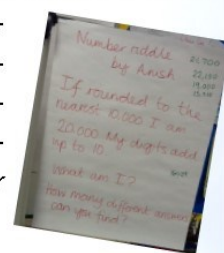
time to orbit the sun.

Maths

Our maths lessons this half term have really supported us in learning about space. We have been looking at the place value of numbers up to and beyond 1,000,000 as well as counting beyond zero (negative 1, negative 2, etc.) and



rounding numbers to different degrees of accuracy. As space is so huge, all of this has helped us to interpret facts and data in our other lessons. We have designed decimal games, written our own number riddles and made giant number lines in the hall to put our learning into practise!



English

We have been learning about 'writing to inform' and have created our own planet fact files. We learnt how to precis longer passages, how to take notes and how to convert our notes into sentences and paragraphs. The final results really are outstanding. Keep an eye out for the Year 5 book on 'Our Solar System' - coming soon!



Meeting a GB athlete!

A highlight of the half term was meeting Kola Adedoyin and taking part in the sponsored circuits challenge. Thank you to everyone who donated sponsorship money!



I look forward to continuing this hard work after half term!

Miss Baker

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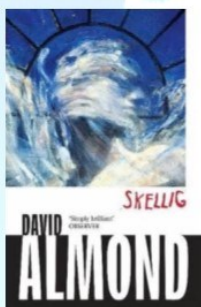
Year 6 News

Teacher: Mrs Raines

Welcome to the first newsletter for Year 6. Although we have only been back in school a matter of weeks, we have already achieved a lot. Our topic this term is, 'How often are things discovered for the first time', and we have been thinking about this through English and Science.

English

In English, we have been studying a fantastic book, 'Skellig' by David Almond. It is a story about a boy who discovers a unique (and previously undiscovered) creature in his garage. Through our reading of the text, we have been investigating how an author creates tension, devel-



ops characters and uses themes within a novel. The children have created scrapbooks to show their learning and have written two fantastic diary entries



from the point of view of two of the characters in the book (Michael and Mina). The book has also inspired the children in other areas. They have found out more about owls by carrying out research from books and the internet and from dissecting owl pellets.

Maths

So far in maths, the children have been securing their understanding of place value. They have been learning how to read, write and compare large numbers (up to 10,000,000) and numbers with 3 decimal places. Over the last two weeks, they have been exploring different methods of addition and subtraction and making decisions about when to use

mental methods or when to use a more formal method.

Science

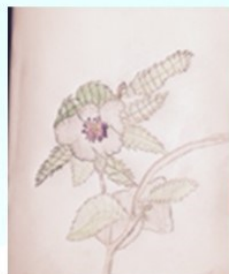
If someone discovers a new living thing (for the first time), how might they name it? With this question in mind, the children have been looking at the classification



and naming of living things. They have found out about: the different kingdoms; how Linnaeus came up with his binominal classification; features of different classes of animals.

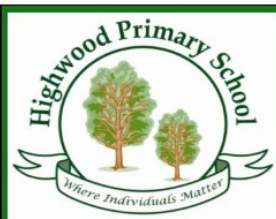
Art

Taking inspiration from the character Mina in Skellig, the children have been making detailed sketches based on their observations. They have been drawing animal skulls and bones, and have been reproducing botanical drawings. I have been extremely impressed with their results.



P.E

This term the children have enjoyed learning some very energetic dances in Zumba. I have been amazed at the speed at which they have learnt the steps, and with their enthusiasm.



Speech and Language Resource News

Teachers: Mrs Godfrey and Mrs Kearslake

All of our Resource children have been working particularly hard in the first half of this term and they have started to make some really good progress. This term is always a vital one as it sets the children up for their learning throughout the year. I'd like to welcome our new members of the Resource and their families. We hope that you have enjoyed becoming part of the Highwood Speech and Language Resource family! *Mr Bevan*

Willow news

Literacy



Bill Martin Jr / Eric Carle



KS1 resource class have made a great start with their Reading, Writing and Phonics since September. We have enjoyed 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?' as our class text. Look out for 'Yellow Cat' - the new book we are writing and illustrating in the same style! The children have enjoyed being creative and applying the letter formation and knowledge of sounds from phonics to their new book!



Maths



We have been having lots of fun in maths - ordering, reading, writing and calculating with numbers up to 20. The children really enjoyed our number treasure hunt around the school. After half term we will be making our own number games.

Maple news



Literacy has been about descriptive writing. We have written about spooky castles using amazing vocabulary such as **eerie dark and mysterious.....**



We have also been on a sight and sound walk collecting words to describe beautiful things we can see around the school grounds. Here are some photographs we took



on our walk.

A study in concentration!!



Maths

The focus for maths has been missing numbers and working out how to find which one is missing. We have also been looking at the = sign and what this really means.

Our 'tables' and mental maths are both going well with all of us getting at least a bronze for our tables tests



PE/Sports News

Sports coach: Mr Edwards

Welcome to the first half term "PE & Sports News Page" of 2016. As usual I will endeavour to continue to keep the children and parents informed about our recent achievements in sports tournaments, what we have been learning in PE, **PE Kit required**, after school clubs and of course the future sports dates.

PE Lessons:

This half term the children have been learning about the health, fitness and wellbeing side of PE. I have been able to test the children's overall fitness together with heart rate results. This has made very interesting reading! We have also been playing football working on the skills required to play full matches. These have included control, dribbling, passing and movement, tackling, shooting, positional play and strategy.

Year 6 have also had an extra session taking part in Zumba/Dance with Miss McNulty who continues to be a big hit at Highwood.

I am also teaching the indoor PE to years 1,4 & 5 which has included gymnastics. This has given me the opportunity to assess all children in preparation for Highwood's entry into the "Keysteps Gymnastics" competition which is being held at Reddam School early next year.

The development that has occurred this term in all lessons has been fantastic.

A highlight of this half term has been the effort and enthusiasm from many of the children. In particular, I would like to mention Christian Cheeseman, Oliver King & Isabella Twigg.

Lunch & After School Clubs:

This term we have had:-

Tuesdays: Year 1 & 2s Multisports lunch club and year 3,4,5 & 6 Girls & Boys Football club after school.

Wednesdays: Key Stage 1 Zumba Lunch Club

Thursdays: Year 3,4,5 & 6 "Open Sports" lunch club & 3,4, 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Club after school.

Fridays: Lunchtime reserved for Inter house competitions & Year 1 & 2 multi sports after school club. As usual these are all very popular with large waiting lists. I am continuing the "3 strikes" rule, however,

we understand that sometimes there are medical appointments etc so children cannot make it. We would really like to see children who are wanting to represent the school in various teams to come along to the clubs so that we can develop further their abilities and make it onto the team sheets.

Autumn Half Term Matches & Tournaments:

This half term we have had boys and girls football tournaments and WPSFA (Wokingham Primary Schools Football Association) league games.

The football after school clubs have been very busy. Mr Anderson has worked really hard with the girls football team leaving me to concentrate on the boys team.

Our first tournament was Boys yr 5 & 6 football held on the Madjeski 4G pitches overlooked by the main stadium. This was a great opportunity for us to try many different children in many different positions in preparation for the league games. Even though our selections were mainly experimental, the boys still managed a credible 3 wins and 3 draws during the day.





PE/Sports News

Sports coach: Mr Edwards

Our next football tournament was the girls qualifiers held at the Goals Centre in Woodley. Our girls played 3 fantastic games positioning themselves properly and becoming more and more confident on the ball. They finished 3rd out of 4 teams gaining a credible win against Whiteknights Primary School.

This year's WPSFA squad is now settled and we are happy to note that there are A & B teams that will play at many of our league games.

Our A team (at the time of writing) have played 2 league games. The first was against a very well organised St Dominic Savio School. Once Highwood worked out that they could utilise the space, they became much more confident. Excellent defending from Gerry Highfield and Jack Palmer kept us in the game. Both Afonso Rei & Emmanuel Fawole hit back to secure a much deserved 2- 2 draw.

Our second game at home was against Woodley C Of E. Both A & B teams played.

The B team were very close at half time with some great defending by Ammar Raza and great work by Angus Helyer. In the end it was 7- 0 to Woodley C Of E but a great experience none the less.

The A team, with a change of team, started well, keeping the ball but unfortunately just lost out at the end.

Next Half Term

PE Lessons: - Tag Rugby & Hockey.

PE Kit required: - **Winter Gear.** Shorts, Highwood PE T-Shirt, Black Plain Tracksuit, sturdy trainers or Football Boots not plimsolls. **No Earrings!**

Please ensure your child has plain tracksuits both long trousers and long sleeved top as it is too cold for them this time of year to be

dressed in shorts and t-shirt! Unless it is heavy rain or deep snow they will still do PE outdoors. Too many children are expecting to do PE without long sleeves and trousers.

GB Triple Jumper Kola Adedoyin

Thank you to everyone that has sent in their sponsor money from our event with GB Triple Jumper Kola Adedoyin. So far we have raised £1,500 towards PE equipment and Sports for Schools athletes.



Mr Edwards Message For The Half Term.

I am now in my 7th year teaching PE in Highwood Primary and in this time I have seen some amazing performances and achievements. This has been largely due to the children's enthusiasm and working to task. The only area I cannot help with and this is where I need children and parents help, is that children need to participate in more physical activities out of school. There are many local sports clubs from Tennis, Football, Gymnastics, Swimming, Cricket and many more. If you wish to know more about the clubs we have links with, please come and find me in school, I am always happy to help. I am convinced that if we had more children participating in sports clubs outside of school we can become even more successful than we already are.

It just remains for me to wish you all a great half term break. Stay safe.

Mr Edwards.



Governing Body

“So, what is a school governor?”

Did you know that Highwood has a governing body? Did you know that there could be a role for you as one of our governors? As Chair of governors I have the amazing role of helping our governing body support and encourage the great work that our teachers and staff do to make Highwood such a great learning environment for our children.

Governors have a unique place in encouraging and developing the vision and ethos of our school. One of our key roles is to support the school staff and to ask questions! This involves meetings, school visits and discovering opportunities to learn about the latest developments in education. Governors meet regularly to review and celebrate the achievements our children are making. Governors also get involved with areas such as advances in the curriculum, school developments and setting the vision for Highwood as we look to the future.

You don't have to be an education expert to be a governor. Our governors come from a range of backgrounds. Some of our governors have experience working in sectors as varied as the local council, major international companies and even a local Baptist Church! If you could spare us a few hours of your time every term then you could be one of our new governors.

At the moment we are looking for people with skills that can really help us at Highwood. These could include having a background in finance or experience with areas such as Health and Safety. Every governor gets offered an induction period and lots of training.

Being a governor at Highwood is one of the most amazing things you can do for our school. It is immensely rewarding and - dare I say it - actually quite fun. If you would like to find out more about being a governor at Highwood please do get in touch with me.

Keith Wilson
Chair
Highwood Governing Body



Family Centre



It's been a busy start to the year in the family centre and lots of things have been happening over the last half term.

Our weekly **stay and play** is now on a Monday. Pop in after school drop off with your younger preschool age children for toys, craft, snacks, and songs. We also run a **baby sensory** once a month and an **ICT drop in**, for those who may have limited online access at home.– see posters on the A frame boards for dates.

Our very active '**Let's Get Going**' club is also now up and running and children are having a great time burning off some excess energy! In addition, we are also very pleased to offer again this term our popular **English course**, run by tutors from Bracknell and Wokingham college.



A date for your diary – on Thursday 1st December 6-7.30, we have a sleep clinic session run by the Sleep Service. This is for all primary age children (and younger!) and is a very useful session full of tips on how to encourage good bedtime routines and the importance of sleep. It's free of charge, but booking is needed – please email me on kbelcher@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk

If you're not sure when things are happening, please do ask. And if you want to see something happening that isn't, let me know and I'll endeavour to organise it. Also, if you are new to the area, and want some more information about what's on locally (anything from bus routes to if there's space in the local scout group), please pop in and ask. If I don't know, I'll do my best to find out!





Family Centre

Workshop for parents/carers:

Sleep Well session at Highwood Primary School

Thursday 1st December 6-7.30pm

FREE OF CHARGE BUT BOOKING REQUIRED



- The importance of sleep for health, wellbeing and to improve learning.
- To introduce some bedtime routines and strategies to improve sleep for the whole family.



To book, please email kbelcher@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk or call into reception.



FRIENDS OF HIGHWOOD

Friends of Highwood would like to welcome everyone to the new school year, especially all of the new families to our school. We have held a few events so far and are looking forward to the coming half term.

We had a fantastic uptake to the 100 club and sold 60 numbers in only a few weeks this half term. Thank you to everyone who contributed. This half term the winning number was 59. So congratulations to Edyta, a parent of a Year 3 child, who won £30. We will be back selling the numbers again for next half term's 100 club after the holiday, so come and find us on a Friday at the end of school.

Film night was another success with over 80 children enjoying Hotel Transylvania 2. The children had a lovely time and we are hoping to have a further film night in the new year.



Next term we are looking forward to the Winter Fair on **Saturday 3rd December**. Prior to this we are holding the jolly jam jar competition, so please fill lots of jars with sweets, toys, stickers, etc and send these into your child's teacher. Remember the class that brings in the most jars will receive a prize.



On Thursday 10th November and Friday 25th November we will be holding non-uniform days. In exchange for not wearing uniform on these days we are asking for donations for the tombolas. Please can foundation and Year 1 bring in toys, Year 2, 3 and 4 bring in chocolates and sweets and Year 5 and 6 bring in bottles (this can be drinks or toiletries). Please ensure these items are of good quality, within their sell by date and would be something that you would be pleased to win.



The Winter fair will be slightly different this year with outside stalls selling low cost products and plenty of games for the children to play, and of course Father Christmas will also be visiting. In order to ensure there are lots of stalls for everyone to enjoy we need volunteers to help out for only half an hour during the fair. If you are able to help out on the 3rd of December we would really appreciate your support. For every half an hour you can help out on a stall we will enter a raffle ticket with your name on it into our Winter raffle. We already have some fantastic prizes, including a family day ticket to 4 kingdoms adventure park, vouchers for Cozze, Brown bag, Finns fish and chips, and Bosco Lounge. Look out for your raffle tickets coming home soon after half term.



We have recently set up a facebook page called Parents and Friends of Highwood. Please search for us, like us and share us. Here we will be posting upcoming events, updates on events and asking opinions on future events. We really do value your feedback.

Once again we really appreciate everyone's support. If you can offer help or have any great ideas please contact us on foh@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk or comment on our facebook page (search for Parents and Friends of Highwood).

Have a lovely half term holiday.

Friends of Highwood



Diary Dates

Thursday 20 th to Friday 21 st October 2016	Year 6 cycle training
Monday 24 th to Friday 28 th October 2016	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 31 st October 2016	Start of second half term
Monday 31 st October to Friday 4 th November 2016	Year 6 residential trip to Marchants Hill
Thursday 3 rd November 2016	Years 1, 2 & 3 Nasal Flu immunisation
Tuesday 8 th November 2016	FS & KS1 SPLAT (parents into school) day – afternoon
Wednesday 9 th November 2016	KS2 Maths SPLAT (parents into school) day – morning Parents evening – 3.30pm to 6pm Book Fayre in school
Thursday 10 th November 2016	Parents evening – 5pm to 8pm – (new date) Non-uniform day for Tombola donations Book Fayre in school
Monday 14 th November 2016	Year 5 Trip to Natural History Museum
Friday 18 th November 2016	Children in Need
Tuesday 22 nd November 2016	Tours for prospective parents 9.30am, 1pm & 6pm
Thursday 24 th November 2016	Tours for prospective parents 9.30am, 1pm & 6pm
Friday 25 th November 2016	Non-uniform day for Tombola donations
Saturday 3 rd December 2016	Friends of Highwood Winter Fayre
Tuesday 6 th December 2016	KS1 Nativity – am
Wednesday 7 th December 2016	KS1 Nativity - pm
Thursday 8 th December 2016	F2 Trip to Norden Farm
Friday 16 th December 2016	Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children
Tuesday 20 th December 2016	Last Day of Term
Wednesday 21 st December 2016 to Tuesday 3 rd January 2017	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 4 th January 2017	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 5 th January 2017	Start of Spring term

Significant Forthcoming events

Thursday 2nd March 2017 – FS & KS1 SPLAT (parents into school) day - afternoon

Friday 3rd March 2017 – Reports to be sent home

Monday 6th March – KS2 SPLAT (parents into school) – afternoon

Tuesday 21st March – Year 3 and 4 Production – afternoon performance

Wednesday 22nd March – Year 3 and 4 Production – evening performance

Tuesday 27th June 2017 – KS2 Sports Day – morning

Thursday 29th June 2017 – KS1 Sports Day – morning

Wednesday 12th July 2017 – Year 5 and 6 Production - evening

Thursday 13th July 2017 – Year 5 and 6 Production – evening **(new date)**

