



Newsletter

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'Where Individuals Matter'

Dear Parents/Carers,

With events this week I feel it right and appropriate to reflect and focus on the strength, positivity and togetherness that comes from times of tragedy. In school, we have dealt with the events in Manchester in a sensitive way with your children and helped reassure them that these events are rare and for them not to be worried. We have also used the mantra of **'Look for the Helpers'** (so eloquently put by Fred Rogers below) to help the children understand that the world they are growing up in is still filled with amazing people.

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping. To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world.'" — Fred Rogers

#WeStandTogether



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I am proud to be a Head Teacher of a school where diversity is celebrated and where we view our differences as a strength to our community. This version of our newsletter is testament to how children learn and play together in harmony and how our values are promoted at every opportunity. In particular, EYFS have had amazing experiences this term and have learned all about people who help us with visits from the emergency services and other professionals that help others. There are also great examples of small group and whole class teamwork that make Highwood a special place to learn and also to work.

Thank you for your support

Matt Hickey
Head Teacher
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Foundation News

Mrs Robinson & Mrs Richards

Mrs Walker, Miss Richardson, Mrs Williams, Mrs Leigh,

Mrs Early, Mrs Jones, Miss Walker

Welcome to the Foundation Stage Newsletter for the first half of the summer term! We have been really busy continuing with our topic "How do we become a hero" and with all our other learning. Come and have a look.

We started our topic off with looking and finding out about who we thought were heroes and decided that people who help us and keep us safe like nurses, doctors, policemen and firemen.



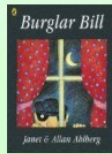
We had a lovely visit by two nurses who showed how to look after our teeth and our bodies and what they would do if we hurt ourselves. It was a lot of fun finding out if we had washed our hands properly by checking under the special light!

In F2 we looked at healthy eating and why it's important to keep our bodies healthy, especially if we wanted to become a hero. In ICT the children created a plate of healthy food they would like to eat. The children also got the chance to help make and eat healthy muffins which contained courgette! The children thought they were yummy. F1 got to try lots of different fruits. The children realised just how scrumptious fruit can be.



Two community support officers came to talk to us about keeping us safe. We got to try on their uniforms and hats. Even Mr Hickey got in on the act. A police car came to visit too with its siren and flashing lights on. It was very exciting!

In maths F2 children have been doing maths investigations, using maths in real life. We have also learnt about money, days of the week and time. The children have also created wanted posters for baddies and we enjoyed the story 'Burglar Bill.'



Thank you to all the parents that have supported us this half term and we look forward to seeing you after the half term break. Enjoy the holiday.



Year 1 News

Mrs Vaux, Miss Amor and Mrs Wildey

Another half term has flown by and it will soon be your child's last half term in Year 1.

In literacy, we have been retelling the story of 'The day the crayons came home' by writing different postcards from the different coloured crayons to Duncan their owner. The children have been focusing on using questions in their postcards. The children have loved reading and writing about this book. We finished the topic with them creating their own colour crayon and writing a postcard about what has happened to them. We have also had a big push on remembering capital letters at the beginning of each sentence.

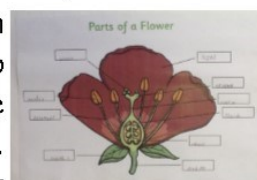
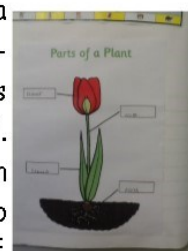


In maths we looked at time and money. We have learnt to read and write the o'clock and half past times. We also did some problem solving around time where the children had to read a statement and work out what time it was. We then went on to learning about money. The children have really enjoyed handling different coins and learning about the value of each coin. So far we have focused on learning about a 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p and 20p coin. Next term we will continue to learn about money by learning







how to add different coins together to find the total.

In science we learned about plants and asked the question, what is a plant? We have drawn diagrams and learnt the names for different parts of a plant. We have also begun to learn about what plants need to grow and survive. As part of the national curriculum the children need to learn the names of the common British plants. We have been on walks around the school grounds to see what we can find. Next term we will plant some seeds and watch them grow. We will look at the evolution of our plants throughout the second part of the term.



Finally, we also worked hard on our phonics, the test will be the second week back to school and we need to get ready! The children seem fairly confident and know their sounds pretty well. Please practise their sounds everyday at home with them and read with them as much as possible, especially over half term.

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We wish you a nice half term with your family and friends.



Year 2 News

Mrs Eatwell, Mrs Moffat and Mrs Kearney

Not long before it will be your child's final half term in Year 2! The time has absolutely flown.

The children have now finally completed all of their SATs during this half term! The children tried so hard and were excellent at coping without adult support during this time. They definitely deserve the half-term break!

We have begun our new topic "what is the difference between a cake and a biscuit?" The children started this topic by linking biscuits with symmetry and instructions! Their challenge was to decorate biscuits as symmetrically as possible. Look how symmetrical they are! In Literacy, they then used their biscuits to write instructions to tell someone else how to decorate their biscuit.

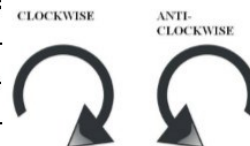


In maths we revisited many concepts, including time, money, pattern and measurement. At the start of the term, the children learnt how to use a ruler for measurement and when to use mm, cm and m. They could also tell me how many mm in a cm and cm in a m! The children particularly enjoyed revisiting money



and solved some challenging exercises, such as making 25p ten different ways and solving worded money problems! When we revis-





ited time, Year 2 learnt the difference between clockwise and anticlockwise. Can they show you which way is clockwise? They were excellent at showing quarter, half, and three quarter turns going clockwise/anticlockwise when using an arrow



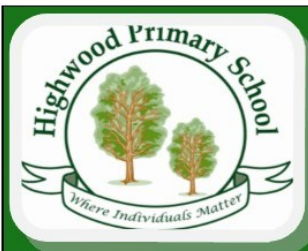
In science we are learning about plants and asking the question, what do plants need to grow and be healthy? We have drawn diagrams and learnt the names for different parts of a plant. We have also begun an investigation into what plants need to grow and survive. During this we have discussed fair test and how to test objectively. We will continue with our investigations next term. I'm sure they will give us interesting results.



Finally, some children will be retaking the phonics screening check. So, this term we also worked hard on our phonics, the test will be the second week back to school and we need to be ready! The children seem confident and know their sounds well. Please read with them as much as possible, especially over half term to prepare them.

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Year 3 News—Summer 1

Miss Abbott & Mrs Turnbull

As the sun has started to shine, the children have continued to do the same and making a great effort with their learning. I am already feeling sad that I only have one more term left with this lovely class.

The Stone Age—Why did people build Stonehenge?

LITERACY

We started this term by learning how to retell fairy tales and the children soon discovered it wasn't as easy as it seemed! We used lots of drama to help the class use detail in their retelling.



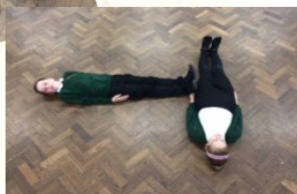
We even learnt how to use the present perfect tense to write 'newsflash style sentences' about what the 'Three Little Pigs' and 'Goldilocks' have been up to.

We then used the book 'Stone Age Boy' to find out more about what life was like in the Neolithic era. The children continued to develop their descriptive writing as they wrote in role sending postcards from the Stone Age.



NUMERACY

This term we have been exploring shape which involved looking at lines, angles and 2D shapes. The children have worked hard to understand horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines and enjoyed creating these with their bodies!



Using inspiration from the artist Kandinsky, the class then created their own pieces of art work using a range of shapes and lines.

The children showed creativity and perseverance to keep adding detail to their work.



Science

This term, the children finally had the chance to learn about plants and carry out some exciting plant experiments. Each group investigated what a plant would need in order to grow well and over the course of 2 weeks, the children observed and photographed their two plants.



Learning about the role of the stem was a highlight for some of the children as we discovered that only artificial food dye worked when we coloured the water! The results were so pretty!



SPANISH



Year 3 are continuing to make great progress with their linguistic skills and are now able to hold a lengthy conversation. They can confidently count to 30, greet someone and say their name, talk about favourite colours and pets.

Have a wonderful and relaxing half term! :)

Keep following us on Twitter to find out what other exciting things we are doing in Year 3!

[@HighwoodPrimYear3](https://twitter.com/HighwoodPrimYear3)





Year 4 News Summer 1 (Team — Mr Anderson, Mrs Tindall, Mrs Anil, Miss Rajput.)



Welcome to the Summer 1 edition of the Year 4 news! We have had lots of cross curricular fun, with 'Castles' and 'The Iron Man' book/film as a focus and stimulus.

Literacy - The Iron Man

This term we have been reading the book 'The Iron Man' and we watched the film 'The Iron Giant'. We made comparisons between the book and film looking at settings and building character profiles. We wrote reviews and explained why we thought one genre was better or worse than the other. We also wrote some iron man poetry and used the book to inspire us to generate our poems which told the story.



We used onomatopoeia, similes, and adjectives to describe. We also made clay iron man heads with a focus on

imperative verbs and we looked in depth at instructional writing. We evaluated the effectiveness of the instructions, using the clay models to help us to evaluate. Again I have been very pleased with the impact of my learning loops display. The children use it regularly to see what their next steps to learning will be and use it to help them gather ideas from others work and the WAGOLL – What a good one looks like.



Maths - Shape, Perimeter and Area

In maths we have been learning about 'Shapes and area' and we have been using a variety of methods, for example using our bodies to construct different triangles and angles. We have been measuring the area of items in the large hall, using trundle wheels as well as the traditional rulers. We have been solving problems and creating problems for others to solve. The homework has incorporated many aspects of



shape and area, take a look at the KS2 art area, here you will be able to see some fabulous castles, made from a variety of media.

History - Castle Life

We have been finding out about castles and discussed the question, 'Why would someone build a castle here?' We have been learning about the different parts of a castle and how they would have defended themselves against an attacking enemy. We also looked at how they were built high up, both to make them more difficult to attack, but also this forms a good vantage point, spotting the attacking enemy long before they arrive.

We have been finding out about who would have lived in the castle, from the king to the servants, who built many of our castles, with a main focus being on the Normans, William the conqueror and of course Corfe Castle which we will be visiting in July as part of our Swanage residential trip.

Science - States of matter.

During Science we have been learning about solids, liquids and gases. We were able to see how the states of matter change through several experiments, We even went outside and acted as the particles of the 3 states of matter.



We looked at reversible and irreversible reactions, including that of ice, condensation and evaporation, as well as separating solids from liquids.

ICT - Let's Animate. The Children have been using Animation software to create moving animations of 'The Iron Man' book study. The children have been excited about showing their animations, some of which I will try to add to my class page for you to view.

We are looking forward to continuing with the 'Castles' topic next half term.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for some fabulous Castle homework, as you can see from the photo, they are pretty magnificent.

Have a lovely half term break from all of the Year 4 Team.





Year 5 News

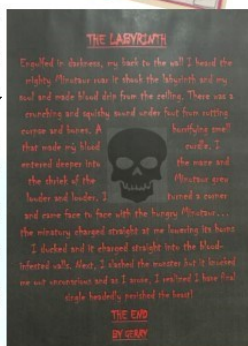
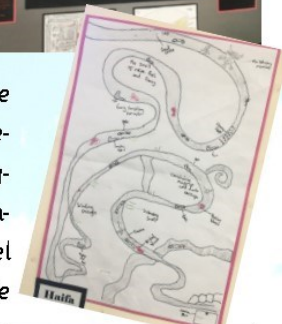
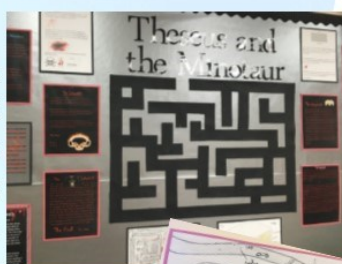
Miss Baker, Mrs Payne & Mrs Chaudhary

Are heroes and villains so different?

Part 1

In to the Labyrinth...

We have begun our term looking at the heroes and villains of the Ancient Greeks - they did villains really well! In English, we have focused on the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. The best bit so far has been the descriptive writing about the labyrinth itself! The class really enjoyed exploring the deathly hovel that is the Minotaur's lair! We used evidence from the text to illustrate the setting and used extracts to add detail. We then wrote our own descriptions, which were particularly gory but also disgustingly delightful! You are welcome to come in to the classroom to see our amazing display in more detail!



plants that can do this?! It can also be done by humans and so we set up some cuttings to see if we could do this ourselves. It hasn't been going very well so far, but we will re-assess and have another go next half term!



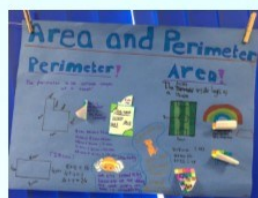
Measuring Madness!

We have been trying to remember the different conversions of measure this half term - PLEASE try and practise or learn more of them over half term! Our work on area and perimeter has been going fantastically well - some people are tackling some really tricky problems! To share what we know, we made some incredible learning posters! We used different ways of showing what area and



Plants and life-cycles

In science this half term, we have studied the life-cycles of flowering and non-flowering plants. Take a look to see how we dissected different flowers to see what the different parts looked like. We also studied how non-flowering plants reproduce and how some plants can create clones of themselves! Did you know that strawberries and potatoes are two types of



perimeter are and included different questions and challenges on the posters. Come in and see the kinds of ways we have shown what we know!

After half term, we will continue to develop our knowledge of various heroes and villains, including Greek gods, in order to try and answer the question: Are heroes and villains so different?

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Year 6 News

Teacher: Mrs Raines and Mrs Haden

In preparation for the SATs we concentrated on practising reading comprehensions, learning grammar terms, improving the accuracy of our arithmetic and polishing up our maths reasoning. When it came to SATs week itself, the children applied themselves fantastically and I was extremely proud of the way in which they approached the assessments. They all behaved fantastically and did their very best. It was a pleasure to celebrate the end of SATs with a DVD and a class picnic!

English

We have been enjoying improving our writing skills over the last two weeks. The children have been working very closely with different teachers to improve the technical side of their writing: sentence structure, punctuation, spelling and handwriting.

We have been enthused to do this by learning some inspirational stories, and we have been encouraged by the huge improvements we have made in our work.



Science and Maths

In science and maths we have wondered about being 'healthy, wealthy and wise'. We started off by looking at the human circulatory system and finding out how the heart works.



I dissected a couple of lambs' hearts, so that we could see the different chambers. The children then recorded their observations by careful and accurate drawing.

Our heart is crucial to life, and we have thought about what we can do to keep our heart healthy.



As scientists, the children carried out an investigation to measure the affect of exercise on our heart. Some of us found it very difficult to find our pulse rate - luckily Mrs Haden was on hand with her Fitbit to reassure us that our hearts were beating!

We are now looking at the role that different types of food have in keeping our bodies healthy, and how to create a healthy diet for the differing needs of different people.

Biographies

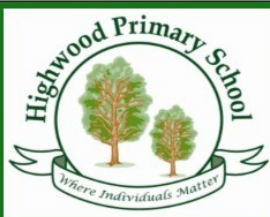
With the General Election looming, the children have been thinking about who they would like to be behind the door of Number 10. Each member of the class has chosen a person to find out about in order to write a biography and create an election campaign.

Art

As members of the community of Highwood and Woodley, we have been painting giant owls for the school float for Woodley Carnival (10th June).

Thank-you for your continued support.

Mrs Raines



Speech and Language Resource News

Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Kearslake & Mr Bevan
Mrs Eales, Ms Richardson, Mrs Wright & Mrs Henry

It's been a busy but really productive start to the summer term and the weeks have just flown by! I really enjoy seeing the progress that children have made since the start of the year and this term makes it really obvious how far they've all come. We'll be having our end of year Coffee Morning on the 18th July at 9:00am. I do hope you'll be able to join us to celebrate the children's successes as well as say goodbye and good luck to our leavers.

Willow News



In Literacy we have been reading 'The Day the Crayons Came Home' and writing our own postcards and speech bubbles. In phonics, the children have worked with Perseverance to learn their Phase 5 sounds and to blend them when reading. They have made great progress!



Maths



In Maths we have been measuring length and weight. We put our measuring skills into practice to make our own sparkly playdoh and 'magic soup'!

We have also been continuing to work on our addition and subtraction with 1 and 2 digit numbers and learning about the days of the week and months of the year.

Next half term we will be continuing to measure with liquids (capacity), time and money.

Maple News



This is the book we have been reading in our Literacy lessons. We are going to write our own story based around the same idea. Below is our joint poem which we then put into our own sequence order.

All of our poems were slightly different. Here is an example.

In Tom's Midnight garden we found;
 an imaginary world opening up before our eyes
 a glowing button pulsating, waiting to be pressed
 a singing fountain cascading wonderful songs into the mid-
 night air.
 a secret door guarding an unknown world
 an enchanted castle towering above the mysterious trees
 a magic wand hiding its powers under the protective tree
 a whispering wishing well lighting the way towards
 a mysterious adventure
 some hidden treasure lurking in a hidden cave
 a reflective pond inviting me towards its enchanting depths

Our Maths work this half term has been focussed on fractions and the children have made really good progress with this. We have built a really solid understanding on fractions of shapes and then how that links to fractions of amounts. We've enjoyed being creative with our work which saw us go outside to use natural objects to explain our understanding. We've also created our own 'Top Trump' cards to play with to really test our knowledge and understanding of fractions of amounts. Next half term we will move on to working with money.





PE/Sports News

Sports coach: Mr Edwards

Welcome to the first summer term "PE & Sports News Page". The summer term is always very exciting due to it being jam packed with many different PE & Sporting events.

PE Lessons:

This half term I have been testing the children's overall strength, agility, speed and fitness via a "quadtots" style programme. This has been through sprints, standing long jump, Vortex throws and a long distance run. They have been scored against national average statistics and I have been pleased with many of the results. I would like your support to continue to encourage your children to participate in sports out of school so that we can improve on these results. It is very important that children keep active as much as they can.

Year 1 have also had an extra session taking part in Zumba/Dance with our instructor Miss McNulty.

Lunch & After School Clubs:

This term we have:-

Tuesdays: Year 1 & 2s Summer sports Lunch & 3, 4, 5 & 6 Athletics after school & 1 & 2s Boccia & New Age Kurling Club.

Thursdays: Year 3,4,5 & 6s Rounders House Competition lunch & 3,4,5 & 6 Cricket after school club.

Fridays: Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Organised games Lunch club & Year 1 & 2s after school summer sports.

Inter-House Competition

After last half terms successful Basketball house competition, this half term we have started playing rounders. Congratulations again to the house captains for organising their teams.

Spring Term Matches & Tournaments:

3/4 Wokingham Primary Schools Tri Golf Competition.

7 very excited pupils (4 boys & 3 Girls) attended this years tournament at the new Bohunt School. The event as ever was fantastic fun, really well organised and some key skills were learnt. Highwood managed to score more points than any other school at the tournament for the first time which is fantastic news. Unfortunately, as we were unable to field the regulation number of children, we couldn't

progress to the next round. Watch out next year!



Woodley Carnival Boys & Girls Football.

Two very wet competitions. First up the boys A & B teams. Both teams tried really hard against tough conditions and tough opposition. The A team eventually came 7th & B team came 12th. The last time our current year 6s get to wear the Highwood Football kit. We will miss them next year. The following evening was the turn of the girls. Again, controlling the ball in the wet conditions proved difficult but everyone enjoyed the opportunity including a great show of support from parents.

Woodley Schools Sports Week.

At the time of print, we will be in the middle of the 2017 Woodley Schools Sports Week. This is a fantastic week full of opportunities for all children in Woodley schools. This years schedule is as follows.

Monday:

Opening Ceremony/Dance Festival-This years theme is Musicals and Highwood will be performing Grease under the ever watchful eye of Miss McNulty.

5/6 Boys and Girls Cecil Trembath Kwik Cricket Tournament



PE/Sports News

Sports coach: Mr Edwards

Year 3 Paralympic Festival

Miss Abbott and several members of staff will take the whole class of year 3s to Bulmershe Sports Centre to play various games including Seated Volleyball, Boccia, NAK & Goalball. The children will have a fantastic time playing against Earley St Peters & Addington School pupils.

Wednesday

Year 5/6 Swimming Gala.

Highwood will be competing in the pool against other schools in Woodley. The races will consist of 25M Front Crawl, 4X25M Medley Relay, 25M Backstroke, 25M Breaststroke & 4X25M Front Crawl Relay.

Year 1 Multiskills Festival.

The whole class of year 1's will be attending a multi-skills festival where they will be playing fun games alongside pupils from Earley St Peters. This year it will be Beechwood pupils and staff that will be running the stations at this event.

Thursday

Year 2 Aquasplash.

The whole class of year 2s will be playing fun games in Bulmershe pool.

Friday

Year 4 Athletic activities, Tchoukball, Handball, Volleyball & Ultimate Frisbee

Our year 4s will have a great time at these activities where they will be joined by Southlake and Addington schools. With Mr Anderson at the helm I am sure they will do very well.

Next Half Term

PE Lessons:- Athletics continued & Cricket.

PE Kit required:- Shorts, Highwood PE T-Shirt, Black

or Navy Plain Tracksuit if cold, trainers. **No Earrings!**

Competitions

Athletics:- Invitational Games and Quad Kids

Wokingham Schools Cricket League Matches.

Summer Games @ Beechwood (Tennis & Rounders)

Mr Edwards Message For The Term.

This has been a great learning half term for all children and myself with great performances from both individuals, groups and whole classes. Please think about joining clubs outside of school to further improve ability and help towards a healthy lifestyle.

We have also had a fabulous response to our "Summer Water Bottle" fundraiser. Thank you to all of the children and parents that have bought one already especially as the sun is due to start shining any week now we hope! If you don't already have one then please purchase one from the office. There are still some left.



Please make a date in your diaries for this years Sports days.

Key Stage 2 - Tuesday 27th June AM

F2 & Key Stage 1 - Thursday 29th June AM

F1 Nursery - Wednesday 5th July AM

If you didn't know already, you can follow what your child is up to in my lessons and how our teams are getting on in various tournaments by following my twitter posts on **@highwoodprimaryPE**

Have a great but safe half term holiday.

Mr Edwards.



Family Centre



As we move into the final part of the school year, we have set up some workshops to support parents and carers who have children starting secondary school in September. We have two evenings, Tuesday 6th June 6-8pm and Tuesday 13th June 5.30—8.30 which will be an opportunity to discuss how best support your child at this key transition time. The course is FREE to families receiving pupil premium for their child.

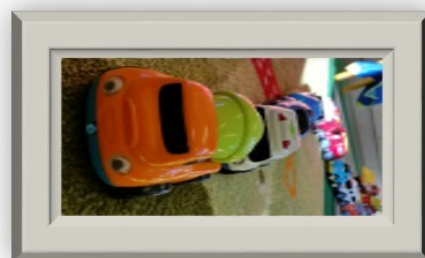
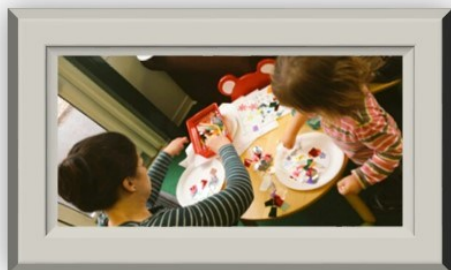
Alongside our 15-week English classes, the 10 week Maths course is now well underway, and parents are accessing the courses to gain qualifications and confidence in these key skills. We hope to be able to run the course again next term, and are also looking at setting up an informal ESOL café with tutors.

As always, our Tuesday morning stay and play is lots of fun. It runs weekly from 9-10.15am. This is for any parents or carers who have younger preschool children and includes toy, craft, a snack and a song session. It is a great introduction to the school for young children who will be attending in the future.

Thank you also to those parents who attended the workshop on supporting your child with anxiety. It was a really interesting evening with lots of ideas and new approaches to try out with your child. These types of workshops can be really useful, and I'd recommend them to all parents, even if your family is not at 'crisis point'.

For more information about these, or any other sessions happening at the Family centre, please pop in or leave a message via the school office.

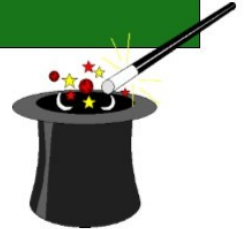
Please follow me on twitter – @HighwoodPrimPSA As well as keeping up to date with the latest sessions, I also often post up links to different ideas and activities to do with children.





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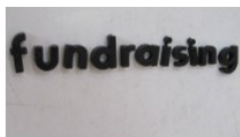
This half term we arranged for a magician to come and entertain us. How amazing was Wayne Wonder? The 90 children who came all greatly enjoyed his magic tricks and comedy show. I'm sure Jodie was pleased that he made the water from the cup disappear before it was poured over her head! There were a lot of confused and amazed faces, not to mention all the laughter that was heard in the hall during the show.



Thank you to Year 1 and 2 for bringing in so many yummy cakes for the sale this half term. A lot of happy people enjoyed many tasty treats. Look out for Year 3 and 4's sale on Thursday 15th June.



We also have started to sell ice lollies on a Friday at the end of school. What a bargain they are at only 50p each. Look out for us in the Gazebo on a Friday when the weather is good.



Next half term, we are looking forward to the family picnic where we will be running a few stalls, such as tombolas and hook a duck, to help entertain everyone during this fun event. We will also be holding a raffle, with some amazing prizes, including a meal for 2 at The Ivy in Sonning! Look out for the raffle tickets we will be sending home for you to purchase or sell to friends and family.

As always we are reliant on your support and input. There is no commitment necessary but any time you can help out, such as to man a stall for half an hour, we will be greatly appreciative. If you would like to find out more about who we are and what we do then please come along to our next meeting on Thursday 8th June at 8.00pm at Bosco Lounge.

From everyone in Friends of Highwood we hope you enjoy half term.





NEWS & REMINDERS



CommuniTrees Project

Highwood has joined with other local schools in the CommuniTrees Project, to raise funds to plant more trees in school grounds and surrounding areas. They are also working to raise awareness of the environmental, social and financial benefits that trees provide, such as improving the look of an area, lessening noise pollution and providing community orchards for use by all. On Wednesday, a groups of Highwood students joined pupils from the other schools to present their work and ideas to the Mayor of Woodley, the Deputy Mayor of Earley and other interested parties. The children worked well together and confidently expressed their ideas to their audience.



Woodley Carnival

The 57th Woodley Carnival is being held on Saturday 10th June at the Memorial Ground in Woodford Park. There will be entertainment and activities all day, and music and fireworks to finish in the evening.

Highwood are entering a float in the procession this year and some of the children, staff and parents will be on the float. We hope to see lots of you waving and supporting us along the route. There will also be some children singing in the schools choir at the carnival so please come along on the day to see them.

Year 6 Transition Course

This is a two session course to help you prepare your child for the transition from Primary to Secondary. The sessions are to be held on 6th June from 5.30 – 8.30pm and 13th June from 6.00 – 8.00pm, at Highwood School.

To book a place please email lifelonglearn-ing@wokingham.gov.uk or call 0118 974 6261.

VIP Assembly

KS1 13th June and KS2 14th June both at 2:45pm – Letters will be sent out early next

Bags 2 School



Thank you for your donations to our Bags 2 School collection. We raised £69.20 for the school funds.

Sunny Weather

As the weather has improved please ensure you apply sun cream to your child before school and send them in with sun hats.

Water Bottles

Don't forget you can buy your First For Sports water bottles from the school office - £2.50 for one bottle or £4.00 for two. Proceeds going to the school funds.

Donations required for Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage would like donations of small world toys and dressing up clothes.

Cycling

Please ensure that your child wears a cycle helmet when cycling to school.

Fidget spinners

Please note that fidget spinners are allowed in schools at playtime and lunchtime only.

During lesson time they must be left in bags or lockers.



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ABSENCE

Please contact the school by 9.30am either by text on 0786 000 5083 or by phone on 0118 9265493 if your child is not well.

If your child is going to be late in and requires a dinner please ensure this is ordered by 9.30am.

PARKING

No parking is allowed on the school site unless you have received a parking permit and are authorised to do so by the Headteacher.



WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure that water (not juice) is brought to school every day, in a *named* water bottle.

UNIFORM

Uniform and other school items are to be *clearly named*. The lost property store (near the big hall in KS2) is getting very full so please check there if you are missing any items.

MEDICINES

Only prescribed medicine in the prescribed container with your child's name may be administered by school staff. A form must be completed at the school office.

EARRINGS

Please note that only stud earrings are allowed and earrings must be taken out for PE.

Phone App

Highwood Primary School has a mobile app! You can find out about the latest news, events, curriculum information and contact details all from the comfort of your smartphone or tablet. It has been developed with the smaller screen in mind and is very easy to use and navigate around.

If you have any questions regarding the app, or any features you feel would enhance it, please leave your ideas with the school office.

How to download the app

You can get the app if you have an Apple or Android phone and/or tablet. There are two ways:

1. Click on one of these links in an email or text on the device itself:

[Highwood Primary School app \(Android\)](#)

[Highwood Primary School app \(Apple\)](#)

2. Or visit the Apple app store or Google Play on your device and search for "Highwood Primary School".

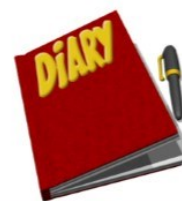
You may download the app onto multiple devices but you will need to install separately on each one.

Don't forget to select which classes you would like notifications about within the settings of the APP. Urgent messages are sent to the whole school.





Diary Dates



Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2017	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5 th June 2017	Inset Day – School closed for staff training
Tuesday 6 th June 2017	Year 6 transition session for parents – 5.30pm to 8.30pm
Saturday 10 th June 2017	Woodley Carnival
Tuesday 13 th June 2017	FS & KS1 SPLAT afternoon Year 6 transition session for parents – 6pm to 8pm
Wednesday 14 th June 2017	Class Photos and Year 6 Leavers photos
Friday 16 th June 2017	KS2 SPLAT afternoon Year 3 & 4 Cake Sale
Tuesday 27 th June 2017	KS2 Sports Day - morning
Thursday 29 th June 2017	F2 & KS1 Sports Day - morning
Tuesday 4 th July 2017	New to F2 parent meeting and visit – 9.30am
Wednesday 5 th July 2017	F1/Nursery sports morning and picnic Year 3 Trip to Stonehenge Year 5 Fish Bowl day at Bulmershe
Wednesday 12 th July 2017	Year 4 Swanage trip – overnight New to Nursery/F1 parent meeting 9.15am Year 5 & 6 Production - evening
Thursday 13 th July 2017	Year 4 Swanage residential trip Year 5 & 6 Production - evening
Monday 17 th July 2017	Transition morning – new F2 to visit
Friday 21 st July 2017	FOH Family Picnic
Monday 24 th July 2017	F2 Graduation – 2pm
Tuesday 25 th July 2017	Last day of the Summer Term
Wednesday 26 th July to Friday 1 st September 2017	Summer Holidays
Monday 4 th September 2017	INSET DAY – School closed for staff training
Tuesday 5 th September 2017	INSET DAY – School closed for staff training
Wednesday 6 th September 2017	Start of Autumn Term for Years 1 to 6 Foundation closed due to home visits
Thursday 7 th September 2017	Foundation closed due to home visits
Friday 8 th September 2017	Foundation closed due to home visits
Monday 11 th September 2017	New F2 children staggered start – am or pm Existing Nursery/F1 children start New to Nursery/F1 pupils visits during week
Monday 18 th September 2017	F2 pupils fulltime Staggered starts for new Nursery/F1 children during week