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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. I just wanted to make you aware of a few school updates:

- We have added new work packs to the school website. They are in the Homework section for Years 1 to 6 and in the Curriculum Information section for EYFS. The new packs have 'Week 1' in their file name. The dates on the packs don't necessarily match with when we are uploading them, but as new materials become available I will let you know when we put them on the website.
- In Year 1, we have added links to daily phonics lessons and uploaded resources that should help deliver the sessions. These are located in the Homework section.
- There are still daily challenges being sent on Twitter by the class teachers. Remember, you don't have to have a Twitter account to view them, as you can access them through the class pages on the website. Teachers are loving seeing what the children are doing so please keep sending the photographs.
- Please remember that there is not an expectation that all the activities are completed. Making sure the children continue to read is the most important thing and the activities we provide will hopefully help you add some learning fun to the rest of the day. If you are having difficulties, then please use the email addresses we have created for your year groups to make contact with the teacher.

All our essential school functions are still continuing. We are using technology to hold our staff, leadership and governor meetings. This technology is also allowing us to recruit for the staff required for our new Year 4 class in September. This process has comprised of a virtual tour of the school and will be followed up with online interviews next week. We have had over 20 applications for the post, so it is great to see that the chance to work at Highwood is an exciting prospect for both new and experienced teachers.

Have a good weekend.

Matt Hickey

Headteacher