

Headteacher's Bulletin

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience with the logistical organisation of the new routes of access involved with our expansion – everything seems to be working smoothly at drop off and pick up times.



Those parents that follow me on Twitter will know that I have entered the 2018 Reading Half Marathon that takes place in March next year. I would like to give parents the opportunity to recommend any charities that have a significant importance to members of the community of Highwood. Once we have a list to choose from we will randomly select / create a poll for parents to decide which one will be my chosen charity to support through sponsorship donations. (It will also help keep me motivated to train!)

Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey

Headteacher



Miss Abbott Singing in the Rain!

This week Miss Abbott will be performing at the Hexagon theatre in Reading, in the hit musical 'Singing in the Rain'! Miss Abbott will be opening the show, playing the part of radio broadcaster Dora Bailey in this classic musical set in the 1920's. Although only an amateur company, the cast is incredibly talented so don't miss out on some great entertainment! Tickets are available for performances from Wednesday 27th – Saturday 30th September from www.readingarts.com/hexagon.

Reminders

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

Uniform and other school items are to be **clearly named**. The lost property store is near the big hall in KS2 if you are missing any items.

PE kit must be in school **everyday** and earrings must be removed for PE.



Highwood is granted the Silver School Games Mark!

Mr Edwards met with an assessor from the School Games last week, looking at the provision of PE and sports at Highwood School. As well as actual participation in sport and competition, the School Games assesses the school's attitude to sport and how they use sport in the children's all-round development. The assessor was impressed with the variety of sports that Highwood provide, the positive attitude of staff and pupils to taking part and how the children are encouraged to develop their leadership skills during sports activities, and rewarded us with a Silver School Games Award. Many thanks go to staff, pupils and parents for enabling these opportunities to be available, and we look forward to upgrading to Gold next year!



Friends of Highwood

The Friends of Highwood (FOH) are the school's PTA, working alongside the school to help raise funds and organise exciting extra-curricular activities for the children. It is also a great opportunity for parents to get involved in the school and to meet other parents. The FOH always welcome new members – please see Amanda Franklin in the playground or let the School Office know.



Dates for the Diary September



Thursday 28th – F2 Literacy parent workshop - 3.30 – 4.30pm

Friday 29th – Year 6 SATs Literacy workshop - 3.30 – 4.30pm

October

Thursday 5th – Year 3 Literacy parent workshop 3.30 – 4.30pm

Thursday 19th – FOH Film Night

November

Tuesday 14th – New Parent Tours at 9.30am, 1.30 and 6.00pm

Thursday 16th – New Parent Tours at 9.30am, 1.30 and 6.00pm