

Headteacher's Bulletin

Dear Parents,

I have noticed a large increase in the number of term time holidays that are being requested. Can I take this opportunity to remind parents that leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The criteria used to judge exceptionality is whether the request is: **rare; significant; unavoidable and short**. Our attendance policy is being reviewed by governors and the changes being implemented will include Penalty Notices being issued to parents to try and maximise children's attendance in school

Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey

Headteacher



Friends Of Highwood Events

This term's school discos will be held on **Thursday 8th February**, Foundation and KS1 from 3.30 – 4.15pm and KS2 from 4.30 – 5.30pm. The second hand uniform sale will run alongside these in the library.

Still to come later in the term will be the annual Easter Trail.

Toys, toys, toys!

Year 1's topic this term is 'Will we still play with the same toys when we are older?' and they would love to be able to look at toys from the past to see how they differ or are the same as toys they play with today. If you have any toys or games from your childhood at home and are happy for Year 1 to look at them, please could you bring them in on **Tuesday 23rd January**. They will take great care of them and you will be able to take them home again that day



SCHOOL GAMES Highwood highlights!

The first round of the Year 5/6 House Hockey was held last week, with wins for the Red Kites and the Falcons. This week's top of the table clash between the Red Kites and the Falcons ended in a 2-1 win for the Red Kites, and the match between the Eagles and the Hawks resulted in a 1-1 draw. Mr Edwards was very proud of how everyone played with great effort being put in by all. Year 3/4 to come!



Baby Vaux has arrived!

Mrs Vaux and her husband welcomed the new addition to their family, Ava Alice, on Monday 15th January. Ava weighed 8lbs, and mother and baby are doing well!



Date change for Year 4 Literacy Workshop

Please note that the date has changed for the Year 4 Literacy Workshop for parents. This will now be held on **Friday 9th February**.



Maths and Literacy ? Workshops +

Year 4 and 5 Literacy and Maths workshops, all from 3.30 – 4.30pm:

: **Year 5** =

Maths: 17th Jan 2018
Literacy: 7th March 2018

% **Year 4** !

Literacy: 9th Feb 2018
Maths: 8th March 2018

Drop off and pick up

Please remember that parents need to wait in the playground for their children at the beginning and end of the day, not in the corridor between Foundation and KS1. This is to ensure the safety of all the children and to keep the area clear for access and passing through.

We are now 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.



Dates for the Diary



12th – 16th February – Half Term
6th March – Foundation SPLAT at 1.30pm

8th March – KS1 SPLAT at 1.30pm

12th March – KS2 SPLAT at 1.30pm

Year 3 & 4 Production

Wednesday 21st March – afternoon

Thursday 22nd March – evening

Last day of spring term

Thursday 29th March – at 1.30pm