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Newsletter

Highwood Primary School Issue no.58

'Where Individuals Matter'

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have reached the end of another learning-filled term and it brings us even closer to the end of another academic year. Plans are being formalised with our staffing structure for September and once it has been finalised, I will share it with you all.

There have been lots of interest in the vacancies that have arisen and despite it being extremely difficult to recruit teachers (particularly in the South East) we are never short of people who want to join the Highwood team. I always get a huge sense of pride showing potential candidates around our school. Everyone always gives similar feedback as to how warm, friendly and calm our setting is and how purposeful the learning is in each of our classrooms. You should be as proud of your children as we are about how they conduct themselves whilst in school.

An exciting development that will start next term is our use of VR Headsets. We have invested in a year group set of Class VR technology to further develop the enrichment of our curriculum. During the procurement process we used the headsets to take a journey around Anne Frank's house to see the space where she wrote her diary; we visited the launch of a space rocket and went on a polar exploration! The teachers will receive training next term and our curriculum will be updated to make sure that, where it adds content to the children's learning, we make use of this exciting resource.



Prior to using the VR sets with children, we will share our VR policy, so that parents are fully aware of how the technology will be used in classrooms. We will also offer a parent workshop, so that you can experience the technology yourselves and ask us any questions. Exciting times!!!

Wishing you all a restful half term break.

Matt Hickey
Headteacher



Foundation 1 News

Mrs Atkinson

Mrs Vanka, Miss Mair, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Hargreaves, Miss Teader and Mrs Bailey

Welcome to our Foundation 1 News. We have had a great start to the Summer Term in F1.

We have started our new topic which is 'How are all animals different?'.

We started off this half term learning about farm animals which followed on beautifully from having our chicks at the end of last term. The children engaged in lots of farm animal based activities such as sensory trays, playing with our farm animals, reading farm stories, farm animal yoga and craft activities.



Moving on from farm animals we learnt about different animals that you can keep as pets. We loved our visit from Willow and Winter, the rabbits and Whiskey, the hamster. Children brought in photos of the pets of family and friends and told their peers about what they ate, liked to do and other interesting facts. Finally we thought about what pet we liked the best.



Most recently, we learnt about creatures that live in the garden. The children really enjoyed learning about this group of animals. They went on a mini beast hunt around the school grounds, collected some insects in pots to look at and learnt about the importance of being gentle with living creatures. When learning about mini beasts, we have also had a fantastic opportunity to grow our own butterflies. They are still in their cocoons at the moment but we have enjoyed the process so far and we are looking forward to seeing them come out as butterflies.



We have had lots to celebrate this half term too. We learnt about Eid and designed our own mehndi patterns. When the king was crowned we enjoyed roleplaying in our castle as knights and princesses, showing our friends photos of our Coronation weekend and enjoying lots of coronation crafts.



We have been beginning to practice for our sports day. We have been doing the egg and spoon race, the weaving through the cones race, the sack race, penalty shooting and beanbag balancing. The children are very excited that their families are going to be coming to watch their sports. Nicer weather means we've also spent more time learning outside - our ball skills are really improving and we can enjoy playing with water, transporting it, cleaning and painting with it.

Thank you to all the parents that have supported us during this half of term and we look forward to welcoming the children back after half term!

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see what we are up to each week! @HighwoodPrimFS1



Foundation 2 News

Miss Hargreaves & Mrs Parker

Mrs Newham, Mrs Alleyne, Miss Finch, Miss Briggs,

Miss Webb, Mrs Pithiya

Welcome to the Foundation Stage Newsletter for the first half of the summer term! We have been really busy with our exciting new topic **"Who are our local heroes?"** We hope that the children have been telling you all about it!

We started our topic by discussing different heroes within our community. We have explored the role of a nurse, a police officer and a firefighter, as well as finding out about animals who help us.



We had a special visitor come in to school to talk to us about being a vet nurse. Mrs Lovejoy then demonstrated how to listen to a heartbeat using a stethoscope and how to put a bandage on, and we enjoyed having a go ourselves!

We have explored the topic 'healthy eating' and why it's important to keep our bodies healthy, especially if we want to become a hero. The children enjoyed creating a plate of healthy food that they would like to eat. We discussed different ways of keeping healthy and suggested different forms of exercise. Our 'wake-up, shake-up' was a firm favourite!



In maths the children have been working on extending our knowledge by looking at numbers to 20. We have also started maths mastery time, where we have enjoyed using rekenreks to deepen our knowledge of subitising, number recall and number composition.



We enjoy going for visits to our new school library! It is a great space to get cosy with a book to read. It is amazing to see the children using their phonics skills to independently read stories!



Celebrating the Kings coronation was a blast! The children enjoyed adding their handprints to our school tapestry of our new king which is now displayed in the hall.

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.

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Year 1 News - Summer 1

Mrs Garner, Miss Bolger and Miss Hughes

Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Tiwari, Miss Mubashar and Miss Robin

Which animal would you invite for tea?

Science and Geography

This term we have been learning about the climate of different parts of the world and what makes some places hot and some cold. We have learnt about where different animals live and had great fun investigating habitats around the school and making our own to attract different animals. We have also looked at what animals eat and how they find food.



Maths

In Maths we have been working really hard through our Mastery Flow and doing a variety of Do, Think, Explore and Solve tasks. We have practiced multiplication and division, focusing on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have used this to help us with grouping and sharing and investigating how we can make equal groups. We have loved doing lots of practical activities to show this in different ways. We have started looking at fractions and how we can find a half and a quarter.



English

Our main text this term has been 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We have loved using the story sacks to help us to retell the stories. We have been writing letters to and from the Tiger, Hot Seating characters and acting out parts of the story. We have been working really hard on using

conjunctions in our sentences too. We are now focusing on creating a tiger information poster. We are researching using iPads, books and videos.



Art

We have been learning about printing in Art and have looked at the work of William Morris. We have practiced designing our own repeating patterns using sponge shapes. We are looking forward to practising our colour mixing again to print some animal shapes and challenge ourselves to repeat these.



Check out our Twitter feeds at;

@HighWoodPrimIBG (Miss Bolger/Mrs Garner)

@HighWoodPrimIH (Miss Hughes)



Year 2 News - Summer 1



Miss Hulme, Miss Grainger,

Mrs Butler, Miss Roberts, Miss Haywood

It's been a very busy half term. It's been a period of growing...literally! Not only have we seen the children making great progress and working very hard, but we have also started planting seeds and look forward to seeing them bloom!

What could go in our Best British Banquet?

English

We have been very busy in Writing lessons! We started off by writing a setting description of our own secret garden, where we used our senses to describe the garden and then enjoyed learning about the features of informal and formal letters. We used our new knowledge to write two letters - one where we got to use formal language to try and persuade Mr. Hickey to have our own School allotment and one where we wrote to a friend in the class!



Whole Class Reading

We have loved reading "Alice in Wonderland". We have enjoyed discussing the different characters and learning lots of interesting new vocabulary. We cannot wait to get started on writing our own Alice stories in the Summer Term 2!



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Maths

Maths has been great fun this half term! We started off by looking at fractions of shapes and amounts and used our super division skills to help us. We learnt the terms 'numerator and denominator' and learnt what unit and non-unit fractions are. We have recently started looking at time and look forward to continuing this after the holiday.



Science

We have been having great fun learning all about plants and flowers and what they need to be healthy! We have begun to plant some seeds and we have our own tomato plants which we hope will provide us with some juicy tomatoes! During our growing journey we have learnt all about the different parts of a plant and their functions. We are also very excited for our trip to the local allotment next term!



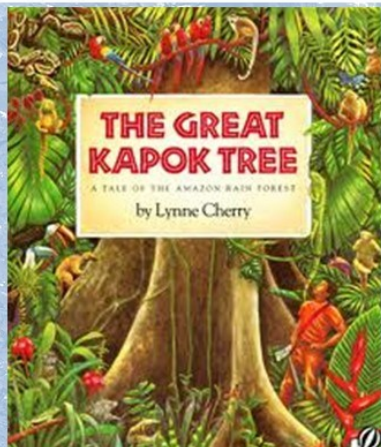


Year 3 News

Mrs Bolton, Miss Rumbold & Dr Read

Mrs Trayhorne, Mrs Moore, Mrs Aswal, Mrs Rudroju and Mrs Nandakumara

How can we help protect our planet?



LITERACY

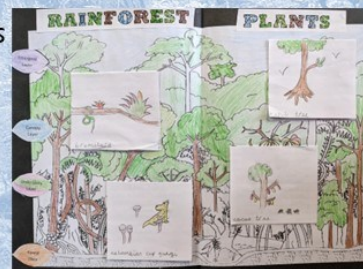
We have been looking at the story of The Great Kapok tree in English. In the story, animals from the rainforest tell a huntsman why he should save the rainforest and not cut down the great tree. We retold the story using our own descriptions of the animals. We are also enjoying learning more about the rainforest and the Maya civilisation in whole class reading.

MATHS

In maths, we have been looking at fractions. We discussed what is meant by equivalence, its link to the word equal, and that parts can only be equivalent if they are equal themselves! We have started to revise time and are looking forward to learning more soon!

SCIENCE

In science, we have been exploring the different rainforest layers with a focus on plants. We have been experimenting with what plants need to grow and have discovered that they need sunlight, oxygen, warmth and water. We have also looked at the different parts of a plant and their functions.



TOPIC



We began our topic by learning about tropical rainforests, in particular, the Amazon. We learned about the layers of the rainforest and what vegetation and creatures are found in each layer. We know where tropical rainforests are located and have compared our local area with Iquitos, known as the gateway to the Amazon.

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Year 4 News — Summer 1

Miss Barrett, Miss Clarke, Mrs Strong, Mrs Chaurasia, Mrs Panahpoori and Mr Edwards

Welcome to this edition of the Year 4 news! As we welcomed everyone back through the school doors after Easter, we have had lots of new and exciting learning opportunities this term. Please read on to find out about the fantastic learning the children have been doing!

How have our coasts made Britain great?

This term year 4 have started their investigation into Britain's coasts and the features that define a coast. It has already been exciting to see the enthusiasm of the children for this topic.



Maths

In maths this term the children explored everyone's favourite topic, fractions! We learned to find fractions of amounts, add fractions and find equivalent fractions. We have had a big focus on mixed numbers and improper fractions and it has been wonderful to watch the children's confidence grow over this term!

We are still focussing on our times tables work every week and the children now have additional TTRS time in the mornings to help support their learning. If you could find some time at home to support with this as well it will make a huge difference to their knowledge and their Multiplication Test coming up after May half-term.

Writing

Our English this term started with a focus on writing a story opener based on our class reading book 'Flotsam'. The children thoroughly enjoyed inventing a scenario to why a robot fish had appeared in the water. They were able to create a scene, character and mysterious ending of what might happen to the fish next.

Recently, we moved onto explanation texts about how a coast is formed. We have been building on our skills of causal conjunctions, time connectives and writing in

present perfect tense to create our finished piece. We cannot wait to see the end result of our enthusiastic writers.

Science

In science, we have been investigating how electricity is generated and the dangers that can come with it. The children got the buzz for learning more when we introduced building circuits.

They have loved learning how to build a circuit to turn on a lightbulb and fix circuits that are not working independently. They have also been fascinated by learning which items within the classroom are conductors and insulators. We cannot wait to put all our learning together to build a lighthouse with a working circuit inside!



Art

4B have focussed on art this term, and we have appreciated our new artist Antony Gormley. We have begun experimenting with chalk to blend our backgrounds, sketching outlines of bodies and getting used to drawing with charcoal. We are looking forward to seeing how they bring their skills together for their final piece.



Swimming

4C have been swimming this term and have absolutely loved it. It has been a great opportunity to learn a new skill and hope to see lots of them carrying on outside of school too!

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to continuing our learning in our last term in Year 4!

The year 4 team



HighwoodPrim4b
HighwoodPrim4c



Year 5 News

Team: Miss Majer, Mrs Downes, Mrs Inwards, Mrs Lakshmanan, Mrs Mohammad, Mrs Shazhardi and Mrs Hillier

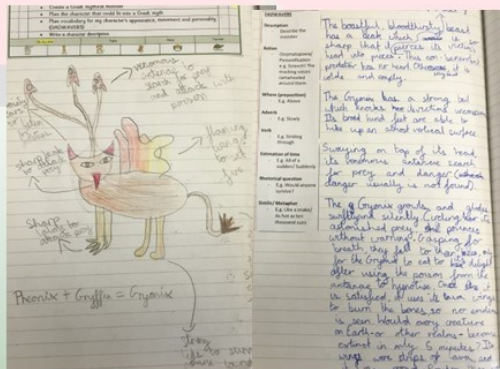
How do you build an empire?

Welcome to the Year 5 news! I am pleased to say that we've had lots of exciting opportunities and lots of new learning going on. Please read on to find out more!

How do you build an empire?

English

All our English this term has been about Greek myths, linking to our key question 'How do you build an empire?' We spent a long time looking at Greek myths and learning what would go in our 'tool kit' for writing a myth, before exploring the different characters and settings we might see. From here, we created our own mythical creatures for our hero to defeat, creating character descriptions, and finally, we are starting to write and then publish our own myths.



Key Question Lessons

Our key question this term is 'How do you build an empire?' Our focus is on the Greeks and how they have influenced the modern world. We've explored where Greece is and the land that they occupied during the Ancient Greek reign, as well as looking at the human and physical geography of Greece and comparing it to where we are in the south of the UK. Since then, we've moved on to look at the history side, exploring Greek Gods and making our own top trumps cards

Maths

Our focus this term in maths has been fractions (multiplying and finding fractions of amounts), decimal numbers and percentages. We've been working hard on our mental maths knowledge and arithmetic skills.

Dance

In PE, we have been focused on producing a dance for our new King's Coronation celebrations. It has been a joy to see the children really engage with the music.

Well Done everyone!

It has been a super start to the summer term. We look forward to continuing this hard work after half term

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Year 6 News

Teachers: Mrs Partridge, Mr Robinson, Mrs Nielsen, Mrs Nice, Ms Yu and Mr Edwards

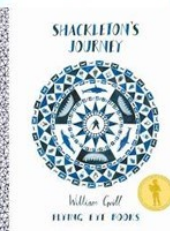
The focus at the beginning of this term was SATs. We spent the first 3 weeks practising, so that when the SATs finally arrived, we realised that they weren't as scary as we all thought! The children worked extremely hard and we were very proud of their positive attitude despite some extremely difficult papers. Well done Year 6!!

Once SATs were over, we were able to begin to answer the question:

'What is the secret to success?'

English

As readers, and writers, we immersed ourselves in the story of Ernest Shackleton and his ill-fated expedition to the South Pole. We thought about the question: 'What does it mean to be successful?' and debated whether Shackleton achieved success (as he never made it to the South Pole). We took inspiration from the beautifully illustrated book by Will Grill, 'Shackleton's Journey' and wrote a persuasive letter to Shackleton to apply to be part of his crew.



During whole class reading lessons, we have been studying 'A Wizard of Earthsea' which is a challenging and thought-provoking read. We have really enjoyed getting used to the archaic language, and can't wait to find out what happens to Ged as he learns to become a wise wizard. This book has inspired our second piece of writing: a character description for the mysterious dragon pictured on the front cover.

Maths

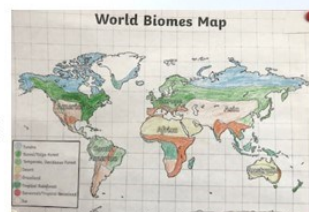
This term has focussed mainly on area, perimeter and volume, statistics, and more recently shape. Both classes have picked these concepts up quickly, and enjoyed mastering more tricky things like the mean!

Topic

Over the last few weeks, our topic has focussed on geography, history and science.

Geography

We used our geography lessons to help us evaluate the enormity of Shackleton's expedition. We learnt about longitude and latitude to have an understanding of just how far he travelled; we learnt about day length and seasons in the Antarctic and how the Earth's tilt causes it to have opposite seasons from the Arctic; and biomes.



History

In History we have enjoyed learning about our local area; thinking about how the past has influenced the present and how the present is shaping the future. We really enjoyed analysing old photos of Woodley and comparing them to images from today.

Science

In order to answer the question, 'What's the secret to a healthy body?', we have begun to study the circulatory system and how the heart works. This will help us to understand what we need in order to lead a healthy lifestyle.

PE

With Mr Edwards, the children have been taking part in athletics and did themselves proud in the 600m! With Mr Robinson and Mrs Partridge we have enjoyed making the most of the warmer weather by playing various games of rounders and capture the flag!

@HighwoodPrim6B @HighwoodPrim6R



The Orchard Speech and Language Resource News

Mrs Godfrey, Mrs Payne, Mrs Khan, Mrs Pithiya

Literacy: Poetry

We have been exploring alliteration and onomatopoeia this half term and writing our own poems! We have used alliteration to create a crazy cones poem about weird and wonderful ice-cream flavours. We have also been inspired by Roger McGough's Sound Collector poem to write about sounds that we have collected around Highwood.



Maths: Addition and Subtraction to 20, Place Value within 50, Multiplication and Division, Mass and Capacity



The summer term is when all our work in maths comes together! We have been using task plans to work independently and apply our maths knowledge to solve problems.



Outside Area News



Follow us on Twitter
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We have harvested some radishes and lettuce from our veg trug and written about it in our news books. We are hoping the sunflower, cornflower and poppy seeds will bloom before we break up for the summer!



PE/Sports News

Mr Edwards

Welcome to the Summer 1 edition "PE & Sports News Page" of academic year 2022/23.

PE Lessons:

This half term I have been testing the children's overall strength, agility, speed and fitness via a "quadkids" 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, despite the effect the lockdowns have had on our children's overall fitness. That said, there have been a number of children that have actually improved their fitness as they have found enjoyment out of many physical activities with their parents as we have been thrown together. This is a huge positive, I think you will all agree. I would like your support to continue to encourage your children to participate in sports out of school now that many have restarted so that we can improve on these results. It is very important that children keep active as much as they can.

Swimming lessons have continued this half term with Year 4C. They have loved every minute of it with many nervous first time swimmers progressing so fast in the pool they have moved up to my group from Miss Rowse's group and are continuing it



Summer Half Term Matches & Tournaments:

Woodley Schools Sports Week.

At the time of print, we will be in the middle of the 2023 Woodley Schools Sports Week. This is a fantastic week full of opportunities for many children in Woodley schools. On Monday we started with the opening ceremony dance routine. This years theme is "Movies" so Miss Coleman has chosen to choreograph a dance from "Matilda". In the afternoon we played in the Cecil Trembath 5/6 Cricket Tournament only losing one match to the eventual tournament winners. On Tuesday all pupils in year 1 will get to take part in a multiskills Festival, Wednesday year 3 will take part in a Paralympic Sports Festival, Thursday year 4 will take part in a Multisport Festival and on Friday, year 2 will take part in an All Stars Cricket Session. Good luck to all taking part!



outside of school lessons. This makes me so happy as it is a life skill as well as a curriculum skill. We look forward to the next group, 4B who start after the half term break. Miss Coleman this half term has been teaching dance to F2P who are having a great time learning tempo, movement, and creativity.



PE/Sports News

Sports coach: Mr Edwards

Wokingham School Games Tri-Golf

This half term we have taken part in the Year 4 "Tri-Golf" tournament. The weather certainly shone for us on a beautiful afternoon. The participation rules were 5 girls and 5 boys. All of our children played so well, putting their skills learned in PE to great use.



Highwood Vs Willowbank Cricket (Friendly)

A fantastic chance for our cricketers to get some practice in ahead of the league games and Wokingham Schools competition in June. Highwood running out convincing winners 250 - 181. There were some great all round performances.



After School Clubs:

This term we have:-

Tuesdays: KS1 Summer Sports & Year 5/6 Cricket Club.

Wednesdays: Year 3/4 Summer Sports Club

Thursdays: KS2 Athletics Clubs

Next Half Term

PE Lessons:- Continue Athletics & Cricket.

PE Kit required:-Summer Gear. Shorts, Highwood PE T-Shirt, trainers, not plimsolls (Black Plain Tracksuit optional). **No Earrings**

Next Half-Term Competitions:

Interhouse KS2 Rounders

Wokingham School Games

Wokingham Schools Cricket League

3/4 Tennis Red & 5/6 Tennis Orange

3/4 Cricket Stars

Achievements outside of school:

With many sports clubs returning to training, I would again like to see pictures to add in this section of the newsletter of the fun physical or sporty things you get up to outside of school.

I hope you all have a fun, relaxing and hopefully sunny, Half Term break.

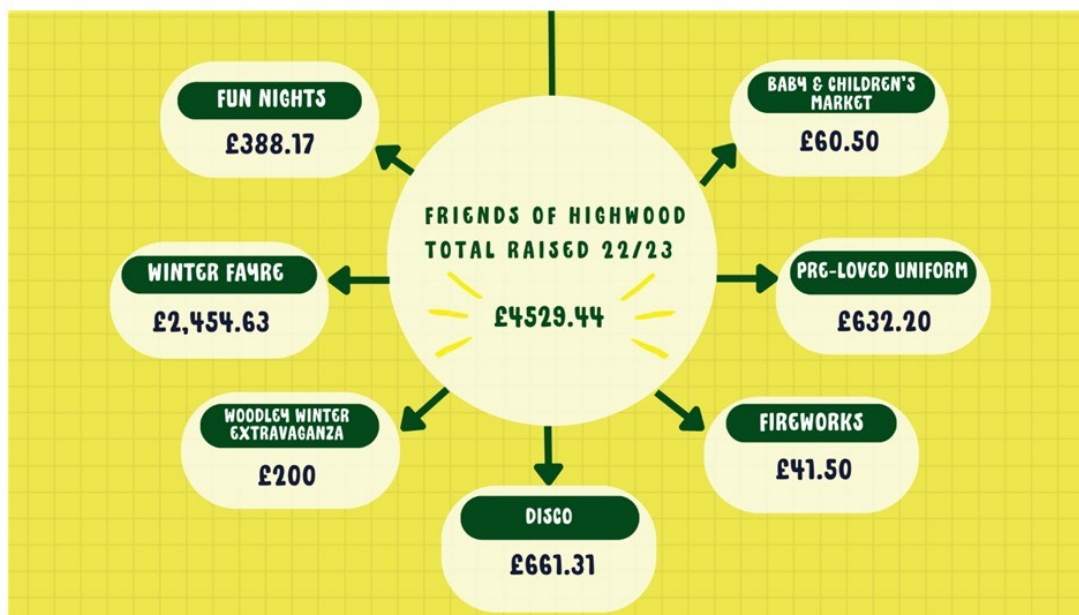
Mr Edwards.

Friends of Highwood

Friends of Highwood have had brilliant year, better than we could have hoped for as a new committee. Thanks to your support, we have been able to put on the following activities with amazing engagement:

- 2 x Fun Nights
- The Winter Fayre
- 3 x Discos (and 3 more still to come!)
- Pre-Loved Uniform Sales
- We have also held stalls at the Children & Baby Market and the Woodley Winter Extravaganza. We also have a pitch at the upcoming Woodley Carnival, for the second year.

We started the year hoping to raise enough to become a registered charity and we are stunned that this is now possible and opens up further opportunities in terms of fundraising for our school. You can see here what a phenomenal amount of money has been raised to go towards things that every child attending Highwood can benefit from.



Friends of Highwood

The school have a number of ideas of how this money will be spent but the number one contribution will be towards the adventure play area.



For those who don't know, the FOH committee is made up of a small group of working parents who each 'struggle to juggle' everything but know that events like those listed above wouldn't take place if it weren't for a "PTA". We would love for more parents to be involved; maybe come to meetings and/or contribute to the activities we're planning. There's no escaping the fact that these things do take (precious!) time but 'many hands make light work' and in order for us to keep up the momentum for the next academic year, we'd love to see some new faces (in addition to the ones we've seen this year)!

With that in mind, if you are interested in attending meetings, are able to engage with match-funding opportunities or just become more involved in what we do, please email

chairFOH@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk or drop us a message on one of our social media platforms:

Facebook: Friends of Highwood

Instagram: @friends_of_highwood_primary

Twitter: @HighwoodFOH

Finally, we would like to invite everyone to our Virtual AGM on Thursday 6th July 2023, 7:30pm; the more people we have helping to 'shape' Friends of Highwood, the more benefits we'll see. If anyone would like to put themselves forward as Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer or Secretary, please let us know.

With thanks, The FOH Committee





SENCo & Parent Support Adviser

Dear Families,

With longer days and hotter temperatures, we are crossing our fingers that the good weather continues into the Half term holiday. As well as Woodford Park paddling pool, which is opening for the season tomorrow, we have many playgrounds and nature areas within walking distance of the school that can be visited for free in the holiday.

*******Don't forget! Stay hydrated, wear a sun hat and wear sunscreen! Children can burn quickly, even in cloudy weather. Sun burn is no fun burn – take care!*******

We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break.

Mrs Sayer, Mrs Padbury and Mrs Hall

Local SEND Support



Information, support & what's on locally for SEND families.

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/local-offer-for-0-25-year-olds-with-additional-needs/>



Provide free, confidential, impartial SEND advice, guidance and support.
www.sendiasswokingham.org.uk



Specialist support for local Families who have Children & Young People with Special Needs parentingspecialchildren.co.uk



ASSIST Team
Autism Spectrum Service for Information Support and Training

Who we are:

Lucy Sayer – Family Support



I support the pupils in school and their families. This includes putting together a timetable of information events, training and social events that we can all, (current restrictions allowing!), enjoy as a school community. I'd also welcome any ideas you have about events, so please get in touch if there is anything you think would benefit the families of Highwood School.

Lindsay Padbury - Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo)



A special educational need/ and or disability (SEND) can cause barriers to a child's learning. My role in school is to identify the children's strengths and manage any extra needs they may have. I liaise with teachers and teaching assistants to help support the pupil's needs and discuss appropriate actions that will help reduce any barriers to their learning. If you have any SEND concerns, please initially talk to your child's class teacher.

Lisa Hall – Attendance Officer



I am here to support Highwood families with all matter around attendance and punctuality. At Highwood, we aim for a minimum 96% attendance across the school, and I will contact and work closely with families to help them achieve this. Please contact me if you have any attendance or punctuality concerns.

Local SEND Support

Local Offer information

Local support for 0 - 25 year olds with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

[Local Offer for 0 - 25 year olds with additional needs - Wokingham Borough Council](#)

Wokingham SENDIASS

We provide free, confidential, impartial advice, guidance and support.

Understanding SEN support

Advice about EHCPs

Information about health and social care

Helping to understand reports and paperwork

Expressing your views

Building good relationships with professionals

And more...

<https://www.sendiasswokingham.org.uk/>

Children with Additional Needs (CAN) Network Wokingham

The Children with Additional needs (CAN) Network is an information and support service for children and young people (up to age 25) with additional needs and their families.

[Children with additional needs \(CAN\) network - Wokingham Borough Council](#)

Parenting Special Children

We provide specialist support for Berkshire Families who have Children + Young People with Special Needs

[Home Page - PSC \(parentingspecialchildren.co.uk\)](http://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk)

List of Local SEN support compiled by SENDIASS Wokingham

[Other sources of support \(sendiasswokingham.org.uk\)](https://www.sendiasswokingham.org.uk)

Camp Mohawk

Camp Mohawk is a multi-functional day centre for children with special needs and their families, set in 5 acres of beautiful countryside, just outside Wargrave, Berkshire.

Free Half Term Activities

[Half Term Events and Activities in Wokingham \(wokinghamrocks.co.uk\)](http://wokinghamrocks.co.uk)

[Woodley Town Center \(woodleytowncentre.co.uk\)](http://woodleytowncentre.co.uk)



[The Museum of English Rural Life \(reading.ac.uk\)](http://reading.ac.uk)

[Collections – Cole Museum \(reading.ac.uk\)](http://reading.ac.uk)



<https://www.woodley.gov.uk/woodley-library>

<https://www.woodley.gov.uk/parks-facilities/woodford-park-leisure-centre/paddling-pool>

(Open 11am – 6pm daily from 27th May)

Reminders



SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform can be purchased direct from our supplier Michael Hope at the following [link](#)

We now only have cardigans and a few larger size jumpers left and small size PE tops available to order via SCOPAY.



School dinners

Children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 are entitled to universal free school meals, funded by the government. If your child would like a school dinner please let the class teacher know and this will be booked for them.

Children in Nursery, Years 3 to 6 are required to pay for dinners. The price of a school dinner is **£2.30 per day**. Payment should be made via SCOPAY in advance.

If you think your child may be eligible for benefits related free school meals please contact the school office for a form.

Please note that we are a NUT-FREE school.



ABSENCE

Please contact the school office by 9.30am if your child is absent stating the reason for the absence. This can be done via the Arbor Portal/APP or by phone on 0118 9265493.

If your child is going to be late and requires a hot dinner this must be booked by 9.30am.

All requests for leave of absence must be made on the absence form available from the school office. Routine appointments should be made outside of school time.

Please see the latest Attendance Policy on the school website regarding Penalty Notices.

EARRINGS

Please note that our school policy is for earrings to be removed for PE, for the health and safety of the children.

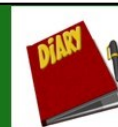


It is recommended that ear piercing is only done in the first week of the summer holidays to allow the time for them to settle.

Please ensure that your child has practised taking them out as well.

Only stud earrings are allowed in school.

Diary Dates & Attendance



Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023	Half term holiday - school closed
Monday 5th June 2023	Start of second half of Summer term
Tuesday 6th June	Years 3 and 4 SPLAT - 1.30 to 3pm
Tuesday 6th June	Year 1 Animal Day - visit from Basil & Crew
Wednesday 7th June	F2 SPLAT - 1.30 to 3pm
Thursday 8th June	F1 SPLAT - 10.30 to 11.30am or 2pm to 3pm
Saturday 10th June	Woodley Carnival
Monday 12th June	F2 Trip to Wellington Country Park
Tuesday 13th - Tuesday 20th June	Travelling Book Fair in school
Tuesday 13th June	Years 5 and 6 SPLAT - 1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 14th June	School photographer - class photos and Year 6 Leavers
Thursday 15th June	Years 1 and 2 SPLAT - 1.30 to 3pm
Wednesday 21st June	F2 and KS1 sports day - am
Thursday 22nd June	KS2 sports day - am
Friday 23rd June	Year 4 Coding Challenge - am
Monday 26th June	Year 3 trip to The Living Rainforest
Monday 3rd - Wednesday 5th July	Year 6 at PGL Residential
Monday 3rd July	Year 5 Fishbowl Day at Bulmershe School
Wednesday 5th July	F1 Sports Day - am
Monday 10th July	Parent meeting for children starting in F2 September 9.30am to 10.45am
Wednesday 12th July	Year 6 production - evening
Thursday 13th July	Year 6 production - afternoon
Friday 14th July	Summer Picnic - 1.45pm to 4.15pm
Friday 14th July	One page reports out to parents
Monday 17th July	Moving Up morning
Wednesday 19th July	Parents Evening (for those who request to discuss report content)
Wednesday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers' Awards Celebration
Thursday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 20th July	Last day of summer term - school closes at 1.30pm
Friday 21st July	Inset day - school closed to pupils
Monday 24th July to Thursday 31st August	Summer Holidays
Friday 1st September 2023	Inset day - school closed to pupils
Monday 4th September 2023	Start of Autumn Term

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you!

Congratulations on School Attendance!

Lisa Hall, our Attendance Officer would like to express her thanks for your support in improving our attendance rates at Highwood. We are very pleased that the overall attendance for Highwood pupils this week is **96.5%**. This is a great achievement for our school. These high rates of attendance ensure that children maximise their progress as learners and we are so pleased that children are happy in the school environment, wanting to come to school each day.

Have a great half term break and let's work together to improve attendance even further when we all return.

Once again, thank you for all your support and, in particular, for ensuring that our children are in school every day and ready to learn. If you have any questions about attendance please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Hall, our Attendance Officer.

Lisa Hall

Attendance Officer

My working hours are Mon and Wed 8.30-1pm, Tues and Thurs 8.30-2.30, Fri 8.30-12.30