

# Headteacher's Bulletin

08/09/2023

Dear Parents / Carers,  
Welcome back to a new school year and for our new families, welcome to Highwood. Staff and pupils have settled well into their new classes, and teachers are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the 'Meet the Teacher' evening next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to put any concerned minds at rest regarding the recent issues with RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete). Our school has been surveyed and you can be assured that no issues with concrete were found.

Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey  
Headteacher



## ? Literacy and Maths - ! Workshops X <

This term, our Literacy and Maths workshops will be online recordings, which will be made available to parents as follows:  
*Literacy – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September*  
*Maths – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.*  
Further details on how to access these will be sent nearer the time. ( ) % : = & >

## Friends of Highwood

Friends of Highwood kept busy over summer planning plenty more excitement for the year ahead! Details of events will be sent out as they are confirmed but do make sure you save the date for the Winter Fair on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December!** FOH events cannot take place without plenty of support so do please consider putting yourself

forward to help. It is very rewarding to see all the children enjoying the events, and it is also a great way to meet other parents! You can find more information about the FOH on our [website](#).

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**We Are A Nut-Free School**  
Please remember that we are a **NUT-FREE** school and ensure that your child does not bring in **any** food containing nuts or nut products. This includes, for example, Nutella chocolate spread, and any food cooked in a nut oil. Exposure to nut products is a serious issue for those with allergies so please ensure that you adhere to this policy for the safety of our whole school community.

## Astra Recycling Textile Collection Bank at Highwood

We now have our own textiles bank on site to collect your unwanted clothes and accessories. Textiles that can be reused are shipped to Eastern Europe and Africa, and the rest are sent to companies that can convert them into, for example, industrial cleaning wipes or insulation material – so they can even take your odd socks! The bank will be regularly emptied and will earn money for the school so please remember it is there when you next have a clear out.

### Can take:

- Clothes
- Shoes
- Bed linen
- Accessories such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves, handbags
- Soft toys

### Cannot take:

- Duvets or cushions
- Off cuts
- Carpet or curtains

Please put your donations in a bag



## Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023 Meet the Teacher

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 6.00-7.30pm

**Year 3 Maths SPLAT** -

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30 - 3.00pm

( ) **Year 1 Maths SPLAT**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30 - 3.00pm

**Year 5 Maths SPLAT** 3/4

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30 - 3.00pm

> **F2 Maths SPLAT**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30 - 3.00pm

**Parents' Evening**

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 5.00-8.00pm

**Parents' Evening**

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 3.30-6.00pm

**Half Term – School Closed**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

= **Year 4 Maths SPLAT**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 1.30 - 3.00pm

**Year 2 Maths SPLAT** %

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1.30 - 3.00pm

< **F1 Maths SPLAT – morning**

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> November, 10.30-11.30am

**F1 Maths SPLAT – afternoon** X

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2.00-3.00pm

**Individual and Sibling Photos**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

÷ **Year 6 Maths SPLAT**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1.30 - 3.00pm

**Children in Need Day**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

★ **FS and KS1 Nativity – morning**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

**Years 1-6 Christmas Lunch/Party with**

**Christmas Jumper Day Fundraiser**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**FS and KS1 Nativity – afternoon**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

**FS and KS1 Nativity – morning** ★

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

★ **FOH Winter Fair** ★

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, time TBC

**F1 and F2 Christmas Party**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Parent Book Look**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Last Day of Autumn Term**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December