

# Headteacher's Bulletin

15/09/2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Meet the Teacher sessions last night. Good communication between school and home is key, so it was encouraging to see so many of you there. For those not able to attend, the teacher presentations will be emailed out to parents, and if you have any questions you can contact your child's teacher through the year group email.

Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey

Headteacher



## Attendance 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Sept

Whole school attendance: 95.2%

Top class for attendance: Year 6B 98%

## School Attendance

Well done to 6B for a fantastic 98% attendance last week! We have had an excellent start to the year with the whole school attendance at 95.2% last week, so let's keep this

going! If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance please contact Lisa Hall, our Attendance Officer, who will support you to ensure that your child attends school healthy and happy, and with the best possible chance to succeed. Please remember that:

- Classrooms are open to children from 8.35am and the school day begins at 8:45am – *all pupils are expected to be in school at this time*. Morning registration closes at 8:55am.
- Lateness is recorded – daily and monitored by the Attendance Officer.
- Ensure that you contact the school by 9.15am if your child is absent.
- Leave of absence during term time will not be authorised unless it is for exceptional or compassionate reasons. Family holidays and outings will **not** be authorised.

## Friends of Highwood Save the Dates!

The first FOH events for the year are confirmed!

- A Quiz Night for parents/adults on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, from 7.30pm, at school. It's time to get your teams together (up to six people, £2 each) and your brains in gear for our first parent social event! More details will follow on Monday when booking opens.
- Discos for Years F2 - Year 6 after school, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Booking for tickets will open from 16<sup>th</sup> October – 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- Pre-loved uniform sale, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 8.35-9.00am.

The next FOH meeting is on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, at school. If you would like to attend please let FOH know by emailing

[ChairFOH@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:ChairFOH@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk) so they can make sure they

have enough biscuits!

## Materials for Junk Modelling

Year 1 would be grateful for items that they can use for junk modelling. Please hand any suitable CLEAN items to the class teacher or the main office.

## Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

## Bank Holiday – school closed

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024

## Inset Day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

## First Day of Spring Term

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

## Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

### Literacy Workshop available

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

### 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

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

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

### Maths Workshop available to parents

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

### 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