

# Headteacher's Bulletin

29/09/2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

As advised previously, the Literacy Workshops are now being issued as recorded presentations, and details on how to access these will be emailed to parents today. If you have any questions regarding the presentations, or how English is taught at Highwood, you can email your child's teacher through the year group email. These all follow the same address format and, as an example, Year 2 would be year2@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk.

Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey

Headteacher



## Attendance 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>th</sup> Sept

Whole school attendance:	96.7%
Top class for attendance:	Year 4W 99.7%

Well done to Year 4W for a fantastic 99.7% attendance last week! This was closely followed by Year 5D who were also over 99% - well done! Although our whole school attendance has slipped slightly from the previous week, we are still above our target of 96% which is great!

## School Census Day

Don't forget that it is school census day on Thursday, so please encourage your child to have a hot dinner that day. The menu on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> will be fish or beet burger with chips and on Friday it will be chicken korma with rice, or vegetable wellington with potatoes. Jacket potatoes will be available as usual each day.



## Start of the School Day

Remember, our school day starts at 8.45am, and all pupils are expected to be in school at this time. Classrooms are open to children from 8.35am, as part of a soft start approach. Arriving on time for school helps the children settle in and be ready to start their learning with the rest of the class. If you are having issues with this and would like some support, please contact Mrs Hall, our Attendance Officer, at lhall@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk.



## Friends of Highwood

FOH are busy organising plenty of exciting events for this term! Tickets are still on sale [here](#) for the adult **quiz night** on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, so make sure you get a team together and be part of our first parent social! Our last Friday morning **preloved uniform sale** of this year will be on 6<sup>th</sup> October (8.35-9.00am). We will have uniform available to

buy at the parents evenings on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October. It is **disco time** again! We will be holding another disco evening for F2 – Year 6 on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. More details to follow and tickets go on sale on 16<sup>th</sup> October.



SAVE THE DATE for the **Winter Fayre**! This will be on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 11.00am – 2.00pm. As always, these events depend heavily on donations so if any parents or family members work for a company willing to donate a prize for the raffle please get in touch ([ChairFOH@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:ChairFOH@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk)). We had some fantastic prizes last year, such as hampers and football shirts, which all help raise funds for the school that all our children will benefit from.

## Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023



### 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

### Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

