

Headteacher's Bulletin

10/11/2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Our new student head team accompanied Mrs. Welsh and myself to the schools' Act of Remembrance today at the Woodley Memorial, an event that was attended by representatives from all the Woodley schools. All the students present conducted themselves admirably and it was both moving and encouraging to see them paying their respects in this way and understanding the importance of doing so. Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey
Headteacher



Schools' Act of Remembrance

Students from all the Woodley Schools came together today to remember those that sacrificed their lives to ensure our freedom. Representatives from the Royal British Legion, the Woodley Town Mayor and other local Councillors joined the schools to pay their respects while wreaths were laid and a two-minute silence observed. The soldier silhouette created by Highwood for the Woodley Memorial Committee event on Sunday was also on display. Each child in school had decorated a poppy for the display, with those from Years 5 and 6 conveying heartfelt messages of hope or remembrance. It is a very moving, lasting memorial representing our community's thanks to those who gave everything for us.

Further Remembrance events are taking place at the Woodley Memorial over the weekend, on both Saturday and Sunday, to which all are welcome.



Friends of Highwood

It is not long until the Winter Fayre! Events like this can only happen with a lot of support so if you are able to volunteer some time to help on Saturday 9th December please fill in the form [here](#) before **Friday 24th November**. If you have any questions please email FOH at chairFOH@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk.

Christmas Cards and Gifts

Don't forget – the deadline for ordering cards and gifts with your child's personal design on is **TONIGHT** at 23.59!



Christmas Lunch

The school Christmas Lunch and party day will be on Wednesday 6th December. If your child would like the hot Christmas dinner, this **MUST** be ordered by **Wednesday 15th November** by completing the form recently sent to you, and by making the payment through SCOPAY.



Autumn Term 2023 Diary Dates



Children in Need Day

Friday 17th November



FOH Non-Uniform Day

Friday 1st December



Maths Workshop available to parents

Friday 1st December



FS and KS1 Nativity - morning

Tuesday 5th December

Years 1-6 Christmas Lunch/Party with Christmas Jumper Day Fundraiser

Wednesday 6th December

FS and KS1 Nativity - afternoon

Thursday 7th December

FS and KS1 Nativity - morning

Friday 8th December

FOH Winter Fair

Sat 9th December, 11.00am-2.00pm

F1 and F2 Christmas Party

Thursday 14th December

Parent Book Look

Thursday 14th December

Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 15th December

Dangerous Parking

Sadly, we are still getting complaints from local residents about selfish and dangerous parking by Highwood parents. Drop-off and pick-up times are busy, so we would encourage everyone to leave time to park slightly further away from school, where it is not so crowded. The Waterside Restaurant on Fairwater Drive is happy for parents to park there and walk the short distance to school, which would ease the congestion around school and make it safer for the children in our school.

Attendance 30th Oct – 3rd Nov

Whole school attendance:	95.6%	Whole School Target – over 96%
Top class for attendance:	Year 1G 99.3%	

Well done Year 1G – 99.3% attendance last week is fantastic! Our whole school figure has risen too, which is great to see. We are nearly at our target figure!