

Headteacher's Bulletin

08/12/2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a very busy week - our Foundation and Key Stage 1 children excelled themselves in their Nativity performances and the whole school enjoyed our Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day on Wednesday. Well done to all the children for the effort they have put in to all the activities.

A note for next term – we have been informed that the Bulmershe Leisure Centre are employing a parking attendant from January to ensure that only centre-users have access to their car park. In order to continue our good relationship with the centre please do not attempt to park there, as you will be turned away.

Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey

Headteacher



Foundation and KS1 Nativity Performances

What a joy it was to see the Nativities this week! The children all performed beautifully, singing with plenty of enthusiasm and style! Thank you to all the Foundation and Key Stage 1 staff – it takes a lot of work to put on shows as special as these and the effort could be seen in how well all the children performed. A lovely start to our Christmas activities!



Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day!

It felt very festive in the lunch hall on Wednesday with our whole school Christmas Lunch! The catering and lunch staff did a fantastic job of getting everyone through and it was a real party atmosphere. Thank you to the Friends of Highwood, who donated the drinks and cups for us. There was a great variety of Christmas Jumpers too! Thank you to everyone who was able to make a donation for our chosen



charity, Daisy's Dream, a local charity that supports children through bereavement. We managed to raise over £220 which is fantastic!



Friends of Highwood

Don't forget to come to the FOH Winter Fayre tomorrow, Saturday 9th December, from 11.00am – 2.00pm! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and there will be games, stalls, gifts to buy at Elfridges, a performance from the choir, tombolas, a raffle, refreshments including the Sizzling Pod, and much more! See you there!

Autumn Term 2023 Diary Dates

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 at 1.30pm.

There will be no After-School Club on this day.

Spring Term 2024
Inset Day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 2nd January, all day
First Day of Spring Term 2024

Wednesday 3rd January
Inset Day – school closed to pupils

Friday 9th February, all day
Half Term Holiday – school closed

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February
Last Day of Spring Term

Thursday 28th March at 1.30pm.
There will be no After-School Club on this day.

Attendance 27th Nov – 1st Dec

Whole school attendance:	93.8%
Top class for attendance:	Year 1BG 98.3%

Congratulations to Year 1BG for their fantastic attendance of 98.3%! Well done also to Year 2A, who were very close behind with 98.2%.

Bee on time!
Making sure that your child is at school and ready to learn is vital to ensuring that they do not miss out on key learning or start their school day unsettled. Our school day starts at 8.50am and we expect all children to be in class by this time, ready to learn. If you are late, you will now be expected to sign a register detailing why.

Don't forget!
Pick up is at 1.30pm on Friday 15th December!