

Headteacher's Bulletin

05/01/2024

Dear Parents / Carers,
Happy New Year to all our families and welcome back to school for spring 2024. We are welcoming some new members of staff this term – Miss Craker who has joined our Nursery staff, Mrs Hind who is teaching Year 5, and Mrs Morris, our new Family Support Worker.


There are plenty of events to enjoy this year, including our spring SPLAT sessions, which are a great opportunity for parents to come into school and see what your children are learning. We look forward to welcoming you into school soon.

Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey
Headteacher



Welcome to Our New Family Support Worker!

 Lucy Morris has a background in Early Years Education, special educational needs and family support and has joined Highwood this term as our Family Support Worker to support the pupils in school and their families. In school this will include help with behavioural, social or emotional well-being, supporting transitions between schools or issues with life at home. It involves working closely with you as parents and also providing support for you with short and long term challenges. Mrs Morris has plans to utilise the Family Centre for coffee mornings, training events, catch-ups and other events and she would welcome your ideas on what you feel would benefit the families of Highwood School. She can be contacted by calling the school office between 8.30am-3.30pm or by emailing FSW@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk. The first event will be a coffee morning on Friday 12th January, from 8.45am – if you would like to join us please come to reception after dropping your children to class!

NO NUTS Please remember that we are a **NUT-FREE** school. We do have people within school with severe allergies so it is **vital** that **EVERYONE** adheres to the no-nut policy. This includes items containing any nuts, nut products or cooked in nut oil. Please ensure that you are vigilant with this to keep our whole school community safe.

Parking - Keep Pupils Safe

Please remember that Bulmershe Leisure Centre have now employed a car park attendant so do not try to park there at school drop-off and pick-up as you will be moved on. It is important that you find somewhere **SAFE** to park, NOT on a pavement or over the entrance to the Reading University car park on Woodlands Avenue, as this increases the danger to pedestrians. Keep our community safe and park considerately.

Friends of Highwood

Welcome back! We will be in touch with details of planned FOH events soon but if you would like to get in touch in the meantime please email ChairFOH@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk

❄️ ❄️ **Thank You, FOH!** ❄️
The Winter Fayre last term was another phenomenal success, raising £2,077! Thank you to everyone who was able to come, to the school staff that helped and especially to all the members of FOH for their hard work and fantastic organisation! *Thank you!*

Spring Term 2024

Diary Dates

Parent Book Look

Thursday 8th February, 3.15-3.45pm

Inset Day – school closed to pupils

Friday 9th February, all day

Half Term Holiday – school closed

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Reports out to parents

Friday 1st March

Year 6 SPLAT

Monday 4th March, 1.30-3.00pm

Year 3 SPLAT

Tuesday 5th March, 1.30-3.00pm

Year 1 SPLAT

Wednesday 6th March, 1.30-3.00pm

F1 SPLAT - morning

Thursday 7th March, 10.30-11.30am

F1 SPLAT - afternoon

Thursday 7th March, 2.00-3.00pm

Year 2 SPLAT

Monday 11th March, 1.30-3.00pm

F2 SPLAT

Tuesday 12th March, 1.30-3.00pm

Year 5 SPLAT

Wednesday 13th March, 1.30-3.00pm

Year 4 SPLAT

Thursday 14th March, 1.30-3.00pm

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Parents Meeting

Tuesday 19th March, 3.30-4.30pm

Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting

Thursday 21st March, 3.30-4.30pm

Last Day of Spring Term

Thursday 28th March at 1.30pm.

No After-School Club on this day.

Summer Term 2024

First Day of Summer Term

Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday – school closed

Monday 6th May

Half Term Holiday – school closed

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

Last Day of Summer Term

Friday 19th July at 1.30pm.

No After-School Club on this day.

Inset Days – school closed to pupils

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July