

# Headteacher's Bulletin

12/01/2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am currently meeting with teachers to discuss in detail the progress of the children in their classes. With the in-depth knowledge that our teachers have about each child we can ensure that everything possible is being put in place to enable each and every pupil to progress throughout their time at Highwood.

Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey

Headteacher



## Census Day Menu Change

School census day is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January so please encourage your child to have a hot dinner that day. The menu on census day will be fishfingers or cheese omelette with chips and on the Friday it will be chicken korma or veggie meatballs with rice. Jacket potatoes are available both days.



## Attendance 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> January

Whole school attendance:	92.1%
Top class for attendance:	Year 5H 96.8%

Congratulations to Year 5H for 96.8% attendance for our first week back, and to Year 4W who were close behind with 96.2%. As we settle in to the new year let's push for our whole school figure to reach our target of over 96%.



## Friends of Highwood

FOH will be holding their first pre-loved uniform sale of 2024 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January from 8.35-9.00am by the Fairwater Drive pedestrian gate. Please ensure that you bring change, and a bag to carry your purchases!



## Winter Weather



The weather has now turned very cold so please ensure that your child has a warm coat to wear outside, and their winter PE kit, which includes a jumper or hoodie and long jogging bottoms, and hat and gloves if possible too!



## School Library Books

Please check at home for any school library books that may be hidden around. If books are missing from the library then other children cannot borrow and enjoy them.



## Wokingham Borough

### Transport Plan

Wokingham Borough Council is updating its Local Transport Plan and would like feedback from residents. Click [here](#) to access the document and complete the survey, or see the email issued this week.



## Atlases and Archaeology!

The children have settled back well and are enjoying their new topics for this term. Year 2A have loved using the atlases to find countries and using songs to learn the names of the seven continents. Year 5D have been busy digging up hidden artefacts to start their topic on Anglo Saxons and Vikings.



## Spring Term 2024

### Diary Dates

#### Parent Book Look

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 3.15-3.45pm

**Inset Day – school closed to pupils**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, all day

**Half Term Holiday – school closed**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

### Reports out to parents

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

**Year 6 SPLAT**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30-3.00pm

**Year 3 SPLAT**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30-3.00pm

**Year 1 SPLAT**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30-3.00pm

**F1 SPLAT - morning**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30-11.30am

**F1 SPLAT - afternoon**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2.00-3.00pm

**Year 2 SPLAT**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30-3.00pm

**F2 SPLAT**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30-3.00pm

**Year 5 SPLAT**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30-3.00pm

**Year 4 SPLAT**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1.30-3.00pm

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**

**Parents Meeting**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30-4.30pm

**Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 3.30-4.30pm

**Last Day of Spring Term**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm.

**No After-School Club on this day.**

## Summer Term 2024

**First Day of Summer Term**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

**Bank Holiday – school closed**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term Holiday – school closed**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Last Day of Summer Term**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm.

**No After-School Club on this day.**

**Inset Days – school closed to pupils**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July