

# Headteacher's Bulletin

26/01/2024

Dear Parents / Carers,  
As you will be aware, Mrs Morris, our Family Support Worker, has arranged a coffee morning for Friday 2nd February. These events are a valuable opportunity for you to meet other parents as well as a chance to speak to Mrs Morris and share useful information. If you are not able to attend these sessions but have suggestions of how we can best support our families and build beneficial parent engagement please do email [FSW@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:FSW@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk).

Thank you for your support.

Matt Hickey

Headteacher



**House Netball Winners!**  
This week saw the conclusion to the House netball, with the Red Kites emerging victorious. This was down to the sharp shooting and a 2-0 win over the Hawks. All of the teams played amazingly well and a huge congratulations to the House Captains for their organisation of the teams, utilisation of subs and overall professionalism – well done!

**Boys Year 5/6 Football**  
Our 5/6 Boys football team played Keep Hatch Primary in the Wokingham Primary Schools Shield this week. Despite a fantastic effort from Highwood, and some great play, we just could not get the ball into the opposition net. It was a very tight game from which Keep Hatch emerged as the winners, 1-0. Well done to all, and we wish Keep Hatch well in the next round.



## Roman Defences!

## Attendance 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January

Whole school attendance:	95.6%
Top class for attendance:	Year 3B 97.7%

Congratulations to Year 3B for top attendance last week! Year 3R were very close behind too with 97.3% and our whole school figure is creeping closer to our target of 96%!

**Books For First Days**  
The First Days children's charity would like books to distribute, as they feel that the opportunity for reading should be accessible to all. If you have any child/teen aged books that are in excellent condition and you no longer need, please consider dropping them at one of the local First Days collection points, details of which can be found [here](#).

## Duracell Big Battery Hunt

We are taking part in Duracell's Big Battery Hunt again to ensure batteries are sent to recycling rather than household waste, where they can take 100 years to decompose. Bring your used batteries to the office and we will send them for recycling. We may also be in with a chance of winning £3,500 of outdoor equipment for the school!

Year 4 have worked hard producing their fantastic Roman shields, and have been learning about how the soldiers protected themselves from attack. They have even made some effective defences for themselves!

## Spring Term 2024

### Diary Dates

**Coffee Morning with First Days**  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 8.45-10.00am

**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

F1's 'Sound of the Week' next week is 'p'

