

Highworth Combined School & Nursery

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Newsletter – 21st June 2019 Issue 24

Letters sent home & e-School messages: *Big Science Event, Science Home Learning Challenges, FAQ Highcrest Banding Tests (Y5), Soak a Year 6 (Y6), Seaside Trip to Littlehampton (Y2), Peripatetic Music in September (Y3, Y4, Y5)*

Dear Parents and Carers

The first of many events this term took place on Tuesday evening: our Summer Concert. As ever, we were treated to some wonderful performances. Many thanks to Mrs Martin, Miss Barr, Mrs Makohon and Mrs Lipinski for all the time and effort that they put in to preparing for such an enjoyable evening.

It is the time of year, when very sadly (for us), we are preparing to say goodbye to some members of staff. Mrs Holloway has secured an exciting promotion to a new position at a school in Sheffield, starting in September. Miss Barr will also be moving to a new school, but a little closer to home in Marlow. After 20 years at Highworth, Mrs Makohon will be retiring at the end of term. I'm not sure how restful her retirement will be however, as she will see the arrival of 3 new grandchildren this year! As parents of children taught by these fabulous teachers, you will know what a huge contribution they have each made to the progress and happiness of so many children, and to our school as a whole. Thank you, all three of you, for the many hours that you have dedicated to Highworth School. We wish you every happiness for the future.

You will be pleased to hear that we will also be welcoming some staff! Mrs Day, Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Milner will all return from Maternity Leave during July. Mrs Horrocks, who has been a student teacher this year, has been appointed as a Class Teacher and we have recruited a highly experienced teacher, Olga Clarke, to be a Class Teacher and Phase Leader. Your children will meet their new teacher for the next academic year on the **2nd July** and you will receive a letter that afternoon which will confirm who this is.

Clare Pankhania

ATTENDANCE

The display board at the front of the school shows each year group's weekly attendance.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%

**BEST ATTENDANCE 99.3%
(CLASS 2B & CLASS 3MP)**

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS
ABOVE TARGET AT 97.1%**

PUNCTUALITY:

Gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL ON TIME.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 25th June

Meeting for parents new to Nursery 9.15-10.45am

Support group for parents with children with SEN 1.00-2.30pm

Saturday 29th June

PTA Summer Fun Day -11.30 -1.30pm

Parent Zone

Support group for parents with children with SEN

On Tuesday 25th June I will be holding the half termly support group for parents of children with ASD and ADHD. This has been a small group of parents who meet half termly to share experiences and ideas and is a very relaxed and informal group. In September this group will change to encompass parents who have children with all SEN or behavioural needs. If you are interested in coming along to the support group and you are free to come along on Tuesday 25th June to see what the group is about, you would be very welcome. The group starts at 1pm and finishes about 2.30pm. We have tea, coffee and biscuits as well as very friendly supportive parents who you can share your experiences with. Please come along to the main school office just before 1pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fun in the sun

We've experienced some 'mixed' weather of late, but just in case we get a period of sunshine and heat, may I remind you of the following:

- Please apply sun cream to your children at home in the morning. If you use one of the '8 hour' brands now available, this will be sufficient protection for the day
- Please supply a hat and a filled water bottle in addition to lunch time drinks
- If your child suffers from hay fever or other seasonal allergies, please ensure that they have been given antihistamine before coming to school

Beccy Hatch

Parent Support Worker

PTA NEWS

Summer Fun Day is only a week away!

We still need volunteers, please contact us on highworthfriends@gmail.com if you'd like to help.

We also need cakes on the day - see flyer below for more details.

We hope to see lots of you there.



HIGHWORTH FRIENDS PRESENTS

SUMMER fun Day 2019

ENTRANCE
£1 ADULT
50P CHILDREN
UNDER 2'S **FREE**

11:30AM
TO
1:30PM

SATURDAY
29TH JUNE
HIGHWORTH
COMBINED SCHOOL



FACE PAINTING



BODY ZORBING

Fun Activities

- ✓ BBQ/ INDIAN FOOD
- ✓ REFRESHMENTS
- ✓ CAKE STALL
- ✓ RAFFLE
- ✓ MUSIC

Fun Outdoor Activities!

Come on Down and
Join the fun!



SUMMER FUN DAY CAKE STALL

SATURDAY 29TH JUNE

11.30AM-1.30PM

We are asking if you would please donate cakes either shop bought or homemade (please include a list of ingredients as without, they will not be sold). These can range from small individual cakes or large family cakes, fairy buns or cookies.

Please can you let us know by email to highworthfriends@gmail.com whether you can help, and bring them into school

before 11am on the morning of Saturday 29th June

As always we really appreciate your continued support to all of our events.
The more cakes we have the more money we can raise for the school to enhance the children's learning and environment

