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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: ; Secondary Transfer 2023 (Y5), Lost Property; Graduation/Beach Party (Nursery); Extreme Weather

Dear All

Guess what... another busy week! On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, children in year 6, supported by a choir of children from years 4 and 5, performed The Wizard of Oz to great acclaim from the audience. Children and staff have worked incredibly hard to prepare and huge thanks must go to them all. The performances are always a time of mixed emotions; pride and happiness for parents and teachers alike when recognising how much children have developed and progressed during their time at primary school and feelings of loss and sadness that their time at Highworth is coming to an end. This was very much evident this week.

As the year draws to an end, it seems right to share with you some successes. You may have seen this head line in the national news: *Sats results: Standards slip in Year 6 tests*. I am delighted to tell you that this is not the case for our school. In fact, standards have risen with a greater number of children achieving 'The Expected Standard' in Reading, Writing and Maths than ever before at our school. This is also the case for the results of the End of Key Stage 1 tests, completed by children in Year 2. This is a remarkable achievement given all that has happened since March 2020 and is testament to the shared commitment from every part of the community to do the best for our pupils. Thank you to each and every one of you, staff, parents and governors; your support and dedication is so much appreciated.

Today, we are sending home Annual Reports. These will give you comprehensive information on how your child is progressing at school and, as we aim to keep you informed throughout the year, there should be no surprises. In the unlikely event that there is something that you need to know NOT covered by the report, it is possible to make an appointment to see your child's current class teacher between 3.30pm and 5pm on Monday 18th July. Please phone Mrs Bennett on 01494 525534 if an appointment is required.

My very best wishes for a happy weekend.

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: 90.7% (CLASS 6S)
WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:
85.2%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 20th July

School closes at **2.15pm** for the summer break.

Children return to school on Wednesday 7th September (except Nursery & Reception)