



# Highwood Update

Highwood Primary School, Loves Green, Chelmsford

## Welcome to the last update of this academic year.

As we end our term, we will be saying good-bye to our wonderful year 6 children as they move to the next stage of their educational journey. All of them will be going to different schools. They have been an amazing group of young people and will be missed by all.

### CLASS NAMES

This year we decided to name our classes linked to our topic on Treasure: .

Reception and Year 1 will be the **Jolly Roger**

Years 2,3 & 4 will be the **Golden Hinde**

Years 5 & 6 will be the **Black Pearl**

### TOPIC NEXT YEAR

Our topics next year will be :

Autumn Term: **Traditional Tales**

Spring Term: **Treasure**

Summer Term: **Inventors.**

Our Annual Overview will be published on the school website and termly summaries will be posted on Seesaw

### UNIFORM

From September 2024, we will continue to allow children come to school in their PE kits on their PE day **BUT** ensure it is the **correct school kit**, no football kits. Your child can continue to come to school on their Forest School day in appropriate clothes, which should be long trousers and tops with long sleeves. On the other days, children will be expected to wear the **correct full** school uniform.

### ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Some of you have asked about the letter sent regarding our new Attendance and Punctuality Policy. To clarify, the key message is for schools and families to continue to work closely together to improve attendance and punctuality. We fully understand that there will be times when being late cannot be avoided, just make sure we are informed of the reason and we could still authorise this. Term time holidays have not been allowed for some time; parents can still apply for special leave and this could be authorised under exceptional circumstances, however this will be done on a case by case basis.

### PE Days

Tuesday Years 4, 5 & 6

Thursday Year Reception & Year 1, Years 2 & 3

### FOREST SCHOOLS

Wednesday Reception & Year 1

Friday Years 2 to 6

### CLUBS

Details of clubs will be sent out at the start of next term once finalised. We are planning to offer after school clubs for most days. As soon as these are finalised we will let you know.

### SCHOOL DINNERS

Our school dinner provider has increased the cost for school dinners again. Therefore from September a school dinner will cost **£2.50**. Reminder to the parents of the current year 2 children, Universal Infant Free School meals, will no longer apply when in year 3.

### DATES FOR NEXT TERM

**Years 1 to 6 return**

**Reception start**

Wednesday 4th September normal times

Wednesday 4th September till 12 pm

Thursday 5th September till 1pm

Friday 6th September in all day

The Science Museum



Sports Day



Swimming



Danbury



Year 6 /6 Sleepover



Reception & Yr 1 Coach Trip



### SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

The School Sweatshirts, School Cardigans can only be ordered through the school.

#### **Girls**

Green cardigan or school sweatshirt  
White blouse/ polo  
Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers  
School tie ( Year 3 upwards)  
Green and white striped or checked dress in Summer

#### **Boys**

Green school sweatshirt  
White shirt/polo  
Grey trousers (short or long)  
School tie ( Year3 upwards)

- Shoes should be black and comfortable with laces, velcro or buckle fastening.
- Children are able to wear earrings but these should be **stud earrings**. For safety, earrings should be removed for all Physical Education work (PE / Forest school & Swimming).
- Children should not wear any other kind of jewellery in school because of the risks to the health and safety to themselves and others.

#### FOREST SCHOOL KIT

Children will need wellingtons and waterproof coat for outdoor learning. Children should wear long sleeved tops and trousers. They should come into school wearing their Forest School clothing, not wellies, which can be left in school.

#### PE KIT

We believe that wearing suitable P.E. clothing encourages the development of good attitudes to Physical Education. On their PE days, children should come into school wearing their PE kit. All items need to be clearly labelled with the child's name.

- **Black shorts**
- **White T shirt or Polo shirt ( NO LOGOS)**
- **Plimsolls or light trainers**

A dark coloured tracksuit or jogging bottoms ( black preferable) and warm top is essential in cold weather.  
For outdoor games on the field children will need to wear trainers.

And finally, have a wonderful break and thank you all for your continued support throughout this year. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September and welcoming our new reception children.

Take care of yourselves and we look forward to seeing you on the 4th .

The Highwood Team