



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. 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 Space/ Chocolate: .

Reception and Year 1 will be **Mars Class**

Years 2,3 & 4 will be **Milky Way Class**

Years 5 & 6 will be **Galaxy Class**

TOPIC NEXT YEAR

Our topics next year will be :

Autumn Term: **Space**

Spring Term: **Chocolate**

Summer Term: **Heroes and Villains**

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

UNIFORM

We will continue to allow children to come to school in their PE kits on their PE day **BUT** ensure it is the **correct school kit** , no football kits. (See list attached).

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. Please note your child should not wear football kits or sports kit for forest school.

On the other days , children will be expected to wear the **correct full** school uniform.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Overall as a school our attendance was only **91.3 %**, this is significantly lower than national. While most of these absences are for unavoidable reasons and have, of course, been authorised. Please note that current government policy is that family holidays during term time are not authorised. Any absence of 5 days or more, which are unauthorised, could result in a fine. With regards to punctuality , please remember that the school gate opens at 8.30 and closes at **8.50**.

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

There will be after school clubs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. These will start the week beginning 8th September. The after school clubs continue to be heavily subsidised by the school , in order to keep them running we will need to increase the cost to £5 per session.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Our school dinner September a school dinner will remain at **£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 3rd September normal times

Wednesday 3rd September till 12 pm

Thursday 4th September till 1pm

Friday 5th September in all day



Greenwich Museum



Sports Day



Swimming



Skreens Park



Year 5 /6 Sleepover



Chelmsford Museum

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/trainers 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

All children are expected to wear PE kits for PE lessons. 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.

Your child will also need a

- Back pack or school bag
- Named refillable water bottle

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 3rd .

The Highwood Team