

Highworth Combined School

Dear all

Thank heavens for the continued good weather, which allows your children to be active and happy in our wonderful outdoor spaces. Long may it continue.

Firstly, a very warm welcome to new families whose children started at Highworth this week in Nursery and Reception. We have loved meeting you and your children over the last couple of weeks and very much look forward to working with you in the coming months and years. Thank you for all you have done to prepare for school; your children have settled into our routines beautifully.

Although I had hoped to make this weekly communication about 'normal' school life, I do need to remind you of some of our additional arrangements during the pandemic:

- Pupils in Years Reception, 1, 3 and 6 should arrive between 8.35am and 8.45am. Children in these year groups and their parents must arrive on site after 8.30am
- Pupils in Years Nursery, 2, 4 and 5 should arrive between 8.45am and 8.55am. Children in these year groups and their parents must arrive on site after 8.40am
- Sadly, current restrictions mean that we can only offer lessons to learn to play musical instruments to those children who started these lessons last year. We will review this after half term and hope to be able to include more children at that time

Following a letter from a local resident, please may I remind you NOT to park across driveways as access is needed by all of our neighbours at all times.

We have been experimenting with using Zoom to hold assemblies. This week we have had year group, phase assemblies (Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2) and whole school assemblies. These included: Mrs Day launching our new 'Jigsaw' curriculum for PSHE by introducing our first puzzle piece and discussing how we can be kinder to everyone around us; an assembly for Year 6 entitled 'Ask the Head Teacher', which led to some interesting discussions on how the school is currently operating and improvements that could be made, and

class assemblies with teachers. We will also continue to hold Achievement assemblies on Fridays when we will award Warrior of The Week certificates, badges for Green Cards and the House Point Cup.

Next week will see us holding elections for this year's House Captains so we hope year 6 pupils are preparing their speeches to share with us all.

It seems that we are in for some sunny weather this weekend so I hope you will find ways to enjoy it with your families.

Love and best wishes

Clare Pankhania