

Highworth Combined School

Dear all

Although the weather has not been especially good this week, we have managed to get outside most break times, lunch times and for PE. This may seem like a small thing, but it makes a big difference to children and staff at school!

The first Parents Evenings of this academic year will take place on **Tuesday 10th November, between 5pm and 7.30pm and on Thursday 12th November, between 4pm and 6.30pm**. We will be using a new video conferencing package provided by School Cloud. You will be able to meet your child's teacher virtually through the screen of a device such as a smart phone, tablet or laptop. Appointments will be for the usual 10 minutes and there will be the opportunity to book additional appointments, where needed, with non-class based teachers such as our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and Teacher of the Deaf. All the details that you need to book and attend appointments will follow next week.

As ever, my very best wishes to you and your families for a happy weekend.

Clare Pankhania

PTA NEWS

It feels like we've blinked and half term is nearly upon us. Before then we've a few dates for your diary.

Tuesday 20th October 09.00 - Bag2School collection, 9am (see below for further info)

Wednesday 21st October 19.30- PTA AGM, including Q&A session with Mrs Pankahania. Join us using the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85157709112?pwd=Y2Jnc3NIT3RFaXFUdTVNUVF3ZGtCQT09>

Meeting ID: 851 5770 9112

Passcode: 6L5kTS

Friday 23rd October - PTA will be holding another Mufti day for the last day of term, suggested donation £1.

Finally, we are looking in to different ways of fundraising this year. Do you or a family member own your own business? If so, are you able to either collaborate on a mini raffle (some of you might remember the body shop raffle we did a couple of years ago?) or donate a prize to the Christmas raffle?

Perhaps a beautician, hairdresser, mechanic, Usborne books rep, Body Shop rep, Tropic ambassador, cake baker, photographer, carpet cleaner.

Please get in touch.

Bag2School

They accept the following 'good quality' items for **RE-USE***:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material