



*Be strong and
courageous.....for
the Lord your God is
with you*

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Newsletter No 1

Dear Parent/Carer



Welcome to the new school year! I am very pleased to welcome you back and look forward to sharing all the challenges and successes of the busy Autumn Term.

On behalf of the staff and governors of school I would like to offer a special welcome to all our new parents and children. May your child's journey through our school be both a rewarding and an enjoyable experience.



It was wonderful to see all the children coming into school again. They were very excited and evidently pleased to be here. They looked very smart so thank you very much for your support and co-operation in ensuring your child has the correct, named uniform for the start of the new year and helping them all to look so splendid.

Start to the School Day

Please can I remind you that the school day starts promptly at **08.45 am** and children should be in the classroom ready to start the day **before 08.45am**.

Soft Start

Please note that the gate is opened from **08.30am** for children to go straight to their classroom. It is disruptive to the start of a child's day if they are late and they will miss important information at the beginning of the school day. In line with our attendance policy children will be recorded as late after 08.45am and must be signed in by a parent/carer.



End of the School Day

Please note that school finishes at **3.15 pm** and children should be collected promptly. If you are unable to collect at this time, alternative arrangements must be made. In the event of unavoidable delay, please telephone the office.

New Staff

Teaching Staff

I would like to welcome Miss Hawkins and Mrs Narwall to the teaching staff.

Learning Support Assistants

I would also like to welcome Mrs Thiruvoth and Mrs Chandran to the school learning support team.

School Premises

Over the summer holidays we have had some internal decorating in Early years and the KS1 corridor, which has brightened up these areas and made them very inviting.

Mr Priest has worked hard completing the Planting and Growing Area in Receptions outdoor area. We are excited to see how this area develops over the school year.

Year Group Meetings for Parents – Tuesday 17 Wednesday 18, and Thursday 19 September

Due to a clash with the Transfer test dates we have changed the date of these meetings, please see below:

Just to remind parents we are holding our annual ‘**Meet the Teacher**’ meeting

We would like to invite you to come and meet with your year group teacher(s) so that the teachers are able to introduce themselves and give an outline of the key points and arrangements for the term and year ahead. There will also be opportunities to discuss aspects of procedures and curriculum relative to that year group. We feel that this additional meeting will allow the parent/ teacher consultations in November to concentrate on discussions of pupil progress.

The meetings will be held in the school hall and then teachers will remain in the hall to answer any specific questions you may have and give parents the opportunity to speak to the class teacher. All class information shared at the meeting will be available on your child’s ‘Class Page’ on the school website.

The meetings are all at 08.45am to 09.15 am and there will be parking on the Top Playground, as follows:

Tuesday 17 September

Y1 and Y2

Wednesday 18 September

Y3 and Y4

Thursday 19 September

Y5 and Y6

Communication and High Wycombe Church of England School

Our form of written communication with parents is by email, text and the school website. Please let the office know if you have changed your email or mobile number as soon as possible.



Phase Emails

Just a reminder that there is an email for each phase of the school. These emails are to be used by parents to ask questions that the class teacher is the best one to answer.

These emails will be looked at once a day so the responses will be over 24 hours. They will not be looked at or responded to after 4.30pm or at the weekends.

If you have an urgent question then please ring the office.

These are the following phase emails:

- EYFS – Reception EYFSPHASE@highwycombecombined.bucks.sch.uk
- KS1 – Year 1 and Year 2 KS1Phase@highwycombecombined.bucks.sch.uk
- LKS2 – Year 3 and Year 4 LKS2Phase@highwycombecombined.bucks.sch.uk
- UKS2 – Year 5 and Year 6 UKS2Phase@highwycombecombined.bucks.sch.uk

Weekly Round Up

At the end of each week you will be sent the weekly roundup which details all the letters which have been sent during the week, notes who the letters are relevant to and provides a link to the documents. You can find this on the Website under *News and Events/Newsletters/Weekly Round Up*.

Please make sure you access this document and read the relevant information as many of your questions will be answered and details of school arrangements will be provided. This is the source of official school information, we do not have access to or post on WhatsApp groups.

Jewellery

Please can you ensure that **no jewellery** is worn to school as advised in our uniform policy. This includes necklaces, bracelets and ear rings:

Jewellery (including earrings) is not permitted for health & safety reasons. If you wish to have your child's ears pierced, please do so at the very beginning of the school summer holidays. Earrings must be removed before school.

Asda 'CASHPOT' for Schools - Do you shop at Asda?



High Wycombe Church of England School has registered with Asda to earn funds for the school every time you, your friends or family shop!

What do I need to do?

In the Asda rewards App click '**CASHPOT for schools**' and select High Wycombe Church of England School. Every time you shop we will earn funds for the school and it doesn't cost you anything or affect your own rewards. This incentive is running between 2nd September and 30th November.



Dates for the year ahead

The school website calendar is in the process of being updated so that you can get the key dates in your diary. Please note that some dates are still to be confirmed and are **subject to change**. You will be informed of any date changes and confirmation of provisional dates.

A few date reminders

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| • Monday 9 September | Clubs start this week |
| • Wednesday 11 September | Prime VR Headset Workshop Year 3 to 6 |
| • Tuesday 17 September | Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum |
| • Tuesday 17 September | Year 1 and 2 Meet the Teacher 8.45 to 9.15 |
| • Wednesday 18 September | Year 3 and 4 Meet the Teacher 8.45 to 9.15 |
| • Thursday 19 September | Year 5 and 6 Meet the Teacher 08.45 to 9.15 |
| • Friday 20 September | Friends Afternoon Tea |
| • Monday 23 September | EYFS Parent Workshop - Phonics |
| • Tuesday 24 September | Cake Sale 1,2,4 and 6 |
| • Tuesday 24 September | Year 4 Trip to Tring Natural History Museum |
| • Wednesday 25 September | School Photos |
| • Monday 30 September | Year 1 and 2 Parent Phonics Workshop |

Yours sincerely



Celine Hawkins
Headteacher

