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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Parent/Carer Consultations, PTA Fundraiser – Christmas Cards, IRIS Connect Video (Class 2R)

Dear all,

I hope you all had a restful half term and that you are feeling refreshed. It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week, and they have settled straight back into their learning. We have an exciting term ahead, and I am looking forward to seeing everything the children achieve.

On Tuesday we held our park run, which raised money for a local children's charity through support for Mrs Trofa, who is running the London Marathon. Thank you to everyone who took part and gave so generously, and good luck to Mrs Trofa with her training. Thank you also to the Highworth Friends committee, who met on Monday evening, for all they do to support our school.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Parent and Carer Consultation evenings next week, on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November. Please can I ask everyone to be diligent with Times Tables Rock Stars and daily reading. Regular work on both is linked to better outcomes at primary and secondary school. We don't ask you to do homework, just this, and it is the very best way to support your child's progress at school. It cannot be replaced by the work we do in school, and without regular practice at home, children's progress is held back. If you have any difficulties accessing the Times Tables Rock Stars website, the consultation evenings are the ideal time to let your child's teacher know.

You may have noticed that our website no longer features photographs of children. This is a decision we have taken as a precaution. National organisations including the National Crime Agency and the Internet Watch Foundation have warned that photographs of children shared online, including ordinary and entirely innocent images, can be copied and manipulated using artificial intelligence to create inappropriate and harmful images. The number of reports of this has risen sharply, and school websites have been among the places images have been taken from. We want our children to be safe, so we have chosen not to publish photographs of them on our website.

For the same reason, I would ask that photographs taken at school, for example at performances and events, are kept for your own personal use and are not shared online or on social media. This helps us protect every child in our school community. Thank you for your understanding and support.

I would like to wish a very happy Diwali to all those celebrating on Sunday 8th November.

Best wishes for a happy weekend

Clare Pankhania

ATTENDANCE

To report your child's absence please telephone and leave a message or send an email to:

reception@highworthcombined co.uk.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%

BEST ATTENDANCE: 97.6%
(CLASS: RCL)
WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:
93%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 9th November
PTA Mufti Day - £1 donation

Tuesday 10th November 4:30pm-7:00pm
Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

Wednesday 11th November
Deadline for Return of the Designer Christmas Card Artwork

Thurs 12th November 3:40pm- 6:00pm
Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

PTA EVENTS



HIGHWORTH FRIENDS PTA

Winter FAIR

AS PART OF OUR FESTIVE FUNDRAISING
WE ARE TEAMING UP WITH

Xmas4schools™

PLEASE RETURN ALL COMPLETED ARTWORK
BACK TO SCHOOL BY

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THE DESIGNS ON FOLLOWING ITEMS:


£6.99
CHRISTMAS CALENDARS


£9.99
CHRISTMAS TEA TOWELS


£6.99
CHRISTMAS CARDS


£7.99
CHRISTMAS MUG


£13.99
CHRISTMAS TOTE BAG


£13.49
CHRISTMAS SNOW BLOCK

Highworth Friends PTA


£3.99
CHRISTMAS GIFT LABELS


£3.49
CHRISTMAS KEYRING & MAGNET

Highworth Friends PTA

Event Schedule

MON 09/11	**Highworth Friends Mufti Day** Suggested donation £1 - cash to be handed to class teacher, card payment available outside of Main Reception
MON 07/12	**Highworth Friends PTA Meeting** 19:30 - Staff Room
FRI 11/12	**Highworth Friends Mufti Day** Mufti Day in exchange for Tombola donation for Winter Fair
FRI 11/12	**Highworth Friends Winter Fair** 14:30-16:30 - Winter Fair, enter via Main Reception