



# High Street Primary Academy Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2017

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely Summer break and enjoyed the sun that we did have!

Please keep checking our website which is updated regularly for up to date information about what will be happening in school this term.

## Upcoming Dates

06/09—22/09—Yr 5 & 6

Swimming

13/09—Parents Meet & Greet

02/10 — Non Pupil Day

19/10—Harvest Festival

20/10 — Last day of term

30/10—First day back to school

## School Uniform

Please can you ensure your child comes to school in full school uniform and have a PE kit.

Please can we also remind you that no jewellery should be worn, only stud earrings and nail varnish is not permitted.

## Chair of Governor

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Bronwen Lacey and I am taking over the role of Chair of the Board of Governors from Mrs Annie McGee with effect from 1st September. All of the Governors are deeply grateful for Mrs McGee's leadership over the past few years and are very pleased she remains with us as a Governor.

If you want to know more about what we do as School Governors, you can find out more on the school website. We have two places for parents representatives, one of which is currently vacant and we will be filling this place very soon I hope.

This coming year will be very challenging. There are serious budget reductions to manage, which will mean losing staff, and we have to improve the level that pupils attain in their learning. Nevertheless, I can assure you that at the centre of everything we do will be your children. We will continue to strive to give them every opportunity to reach their full potential. Of course we cannot do this without your support and in the coming weeks and months the Governing Body and school leadership team will be seeking to fully engage with parents so that each of you can better support your child's learning.

With very best wishes  
Bronwen Lacey

## Year 5 and Year 6 Swimming

This year the year 5 and 6 children will be taking part in an intensive swimming programme. Instead of going once a week, they will be going swimming every day for three weeks.

Swimming starts on Wednesday 6th September 2017 through until Friday 22nd September 2017. The sessions will be at the Life Centre.

## School Day

The school day starts at 8:45 am, please can you ensure that all children arrive at school for this time.

The school day finishes at 3:15 pm.

Years 4/5 and 5/6 will leave school through the main school entrance, please can parents wait at the bottom of the carpark for their children to come out. Please do not wait in the pedestrian path as this causes problems for parents trying to leave with their children and prevents parents with pushchairs getting through.

Years 1, 2 and 3 children will need to be collected from their classroom doors in the phase 1 building.

Reception children will come into school and be collected from the side door of the nursery building which is located by the sheds to the right of the main nursery door.

For Nursery children, the normal entrance will be used.

## Reporting Absences

Please can you ensure that if your child will not be in school because of sickness that you report this to the school first thing in the morning. A message can be left by selecting option 2.

## Term Dates

Our 2017/18 term dates are now on our website. A break down of them is below:

Autumn Term — 06/09/17—19/12/17

Half Term will be week commencing 23/10/17

Spring Term—03/01/18—29/03/18

Half Term will be week commencing 12/02/18

Summer Term — 16/04/18—20/07/18

Half Term will be on week commencing 28/05/18

## High Street Primary Nursery

As many of you know, here at High Street Primary Academy we have a Nursery unit for 2-4 year olds. We still have spaces available; if you would like more information please come and speak to us at the school office.



## Reading

Please can you continue to encourage your children to read at home, reading books are vital to children's learning. Teachers will give more information to you shortly.



## Safety

Please can we remind you that in order to keep the children safe you should not walk through the car gate, access to the school is via the pedestrian gate only.

## After School Clubs

After school clubs will be starting soon, a letter with more information to follow.