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Staffing News and Changes

Dear Parents,

At present the school as a whole is undergoing a process of change and in doing so as well as structures and approaches, sometimes there are changes in staffing. I am writing to let you know about some upcoming staff changes within the school that will be happening at Easter.

Miss Gee will be relocating to another part of the country and we wish her every success for her future and her new life. She will be sorely missed and I know that the children she has taught have really flourished under her guidance, care and excellence. Going forward into Term 5 and 6 Mrs Ladd will be increasing her days in the class to cover until the end of the year – supported by Miss Powney.

Mrs Rix will be moving on to a promotion at another larger school in Ashford where she will be working in Year R. Again I know how integral Mrs Rix has been to the lives of all of the children in Lympne both past and present and she will also be greatly missed. Going forward into Term 5 and 6 we are currently exploring our options and will let you know about any staffing developments as soon as we can.

Mrs Bowers, currently working as a TA in Sycamore will also be moving on at Half Term to a full time TA position at her children's school. Again we would like to thank her for all of her hard work and for ensuring that many of our children succeed and make good progress. We wish her every success for the future. Mrs Bowers' days will be covered by increasing the hours of Mrs Moulin in Year 4 and increasing the hours of Mrs Ransley in Year 3.

An update on Mr Leech - following his accident Mr Leech is recuperating at home and will now not be returning until after Half Term. Fortunately we have secured the services of Mrs Cliff until that point.

Obviously this amount of change in staffing can be unsettling in the short term - however I am confident that we can ensure the children continue to receive an excellent standard of education and longer term there are some exciting changes afoot.

Midday Meal Supervisors



We are looking for some extra relief Midday Meals Supervisors who will be able to assist us whenever we have staff shortages. The hours of work are from 12- 1:10pm paid on Kent Range 2. In the short term we would ideally be looking for some cover on a regular basis. If you are interested in any way please do contact the office.

Sensory Garden

On Saturday the 10th March from 9:30am - 2:30pm we are planning to overhaul the Sensory Garden so that it can be made safe and can be used by our pupils. If you are able to come and help in anyway we would appreciate your assistance. Children are more than welcome to attend.



Tools needed will be wheelbarrows and big mallets. If we have a good turn out there are plenty of other jobs that can be done including the construction of our new Spiritual Garden.

Many thanks in advance

Parking

Unfortunately poor parking at school drop off and pick up times is continuing to persist. We have received a further email complaint this week after a car was parked on the pavement blocking the pedestrian footpath. Please be considerate of children and their families who are travelling on foot. Pavements and pathways are for safety. Please can we request that parents refrain from parking on the paved areas immediately outside the school gates and also in front of the staff car park gates as access is needed at all times. Also that the turning circle is not a place where cars should be parked and needs to be free flowing. Thank you.



Thank You

We would like to express a big thank you for the donations for Karen Taplin. We bought her a selection of treats to enjoy including vouchers for nice things to do/places to go as she is recovering.

School Comms

A reminder that School Comms goes live today at 5:00pm.

Please use School Comms to book onto Breakfast Club, After School Club and Elite for terms 4, 5 and 6.

Please note that children will no longer be able to 'turn up' for Breakfast Club, they will need to have booked through the electronic system.

If for any reason you might have difficulties accessing School Comms please do come and see us.



Secondary School Admissions



Please find below Highworth Grammar School's Significant dates for Year 7 Transition (September 2018).

Thursday 28 June 2018

New Parents and Students Evening from 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 July 2018

Transition Days when new students spend **two full** days at Highworth Grammar School



PTFA:

The PTFA school disco will take place on **Friday 2nd February.**

Key stage 1 (Years R, 1 and 2) **6:00pm – 7:00pm**

Parents **have the option to** accompany their children. Alternatively your children can be left under the supervision of the PTFA and attending staff.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) **7:30 – 9:00pm.**

No parents required to stay.

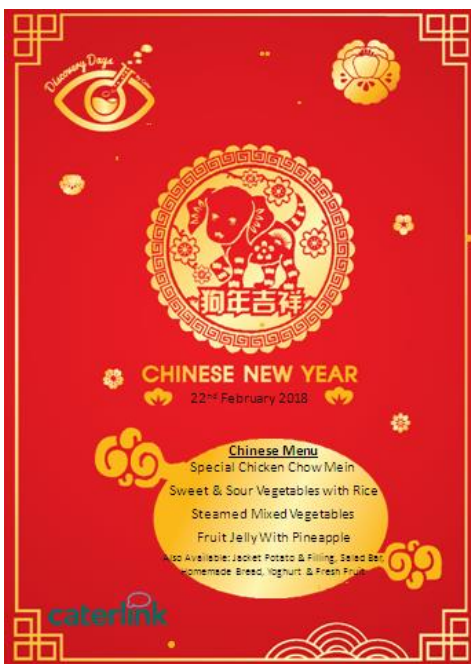
Tickets: £2 payable on the door. No pre-booking necessary.

There will be a tuck shop and tattoo stall so please bring pennies!

Thank you in advance for your continued support.



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Caterlink:

The next 'Discovery Day' is a celebration of the Chinese New Year. Children will be able to sample a Chinese menu for lunch on Thursday 22nd February.

Diary Dates:

Friday 2nd Feb - School disco: Key stage 1 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Key Stage 2 7:30 – 9:00pm.

Book week + Book Fair – **Week Beginning 26/2/18**

World book day – **Thursday 1st March**

Reports to parents – **9/3/18**

Parent's Evening (Years 1-6) - **14th March** KS2 1:30 – 7:30 KS13:30-7:30

Parent's Evening (Years 1-6) -**15th March** KS1 1:30 – 6.30 KS23:30-6.30

Year 6 Bike ability – dates in Term 3

KS1 SATs parent's meeting – **25/4/18 2pm** MB/JJ - followed by KS2 parents meeting **4.00pm** AL/LG

Other useful information/Dates

Week beg **14/5/18** SATs/formal testing week

May -Year 2 SATs

Sports day – **22/5/18** followed by Tray share **3.15-4.30pm**

Years 1/3/4/5 Test week – **11th June**

Week beg **11/6/18** – Year 1 Phonics Screening check

PESE parent's meeting – **13/6/18 4.00pm - JR**

Parent's appointments (Yr R) - **3/7/18**

New Year R entrants in **5th July**

Achievement sheets home - **13/7/18**

Book Fair – **Week Beginning 16/7/18**

Walkabout –**16/7/18**

Governors Meetings :- 8 February 2018, 22 March 2018, 24 May 2018, 5 July 2018

Term dates for the year September 2017 - July 2018

Term1	Monday 4 th September to Friday 13 th October 2017
Term2	Monday 30 th October to Wednesday 20 th December2017
Term3	Thursday 4 th January to Friday 9 th February2018
Term4	Monday 19 th February to Thursday 29 th March 2018
Term5	Monday 16 th April to Friday 25 th May2018
Term 6	Monday 4 th June to Tuesday 24 th July 2018

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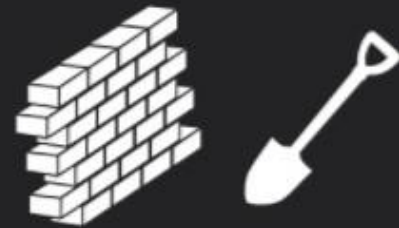
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