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## Thursday 28th September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Tomorrow we will be hosting our Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9:30am in Hawksworth Hall following the 9am Year 5 and 6 Celebration Assembly. Please feel free to come and join us for a drink and some cake.

The children will be taken to the hall a class at a time to select their cakes. Please can the children bring in money to buy the cakes.

**Any donations of cakes for us to sell will be greatly appreciated.**



### Harvest Festival Collection for Swindon Food Collective

It's nearly time for the Harvest Festival and so we will be collecting donations for Swindon Food Collective, our local food bank. Donations will be taken all of next week. Harvest festival is Thursday 5th October.

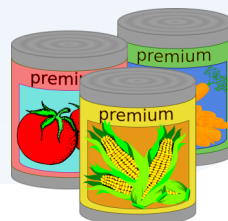
The following items are most needed, and would be gratefully received in regular sized tins, jars, bottles, cartons or packets:

- Potatoes, tomatoes, vegetables, soup
- Meat and fish
- Fruit and puddings
- Pasta sauce
- Cereals
- Biscuits
- Small jars of coffee, teabags or sugar
- 1L bottles of squash
- Washing up liquid, laundry pods
- 2 in 1 shampoo & conditioner, male and female deodorants

(Please note, they have plentiful supplies of pasta, baked beans and shower gel so none are needed.)

Donations can be taken to Hawksworth Hall.

Thank you.



### TD Days for 2023/2024

School will be closed to pupils on the following dates:

- Friday 24/11/2023
- Monday 19/02/2024
- Monday 03/06/2024
- Friday 28/06/2024

### Safeguarding Contact Information:

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## Parking

A big thank you to the parents and carers who choose to walk or cycle to school or have been parking considerably away from the school and a reminder to others in order to keep us all safe and look after our community, please **do not** park:

- on or in front of residents driveways
- on pavements (children are taught that the pavement is a safe place to be)
- on single or double yellow lines
- please avoid driving down the alleyway as there are a lot of pedestrians
- Please do not park on corners – this allows other drivers, cyclists and children good visibility of approaching traffic.





# The Achievement Board



## Year 1 and Signal Box Celebration Assembly



Above we have Keira with a certificate for fabulous reading, Emily for earning her yellow stripe in Martial Arts, Sienna with a Martial Arts medal, Brody with his gymnastics certificate and Jack with certificates for swimming and reading. Congratulations to all of you!

### Year 1 Phonics Workshop for Parents Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at gam in Brunel hall

We are inviting all parents of Year 1 children to come and find out about how we teach phonics, how you can support your child in becoming a successful reader and we'll provide some information about the Phonics Screening Check all Year 1 children will take in June 2024.

We will have a short meeting in Brunel hall, starting at gam, and then parents are invited into the classrooms to see a phonics lesson in action and to work with their child. We ask that younger siblings do not come to the classroom for the phonics lesson, however, they are welcome to come to the meeting.

Many thanks,

Miss Ball, Mrs Mitchell and Miss Atkinson

# Book Breakfast!



On **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**, we will be hosting our first 'Book Breakfast' from 8.15-8.45am in Hawksworth Hall.

This is a bookable event, available on a first-come, first-serve basis for one parent to join their child/children for some complimentary tea and toast – and to enjoy some story time together.

The booking form will go live on Friday **29<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm on operoo** so please book early to avoid disappointment.

## Applying for School Places for Children Currently in Nursery

Just a reminder that if your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, you now need to apply for a School Place for your child. **The deadline date for applying is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.** Online applications should be made via the Swindon Borough Council website:

[https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school\\_places\\_and\\_admissions/427/primary\\_school\\_places\\_and\\_admissions](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions)

## Blue Peter Book Badge

September 19<sup>th</sup> was Roald Dahl Day! To celebrate, the children have a chance to claim a Blue Peter book badge designed by Quentin Blake, the illustrator of many of the Roald Dahl books.

If your child would like to be in with a chance of claiming a badge follow the link below to find out how. Children who are successful in getting their hands on a Blue Peter badge will be celebrated in their celebration assembly so please let us know if you get one!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>





# HIGHWORTH WARNEFORD SCHOOL

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September 2023

Dear Primary Parent/Carer

One of the most important decisions that parents have to make is about what school to choose for their child's secondary education. I know this will mean many of you have already started on the merry-go-round of open evenings, speaking to other families and gathering the myriad of information needed to allow you to make an informed decision.

Given that the primary school your child attends has recently sent pupils to Highworth Warneford School, I would be delighted to welcome you to one of our Open Events at the start of October – the details of which are below.

It is an exciting time at Warneford. We have just posted some excellent examination results that hold up very well against pre-pandemic figures and are certainly amongst the highest recorded in schools locally and further afield into Wiltshire, Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

We have also recently moved into the very well-regarded Park Academies Trust which is allowing us to work collaboratively with new colleagues, learning from each other for the benefit of all of our young people.

I know I am biased but this is a great school and one that many of our staff choose for their children – come and find out why!

Yours faithfully

Andy Steele  
Headteacher



## HIGHWORTH WARNEFORD SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS 2023

Highworth Warneford is an excellent and friendly secondary school providing an outstanding learning environment, which allows students to thrive and develop their academic, personal and social skills.



There will be a number of opportunities to help prospective students and their parents get to know the school better. These include:

- An **OPEN EVENING** on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 5pm until 7.30pm. You will be able to take a tour of the school, speak to students and staff and listen to a presentation from the Headteacher at either 6pm or 7pm.
- **OPEN MORNINGS** on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. If you wish to see the school in action, please contact Mrs Lewis to book an appointment: email [llewis@warnefordschool.org](mailto:llewis@warnefordschool.org) or phone 01793 767083.
- Detailed information on the school's website, including Frequently Asked Questions.

*We look forward to meeting you!*

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - TERM 1 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
25th September	26th September	27th September	28th September	29th September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9am Celebration Assembly, Years 5 &amp; 6</li> <li>• Macmillan Coffee Morning</li> </ul> 
2nd October Harvest Festival donations can be brought to school this week	3rd October	4th October Flu Vaccinations	5th October	6th October 9am Celebration Assembly Years 2, 3 & 4
9th October	10th October Y1 Phonics Workshop for parents, 9am, Brunel Hall	11th October	12th October	13th October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9am Celebration Assembly Year 1 &amp; Signal Box</li> <li>• Walk to School Day</li> </ul>
16th October Parents Evening	17th October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Height and Weight Screening R &amp; Y6</li> <li>• Glamorose selling cakes after school (PTA)</li> <li>• Parents Evening</li> </ul>	18th October 'Book Breakfast' from 8.15 - 8.45am in Hawksworth hall (needs to be booked)  School finishes at usual end of day times	19th October <b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	20th October <b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
23rd October <b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	24th October <b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	25th October <b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	26th October <b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	27th October <b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
30th October	31st October	1st November	2nd November	3rd November
6th November	7th November	8th November	9th November	10th November