



Highwoods Community Primary School 'Learning for Life'



Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to see so many parents visit the school last week for parents evening. It is always so good to share the learning with you and I know there were many positive messages to be given out by staff. We know that the children are certainly proud of their work. If you didn't manage to meet the teacher, please speak to them to arrange a meeting time as soon as possible.

We have had so many visitors this year to our school- over 100 since the start of September. The feedback has been so kind and the well behaved and polite children are consistently picked out as one of the strongest features of the school. A special mention to the Year 6 children who have been leading the tours and showing families around the school. Just a note that we have one more tour left in January so if you know families are looking for a school for September 2020, then feel free to remind them to book a slot for the January tour- this can be done by phoning the office.

This week, a ping was sent home regarding Christmas dinners. Please look out for this as it details how to order. As usual, the school is paying for every child to have a Christmas meal so there is no cost to the family.

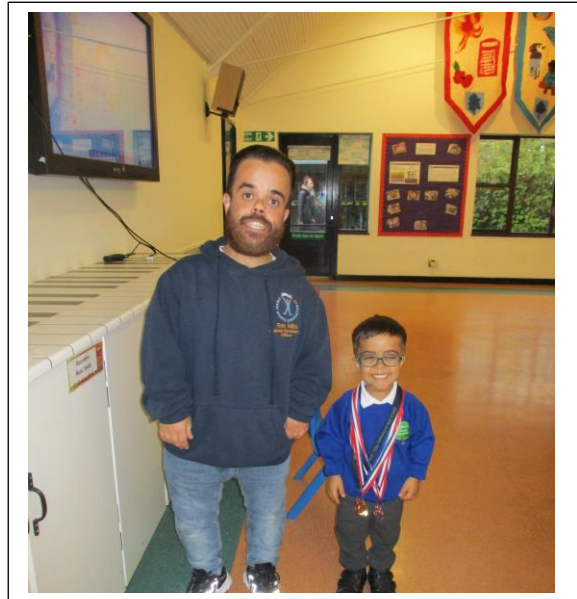
Finally, we wanted to say a huge thank you to our parents. Recently, we have had lots of initiatives happening in the school- National Dwarfism Awareness Day, Children in Need, Poppy appeals, donations for class books on the Amazon wish list- and on every occasion, it has been supported brilliantly. The way that the families engage in this school is one of the reasons Highwoods continues to go from strength to strength- so thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Disley

National Dwarfism Day

The theme behind National Dwarfism Awareness day this year was 'Dare to be different'. The children could dress up however they wanted and as we expected, so many show brilliant imagination and creativity.



Last week, we also had a visit from the Dwarf Sports Association. Tom, from the association, led two assemblies in the school, explaining to children how they raise awareness and support children and families with Dwarfism through their sports programmes. It was brilliant. Special thanks to Rico in Year 1 who helped lead the assembly and brought in all of his medals from the competition.

More details can be found on their website: <https://www.dsauk.org/>

Key dates:

6th December 2019 Foundation Stage Christmas performances 10:00 and 2:00.

6th December 2019 PTA Christmas Disco event.

11th December 2019 Key Stage One Christmas performance 2:00 and 6:00

12th December 2019 Key Stage 2 Carol concert 5:30

13th December 2019 School pantomime visit

17th December 2019 Christmas dinner infants

18th December 2019 Christmas dinner juniors

19th December 2019 Last day of term

6th January 2020 Non pupil day. Children return to school for the 7th January.

10th March 2020 parents evening.

11th March 2020 parents evening

12th March 2020 parents evening (late meetings)

13th and 16th March 2020 Non pupil days

3rd April 2020 Last day of half term

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Uniform.

Just a gentle reminder that the summer uniform option is now closed. This means no shorts. I know that this might seem obvious due to the drop in temperature and poor weather but we have had to remind a number of children.

Here is the link to our uniform policy.

<https://highwoodsprimary.co.uk/uniform/>

Thank you.