



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we navigate through another exciting week at Higham Lane School, I'd like to share some important updates and reflections.

Welcome Mr. Warner:

We were honoured to have Mr Warner visit our school this week as our new School Improvement Partner (SIP). A SIP is an externally appointed person by the school to act as a critical friend and to support the school to be even better. Mr Warner brings a wealth of experience as an executive Headteacher and Lead Ofsted Inspector. His insights and positive feedback were insightful and we look forward to the valuable support he will provide in our journey.

Communication Channels:

A gentle reminder to only contact our staff through official channels and avoid approaching them in the local community. Sensitive matters are best discussed in a scheduled meeting using the correct channels to ensure a conducive environment for meaningful conversations.

Staff Respect and Safety:

It is disheartening to report an incident of verbal abuse towards our staff this week. Our dedicated educators have the right to a respectful work environment. Abusive behaviour is unacceptable and measures may be taken to protect our staff, including limiting access to the school site. Working in a school is an incredibly difficult job and we will not tolerate abuse towards our staff.

Traffic Safety:

A plea for considerate driving on the school premises. The safety of our students is paramount. Please note that vehicular entrances and exits will be temporarily closed from 3:15 pm to ensure the safe exit of students. Your cooperation during this brief period is greatly appreciated.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

There is an array of extra-curricular activities available for students. Please encourage your child to participate in our diverse range of extra-curricular activities. Life rewards effort and we appreciate your support in helping our students make the most of these opportunities. Reminder, for students that remain on our school site after 3:15 pm to attend an extra-curricular club, to attend a revision session or if they are in detention for example, please leave the school site via the main reception. The gates at Higham Lane and Brookdale Road will be locked at this time.

School Site Access:

A reminder that the school site can only be accessed from 8.00 am and library access is available during this time. Gates at Higham Lane and Brookdale Road will open at 8:15 am to prioritise student safety.

Attendance Matters:

Strong attendance is linked to student success. Please ensure your child attends school regularly for the best chance of academic achievement. While our attendance is above the national average, consistent attendance remains crucial.

As we continue our journey of learning and growth, your partnership and support are invaluable. Wishing you a wonderful weekend filled with joy and relaxation.

Kind regards



Michael Gannon
Headteacher

A big congratulations to Oscar in Year 7, who had an incredible three days filming for ITV's 'Three Little Birds.'

We are immensely proud of Oscar's dedication and achievement.

You can download it now to watch! Well done Oscar; we are very proud of you!



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