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Dates For Your Diary.

Monday 12th September (3.20pm) —**Standon Bowers Meeting** for Yr5 and Yr6 Parents. Please meet in your child's mobile classroom.

Thursday 22nd September - School Photograph Day

Thursday 13th October - Class 5 Assembly for Class 5 Parents (Harvest) 9am

Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October— Parents' Evenings

Friday 21st October - Training Day. **School closed for pupils.**



New Volunteers / Readers

If you have volunteered to come into school to listen to children read, or as a classroom volunteer, please join Mrs Phillips on Tuesday 13th September at 2:30pm for an information afternoon.

Here we will be sharing ideas and tips when reading with children, answering any questions you might have and organising classes and days for you to come in. **Please let the office know that you will be attending.**

AVFC Lunchtime and After School

Club

Would your KS2 child like to participate in the AVFC lunchtime club? This takes place on a Monday lunchtime and is free of charge (as of Monday 12th September). Your child will need a pair of football boots and shin pads.

The AVFC after school club will not begin until Monday 19th September. This club is open to pupils from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. In order to book your child a place and pay, please see your Parent Pay account.

Party Invitations and Birthday

Sweets

Just a reminder that staff are unable to hand out birthday invitations or birthday sweets on behalf of your child. Parents are more than welcome to do this on the playground before or after school.



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and managed to cope with the heat. It makes a change for us to be complaining that it's too hot rather than raining!

The start of a new school year is always very thrilling. The children came back to school with a mixture of nerves and excitement, looking very smart in their uniforms and ready to get stuck in. We have welcomed a number of new students across the year groups and also our new Reception Class pupils. It is always remarkable to see how quickly children settle in to life at Highfields and it is such a joy to see the new children adapting quickly, learning new routines and making new friends.

This year we have everything crossed that we can bring back many features of school life that we had to cancel over the last few years. We have reinstated class assemblies where the children will present to an audience of the school and their parents, a specific topic or share some of their learning. We will be reintroducing Christmas presentations with parents and grandparents invited back into school to share these with us.

We have already booked up some visits and visitors for the children enhancing our curriculum, giving children new experiences and opportunities. We will again be working with the Royal Ballet, Entrust Music Service, Aston Villa Football Club as well as with the other schools across Primitas Learning Partnership. We will be increasing our participation in sporting events and hopefully be organising some social fundraising events too.

The year will certainly have its challenges. The rise of the cost of living is impacting on us all and we are aware of how this may impact on our families. We will work hard to support where it is possible and certainly signpost support that is available locally. If you find yourself in a situation where you are struggling please do come and talk to us and we will do anything we can in order to support you.

As you will have been seeing in the press, schools will be impacted heavily with increased costs and in particular the costs of energy. The figures are staggering. Unlike households there is currently no energy cap for schools and projected costs currently feel impossible to cover without major impact on the provision for the children. We of course will be working with Primitas to do whatever we can to ensure the provision for the children is of the highest quality and that the impact is minimised. Hopefully our new prime minister will come up with a plan to keep our schools afloat – only time will tell.

On a final note I would like to welcome Miss Crowe to our staff. Her passion for the children and for Highfields is already shining through. Welcome aboard.

I am looking forward to speaking to many of you over this next term and hopefully seeing you in school for one of our events. Have a lovely Autumn Term.



Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Wilkes'.

Mark Wilkes
Headteacher