

Dear Highshore families,

I wanted to take this time to not only wish you a lovely half term, but also to highlight the incredible parents we have here at Highshore School. It was my privilege this week to host our parent group and I could not be more enthused, proud and excited to continue to develop our communication, participation and relationships. It has been wonderful to hear such positive feedback from our Highshore parents on recent developments, such as our weekly parent curriculum communication email (please remember to check your junk/spam mail boxes if not received). This encourages us to continue to search for ways to get you more and more involved with your child's learning. A presentation from yesterday's coffee morning will be shared with all parents.

I also wanted to give a big thanks to Gun, one of our Governors, for visiting today and observing learning and assemblies. Governors play a very important role in school development and it is wonderful to have them on site in order to meet our incredible students. I also wanted to give thanks to Chrissie, our Police liaison officer, who delivered E-Safety talks to all students in assembly. Chrissie will be happy to have a session with parents about how to keep your children safe in your communities online. We are hoping to arrange this some time later in the spring term.

Believe it or not we are halfway through the year now and I know myself and all our staff are excited about continuing to bring positive changes and innovative developments to Highshore School for the rest of the year. Until then we are all in need of some downtime this week.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break!

Thanks,

Evelina

Introducing...

I'm **Steph**, the new Family Support Worker at Highshore School. Although I am new to Highshore, I have been working with children and families since 2020. At Highshore, I will be helping parents and carers across a range of areas, from signposting and supporting you to access local services, to providing advice around how to keep your children safe.

As parents, you're the experts in your children's lives, so I'm really interested to find out what support you'd find most helpful. I am really looking forward to meeting you all soon. My office is at the reception so please knock to say hello!

Pupils of the Week

7A	Guleed — For being nice and kind to his classmates
7R	Osa — For working hard on his timetables
8R	Oliver — For being so kind and helpful
8T	Musa — For engaging in wonderful intensive interaction sessions with familiar adults
8J	Isata — For excellent focusing in lessons all week, especially playing the piano in music
9J	Ayaan — For mature and sensible behaviour
9R	Sumaya — For great work on doubling in Maths
10O	Meshach — For reading aloud to the class
10L	Rigzim — For excellent guided Reading
11L	Tyrell — For a positive attitude towards his learning across all his lessons
11R	Lamin — For coming back and settling in well
12C	Alhaji — For his excellent focus during Mathematics revision
12N	Janiah — For excellent counting in 2's 5's and 10's
13/ 14C	Ka Sing — For excellent reading aloud
Y13	Seraphin — For his outstanding work in Art working on book binding/sawing
13/ 14L	Molly — For accepting changes to her daily routine in school in a mature and calm way
14K	Tarique — For his independent work making Lego instructions for others
14L	Deniz — For starting on the path to independent traveling



Stars of the week



KS3—Rafael—8R—For handling challenges with dignity and determination

KS4—Phoebe—10L—For improving her attendance and punctuality

KS5—Donnell—12N—For helping with work experience tasks

This Week At Highshore



This has been a busy week at Highshore! We have had our brilliant Book Fair, which so many young people enjoyed. We've also been up to our usual hard work and we've taken some time to learn about the Lunar New Year! It's the year of the Dragon!

Dates for your Diary!

Event	Date
Business Links Week	Whole week from Monday 26th February
World Book Day!	Thursday 7th March
Stay and Read Workshop	Friday 8th March, 9.00-10.00
Red Nose Day	Friday 15th March
INSET Day	Thursday 21st March
Maths Workshop	Thursday 28th March, time tbc
End of Term	Thursday 28th March

Camp Jojo!



There is the opportunity for 8 Highshore Families to attend a camping weekend with Camp Jojo this summer .

What is it?

A weekend of inclusive camping with help and activities. Specialist medical equipment such as hoists, medical beds etc is available.

Each family is allocated volunteers to help make sure it feels like a holiday.

More information and a film available here

www.campjojo.org

<https://youtu.be/UNi2de2uQVQ>

When? Friday 26- Sunday 28th July 2024

Where? Mersey Island in Essex on a beautiful farm by the sea.

What is provided? Accommodation in tents, all food, activities and transport are all provided.

Who can apply? Any Highshore families can apply - priority will be given to families who haven't attended before.