



October 23	Fri 20th October —INSET DAY—school closed.	November 23	Fri 10th Nov —Y5 trip to Bough Beech Reservoir (provisional booking)	November 23	Fri 17th Nov — Children in Need Mufti Day—wear something spotty.
	23rd to 27th Oct — HALF TERM		13th to 17th Nov —Early Years—Nursery Rhyme Week		20th– 24th Nov —Road Safety Week
	Monday 30th Oct —Children return to school.		13th to 17th Nov —Anti Bullying Week		Fri 24th Nov —Y6 Sutton Life Centre Trip (provisional booking)
	30th Oct—3rd Nov - Book Fair		Mon 13th Nov —Odd Socks Day to launch anti bullying week		Tues 28th Nov —Y5 visit to Synagogue
	Thurs 2nd Nov —Parents Eve 4pm to 6.50pm		Tues 14th Nov —Nursery & Reception Nursery Rhyme dress up day.		A detailed list of our numerous Christmas Events and performances will be shared with parents after half term.
	Fri 3rd Nov — Y2—Y6 Times Tables Rock Stars Dress Up Day—Dress as a rock star		Thurs 16th — Y1 & Y3 Diwali workshop		

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It's been an action packed start to the new academic year – for staff and for children! You may be aware that baby news has blessed our staff across the school from various year groups! We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Bache who returns from her maternity leave after half term and will be teaching in year 5 with Mrs Watson. Mrs Bache will be teaching in Falcons Class every Thursday and Friday. Additionally, we are wishing Mrs Coulter, one of our reception class teachers, the best of luck as she has taken maternity leave slightly earlier than expected. I am sure you will all joining us in wishing Mrs Coulter the very best of luck during this very special time! Finally, Mr Claxton has welcomed the biggest surprise to his family — in August he became the proud father of a healthy baby girl!

School Dinners Revamped!



Children across the school are thoroughly enjoying the new lunch time offer at High View! We are pleased that more than 75% of our children are now eating a school lunch throughout the week. Olive Dining have broadened our menu offer as well as provide our older children with a daily cold meal option of sandwiches, wraps or baguettes! Themed meals are planned throughout the year; we've already enjoyed a Black History Month and a Roald Dahl themed menu throughout September and October!

Congratulations our Newly Appointed Head and Deputy Head Girls and Boys

Throughout their time at High View, we encourage children to take part in activities that prepare them for later life as well as help them understand how they can play a real part in the world around them. Our pupil voice groups help our children to understand about democracy, having their voice heard and championing causes that require their actions to create real change. This term, after a testing interview and application process, we have appointed High View's Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls. They have already been hard at work giving tours to potential future High View parents!

Congratulations to:

- Head Girl: Savanna in Kingfishers**
- Head Boy: Shayan in Kingfishers**
- Deputy Head Girl: Daisy Way in Woodpeckers**
- Deputy Head Girl: Aleesha in Kingfishers**
- Deputy Head Boy: Zayn in Woodpeckers**
- Deputy Head Boy: Zachary in Woodpeckers**

Sutton Education Trust Appoints a Director of Quality Assurance



As you know High View is one of a number schools that form together to make the Sutton Education Trust (SET). We are a cooperative of schools that work together while maintaining our own budget and individual governing boards. This term the SET has appointed a new Director of Quality Assurance. Sean Trimble's role is to ensure all the schools in the SET are working towards agreed common goals while supporting to schools to ensure strong processes are in place that support excellent outcomes.



Parent Forum

Would you be interested in joining a parent forum so High View families can offer ideas as to how the school can further improve its provision for children and parents? We would like to explore the idea of how this could work. If you are interested, or have any particular ideas about how this may work, [please complete this short form here](#). The form will close in two weeks on Friday 3rd October!



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Year One Alien Hook Day!

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, children were invited to come to school dressed up as an alien or something that reflects space. This then helped to propel our learning into another dimension as we had great fun exploring all the fun activities Year One had to offer.

We were amazed to see so many brilliant outfits that were made and worn by the children. From alien googly eyes, to the whole solar system being represented in a single costume. Thank you to all the families and children for their help and continued support. **The Year One Team.**



Times Tables Rock Stars

It has been great to see so many of year 2 and KS2 logging on to Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) and practising their times tables. Every fortnight, certificates will be awarded to children who have improved their accuracy, minutes played and their 'Studio' speed. **We are looking forward to the TTRS day on 3.11.23, where children from year 2 and KS2 can come to school dressed as a rock star.** Just to remind you that children start to learn their times tables in year 2 and are expected to know all of them by the summer term in year 4. Year 5 and 6 spend time consolidating all of their times tables. **Miss Beresford-Ward—Maths Leader and LKS2 Leader**



Bikeability

Last week, many of our Year 6 children enjoyed taking part in the government's national cycle training programme which enables children to learn the practical skills and understand how to cycle on today's roads. Experienced instructors from Bikeability came in to teach the children vital skills that equips them to be independent and confident cyclists.

Well done to all those children who took part.

Mrs Linehan—Woodpeckers



Black History Month

We have been having a fun time celebrating black history month. As a school we have spent time reflecting on the importance of black history month. Across different subjects such as art, music, writing and PE the children have been learning about significant and successful black individuals and the impact that they have had. Year 1 and 2 enjoyed an African storytelling workshop where tales from West Africa were brought to life. Years 3 and 4 took



part in a drumming workshop whereby they were able to experience the energetic style of West African djembe drumming. Our year 5 children were fortunate to have a parent come in and talk to them about apartheid. Year 6 enjoyed a trip to Sutton Library to view an exhibition which explored the story of slavery and its abolition. Black History Month has been a great opportunity to continue encouraging the children the importance of our motto Speak Up, Be Heard and Create Change. This black history month we are supporting the charity Show Racism the Red Card, this anti-racism charity harnesses the high profile nature of footballers as anti-racist role models to educate children against racism throughout society. To support this Mr Dunne has been teaching the children how to play football and about significant black footballers and the discrimination they have faced in their careers. Today the children enjoyed wearing red to support this cause.

Miss Chowdhury—History Lead



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Harvest Festival Donations

Last year High View parents were extremely generous with their donations to Sutton Foodbank. So this summer I was contacted by Joanna Fitzgibbon the Sutton Community Works Executive Assistant, to see if we would agree to partner with them to collect food for Food Shop this harvest. I was amazed with how much food our families contributed last week. This year High View parents have excelled!



The amount of food that was donated was twice as much as last year. Mr Taylor, Mr Kirby and Mr Dunne filled their cars with your donations and took them to the collection area on Friday morning.

Following our donation we received the following message from the Sutton Foodbank

Sutton Foodbank helped 3260 adults and children in 2022. We couldn't have done it without High View families. Your donations make a huge difference. We have already seen 2346 people helped so far this year. This is a 42% increase on the same period last year.

On behalf of Sutton Community Works Foodbank, I would like to say a massive thank you to all our parents for their kindness and generosity.



Performing Arts Room

Work on the creation of our Performing Arts Room is continuing. Mr Kirby has recently built a new wall in the room, ready for the installation of a mirror wall and ballet bars. Once that work has been completed, the next stage of the project will be for the decorating to be finished, some bespoke storage cabinets to be installed and for performance drapes to be hung over the mirror wall, cabinets and windows. We are very grateful for the PTFA, who along with the school, are funding this exciting project, which will further enhance our wider curriculum offer. **Mr Taylor—Deputy Head Teacher**



Doodle Maths!

Doodle Maths is a personalised maths programme tailored to your child's strengths and weaknesses. For every question answered correctly, they earn a DoodleStar. As the app is designed to be used little and often, we encourage 10 mins of usage 4-5 times per week. The Doodle Maths app can be downloaded on phones and ipads for easy access! So far this year, lots of children have already earned streaks for logging into Doodle for so many days in a row! Students will receive a sticker for achieving their 7 day streak. After that, children will receive a certificate for 30 days, 50 days, 100 days and so on. We also have a weekly competition for the top Doodling class - who will be the winner next? Please encourage your child to 'go green' and Doodle at home!

Miss Clancy—Kingfishers



Trip To Parliament—Report from KS2 School Council and Head Girl



Our amazing journey started at 7:30 am which was very early. In order to get our train in time we had to hastily rush to the train station in time and sensibly and carefully boarded. We got off the train and, wow! we're in Victoria station, and got into the tube which was fast and loud. Then we got off at Westminster station to the Magnificent sight of Big Ben clanging loudly to The Nine O'Clock chimes. Ding, Ding! Then we strolled through Victoria Park, when we saw the Thames beautifully glistening like ice.



We went inside and were security checked through our bags and we walked through a passenger scanner that you see at the airport! Afterwards, a lady called Elaine showed us around the Houses of Parliament which is where the Royalty get given a robe when they visit in the robing room which we saw first. Then we went to see the sovereign entry which is the King's entrance. Next Elaine showed us the gallery which had beautiful paintings of the Battle of Trafalgar and the Battle of Waterloo. After that we went to the House of Lords that had red leather seats in gold decorations. Then we went to the House of Commons which was admittedly more rowdy than the House of Lords also it was very green. We saw where Rishi Sunak the Prime Minister sits. Afterwards we went into the central lobby and there were Patron saints of the UK. Then we walked into Westminster Hall which is 900 years old and



doesn't have any nails, only arches to support it from falling. After we had a workshop which involved us having a debate with one of us as the speaker. Then we had lunch. We went to the tube station which thankfully had seats. A few minutes later, we were on the train back to school. We started to write the very speech you are reading now.



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Sports Update

We have an exciting year ahead in regards to Sport at High View, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what was a great first year being involved at the school.

Last year saw us compete at the following events: Football, Basketball 3v3, Borough Athletics, Borough Cross Country (Y4-6), Bee Netball and another Cross Country for Years 3&4. We are so proud of our competitors and love to celebrate success where we saw one of our Year 6 pupils win their Cross country race and our Year 3 relay team take gold in the Borough Athletics. As well as this, two of our Year 3 girls reached the top 8 in the borough for the sprint race.



Looking forward, we are proud to announce the creation of a girls football team who will compete in their respective league. The boys football team are under-way in their league and we have already competed in the Borough Cross Country. We are looking forward to the TAG Rugby tournament and Indoor athletics in the near future, it will be an extremely busy term ahead.

Alongside these events we are pleased to announce the creation of Ready, SET, Play which will be small tournaments held for schools within the SET and some

High View inter school events. The aim is to widen the net and allow as many of our pupils to represent the school as possible.

Thanks for the continued support and please, any questions about future sporting events don't hesitate to ask me on the playground for more information. **Mr Dunne—Sports Coach**

News from the PTFA

Thank you to everyone who made our first event of the year a success! The kids who attended the disco and fund times evening last Friday had a great time and with your help, we raised £1275 for the school.

At the annual PTFA AGM last month, we elected the following positions:

- Helen Machell - Chair
- Victoria Thompson - Vice Chair
- Kiri Hall - Treasurer
- Andrea Hughes-Haumant - Secretary
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The PTFA also has committee members in every year group so please reach out on your year WhatsApp groups if you would like to get involved further.

So far this term, we have helped fund the following:

- Welcome bags for parents in Reception
 - Black History Month artist day
 - The improvements to the Performing Arts room are underway! (These funds were pledged last year.)
- See High View's [Twitter page](#) for updates.

Upcoming events and dates for your diary:

- Christmas card forms will go home **this week** so children can complete these over half term. Designs can be made into cards, gift tags, etc. Details are on the forms.
- Winter Wonderland: From December 15th. Letters will be sent home after half term
- We would like to try hot chocolate and donut sales after school on Fridays during winter. This is dependent on volunteers so please get in touch with a PTFA committee member to help if you can.

Finally, we are always looking for ways to improve our efforts so if you have any ideas, feedback, or you'd like to get involved, please get in touch via our [Facebook page](#) or email committee@highviewptfa.org.uk.

Thank you again for your support!

BBC Children in Need—Mufti Day Friday 17th November

Once again we will be supporting BBC Children in Need. On Friday 17th November we are holding a mufti day, children and staff are invited to come into school dressed in something spotty.

We are asking parents to make their Children in Need Donations directly to BBC Children in Need, we will not be collecting cash donations on the day.

You can donate by purchasing Pudsy ears, T-shirts or other official merchandise from etc from High Street Stores or by making a donation on line at <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>



School Fund Reminder that we are now collecting our annual voluntary school fund contributions. Payments can be made via our new online payment system—school gateway. Emails were sent to all parents on 10th October from Schools Comms the company which manages school gateway with details on how to create your account.

We are asking for a minimum donation of £15 per child, but parents may contribute more if they wish. The school fund is used to cover the cost of extracurricular activities which include theatre workshops, hook days and themed weeks. All year groups will have equal access to this fund.

Contributions have fallen over the past couple of years and fund is running low, which could limit the activities we can organise. Since launching this years fund we have received payments for 13% of our pupils, thank you to those families. We are looking forward to receiving further donations over the coming weeks, which will allow teachers to budget for events in the Spring and Summer terms.



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Reminders – Labelling & Lost Property

Now the term is in full swing, we wanted to take the opportunity to remind parents/carers to ensure all of your children's clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes etc, are clearly labelled.

Once again we have a large quantity of unnamed unclaimed items of lost property. In particular can all coats and PE tops be clearly marked with your child's full name. At this time of year the children tend to get warmer as the day progresses and discard coats and PE zip tops in the playground. Despite constant reminders to collect their belongings at the end of lunch and break times, we are regularly left with a collection of unnamed coats & PE tops. With many of the children having similar coats purchased from local stores it is proving difficult to reunite these items with the correct child.

Also once the colder weather arrives and children start to wear hats and gloves, these will need to be labelled as well. In the coming weeks all unnamed unclaimed items will be placed on a rail outside of the school foyer. Smaller items such as glasses, keyrings, hair accessories etc. are stored in the office.



Lost
property

Secondary School Sept 24, Reception Sep 24 and Nursery Sep 24—Application Deadlines

Reminders for parents regarding Secondary and Primary school and High View nursery application deadlines.

Transfer to Secondary school Sep 24—For current Year 6 children. The deadline for making your secondary school application is **Tuesday 31st October 2023**. Applications are made via the local authority in which you reside.

Primary School (Reception) September 2024— For children born between 1st Sep 2019 & 31st Aug 2020. The deadline for making your Primary school application (via your home local authority) is **15th January 2024**

Sutton Local Authority Admissions Team have produced guidance sheets for parents applying for Primary school places. Copies of these have been emailed to our parents in Nursery.

High View Nursery September 2024—July 2025— For children born between 1st Sep 2020 & 31st Mar 2022. The deadline for making your application for a place at High View Nursery is **15th January 2024**.

Applications for nurseries are made directly to each setting. To apply for High View Nursery there is a link to our online application form on our school website. This can be found on the Admissions page, under the Parents tab. Please note that as all nursery settings now manage their own admissions processes, deadlines for making applications may vary. If you are considering applying to more than one setting you are advised to enquire directly with each setting or visit their web pages for further details.



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