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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Young Voices, Gymnastics Event (Y1), Mufti Day

Dear all

We've had great support from parents and carers this week for 2 events so a big thank you to those able to attend.

On Thursday, there was a Mental Health Support Team session on strategies to manage tricky behaviours seen at home. We had 50 attendees who joined in with much discussion. Feedback was that a further session on how to support when children are anxious would be helpful so watch this space for further news on when we can make this happen.

Earlier this morning, Year 3 performed their class assembly for parents and carers. They shared a story about persevering when things are difficult and got Friday off to a great start with some beautiful singing.

Mr Stother and I had meetings with all class teachers this week to review the progress and attainment of pupils. This allows us all to focus on what comes next for children in their learning. We often use the phrase 'find the gap; close the gap'. We identify gaps in learning through tests and analysis of results. We close the gap by being very clear on how we will support children to learn the steps they have not yet mastered. This is one of the key strategies for good progress at Highworth and why children here make more progress than they do in the vast majority of schools across the country (within 98th percentile for progress in Maths; 97th percentile for progress in Writing and 95th percentile for progress in Reading).

Mrs Stewart (Curriculum Leader for Maths) and I have been reviewing data from Timestables Rock Stars, introduced earlier this academic year. It is very clear to see that children being supported to complete regular 3-minute practice sessions are making excellent progress. It is also clear that some families have not yet managed to make good use of this new resource. If your family fall into this second category, please do your best to get your child completing 3 minutes of regular practice; it makes a huge difference. Please expect to receive more communication about this in the next couple of weeks as we really do need your help.

My best wishes for a good weekend

Clare Pankhania

ATTENDANCE

To report your child's absence please phone and leave a message or send an email to:

reception@highworthcombined.co.uk

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS **96%**

BEST ATTENDANCE 99%

(CLASS 5S)

WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

93.8%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 23rd January

PTA Mufti Day - £1 donation please

Thursday 25th January

2.15pm to 3.15pm

6.30pm to 7.30pm

Parent/Carer Forum (for those who have reserved a ticket via Eventbrite)

Friday 26th January

9.30am: Heights & Weights Screening (Rec)

am: Y1 Gymnastics Event at Holmer

Green Junior School

PARENT ZONE



THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY

6PM - 8PM

EVERYONE'S INVITED!

£2 ENTRY FEE

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT





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