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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Nursery Parent/Carer Consultations, Maths Workshop for Parents (Nurs-Y2), Times Table Rock Stars (Y3-Y6), Trip to Didcot Railway Centre (Y1), Sports Clubs (Y1-Y6), PTA Easter Trail, After School Clubs Cancelled. Multi Sports Event (Rec)

Dear all

Please take a look at the photographs on our website taken at our Iftar celebration earlier this week:
https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/our_first_but_not_last_iftar_celebration/683850

It was a fabulous evening with over 80 children (some of whom were attending their first Iftar), joining in with a quiz, games, presentations of what Ramadan means to them, prayer and sharing of food. I have rarely seen children more excited about coming back to school in the evening which made it feel like a highly worthwhile event that we will try to repeat. Your children's knowledge of their faith and the significance of Ramadan was awe inspiring. It was equally inspiring to see children of other faiths participating with such respect and curiosity, some of whom had joined their friends in fasting all day. Enormous thanks go to those who helped through donations of food, especially Khan's Catering (for delicious biryani), money to buy ingredients, staying at school to assist with running the event, but most of all to Raheela Jawed for her incredible organisational skills.

It has always been our belief that tolerance comes from understanding: the more we know about difference the more we respect and appreciate others. This is why we continue to ensure that Highworth pupils have the opportunity to find out about significant events and celebrations for a wide range of faiths and cultures through parties, assemblies, performances, guest speakers, PTA events, educational visits and lessons across the curriculum. As our recent Ofsted report noted: *Pupils learn about the different cultures within their diverse school community; ... They have positive attitudes towards difference and show empathy...*

With this in mind, some reminders of events coming up:

Easter Assembly: parents and carer of children in Year 4 are invited to attend at 9am on Thursday 28th March

Easter Trail: mufti day (please donate a gift to be used as a prize) then start the trail anytime between 1.30pm and 2.15pm NB. School ends for all pupils at 2.15pm as this is the end of term

On Thursday, pupils in Year 4 assisted with an exciting new initiative in Totteridge Recreation Ground: A Tiny Forest! They planted trees in the new amenity area, thoroughly enjoying digging, discovering insects and finding out more about how much benefit trees bring to our environment. To be honest, it was more luck than judgement, but this opportunity happened to coincide with year 4 Science lessons on the environment and provided the perfect way to reinforce classroom learning. Look out for some photographs coming soon to the website.

My best wishes for a happy weekend.
Clare

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: 97.9%

(CLASS 5S)

WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 91.9%

WELL BELOW OUR TARGET

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

Monday 18th March: 12pm – 2pm

Nursery Parent/Carer Consultations

Tuesday 19th March: 1.30pm to 3pm

Nursery Parent/Carer Consultations

Wednesday 20th March

3.20pm Netball Match

NO Sports Clubs after school today

Thursday 21st March: 1.30pm to 3pm

Nursery Parent/Carer Consultations

3.20pm Netball Match

NO Sports Clubs after school today

Friday 22nd March

Rec Multi Sports Event at Holmer Green

School

PARENT ZONE



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YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMPS

Venue: **MANOR FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL, HP15 7PH**

Dates: Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 11th April
Ages: 4 - 12 year olds

Cost: FULL DAY	EXTENDED DAY
9:00am - 3:30pm	8:30am - 4:00pm
£26.00 a day	£31.00 a day

Additional info: We are now Early Years registered with Ofsted, children aged 4 and in reception can now attend our camps for the entire day and you can now book with childcare vouchers!

PLEASE BRING
A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

SPECIAL EVENT
WENDOVER WOODS
ADVENTURE CAMP

Date: Friday 12th April,
Times: 10:00am - 2:00pm
Cost: £26.00

We are thrilled to announce that our adventure camp at Wendover Woods - Forestry England is returning! Join us for a thrilling 4-hour experience filled with Archery, Fencing and Orienteering.

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MUSICAL

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ALL SHOWS AT 7.00PM



ORIGINAL MUSIC
JEANINE TESORI

BOOK AND LYRICS
DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE

DIRECTOR
BECKY HARRISON

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
NATASHA JASHARI



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