

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL  
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**Letters sent home & e-School messages this week:** Save the Date (PTA), Mental Health Webinar Choir Club, Eid Parties, Summer Term Newsletter (Nursery)

Dear all

Thank you for supporting your children to return to school from the holidays so successfully (the overwhelming majority!), ready to learn and happy to be with their friends again.

It has been a very productive week of learning, but there has definitely been great excitement for many as they prepare for Eid this weekend. Eid Mubarak to all of you celebrating, either today or tomorrow, from all of us at Highworth. We wish you the happiest of times with friends and family. We are also looking forward to celebrating together at our parties back at school on Monday.

The National Education Union is recommending that its members take further strike action on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. This comes after teachers overwhelmingly rejected an offer from the Secretary of State for Education. As I've said before, for many teachers this is not only about their own pay, but also the funding crisis. The Secretary of State has said that there is enough money in schools existing budgets to fund the suggested pay increase. I can only comment for our school, but I can tell you that this is most definitely NOT the case. For us, the current offer will lead to further reductions in staffing. Some teachers at Highworth will understandably be taking action and I will write later today to parents and carers of classes affected by the strike next Thursday.

This term is one of many celebrations and the next one we are turning our attention to is the coronation of King Charles III. We will be celebrating on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May with a day of themed activities, followed by a picnic tea for all to join in with. We hope you might be able to join us from 2pm, but all children and staff will participate so if this presents a problem, please do not think that your children will miss out. Here are the details:

Coronation Celebration:

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May
- Children to come to school in red, white and blue clothes
- Send your children to school with a small named bag of a few 'afternoon tea' snack items (or bring a picnic with you later)
- Come and join us if you can. From 2pm. There will be a short performance of a Coronation song we have been learning, followed by a few words
- If you would like to, bring a picnic tea, collect your children from their teachers and join us all on the field to eat together
- OR your children can remain with their teachers to enjoy their snacks and join in with some outdoor games until collection at 3.20pm as usual

This is good weather dependent! If we are unlucky, staff and children will picnic inside and the school day will end as usual at 3.20pm. We will aim to give as much notice as possible if we need to cancel the family picnic outside.

As ever, my best wishes for a happy weekend

Clare Pankhania

# PARENT

## ATTENDANCE

The display board at the front of the school shows each year group's weekly attendance.

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%**

**BEST ATTENDANCE: 91%**  
**(CLASS: 3DN)**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:**  
**85.7%**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES NEXT WEEK:

### Thursday 27th April (am)

Vision Screening – Reception

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April (pm)

Athletics Sports Hub Event – Y4  
(Holmer Green Senior School)



Buckinghamshire  
Family Learning



## FREE ONLINE SCHOOLS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

To book - SCAN the QR code, CLICK on the link below or PHONE 01296 383582

### RECEPTION

GETTING CONFIDENT for YEAR 1 (5 weeks) Ideas to improve your child's well-being moving from Reception into Year 1

- Wednesday 26 April, 9:30am-11:30am



### WORKSHOPS (Every Tuesday or Thursday from 9:30am-11:30am)



- 25 or 27 April - HELP YOUR CHILD WITH HANDWRITING
- 2 or 4 May - DEVELOPING WRITING THROUGH STORIES
- 9 or 11 May - STORY WORKSHOP: THE FISH WHO COULD WISH
- 16 or 18 May - WELLBEING
- 23 or 25 May - HAVE FUN WHILE LEARNING OUTSIDE



Reading

### YEARS 1 & 2

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH WRITING AND GRAMMAR (5 weeks). Ways to support spelling, grammar and punctuation to improve your child's writing.



Writing

- Tuesday 25 April, 12:30pm-2:30pm, 7pm-9pm
- Wednesday 26 April, 9:30am-11:30am
- Thursday 27 April, 9:30am-11:30am



### YEARS 3 & 4

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH SCIENCE (5 weeks). Ideas to improve your child's science skills and knowledge.

- Tuesday 25 April, 9:30am-11:30am
- Wednesday 26 April, 12:30pm-2:30pm



### YEARS 5 & 6

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL ARITHMETIC SKILLS WORKSHOP Practical ideas to help your child mental arithmetic skills.

- Thursday 25 May, 9:30am-11:30am





## Have your child's seat checked for FREE

DATE

Thursday 8th June 2023

TIME

10am - 3pm

LOCATION

Sainsburys Car Park

90 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury HP19 8ED



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## Have your child's seat checked for FREE

DATE

Thursday 15th June 2023

TIME

10am - 3pm

LOCATION

Asda Car Park

Holmers Farm Way, High Wycombe HP12 4NU



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