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Newsletter 9th December 2022

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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Public Health Information – Scarlet Fever, REMINDER: Tickets for Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance, Water Safety Session (Class 4M)

Dear all,

What a busy, but festive week we have had in school. The choir and young musicians performed with great confidence at the Carol Concert on Monday evening; thank you in particular to Liz Martin for organising. A few photos can be found following this link: https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/christmas_carol_concert/633917

We hugely enjoyed welcoming our Early Years parents and carers into school on Wednesday to watch our youngest children perform "Shine Star, Shine." They did such a great job and impressed us all with their 'star' qualities. Thank you to all the team involved in making it such a success. Some photos can be found on our website: https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/early_years_nativity/633994

Last night the PTA organised a very successful Christmas disco. The children who attended had such an enjoyable time. The star guest Elfy really got into the spirit too and danced away with the children. Photos to be found following this link: https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/pta_christmas_disco/634000

As the weather becomes colder, please be assured that the heating is on full in school. However, it would be wise to make sure your child comes to school with a hat, gloves, warm coat and thin layers (such as vests or thermals) under their school uniform as they will be going outside at break times.

Our much anticipated Christmas parties, and visit from the magician Mr Marvel, are planned for Monday 19th December. Please could your child come to school in their (warm!) party clothes, including sensible footwear for playtimes. Although they will have lunch in the hall as normal, please could your child bring a small plate of named party food to have at their party. The food must not contain nuts.

We have a few vacancies we are currently advertising for on the Bucks website. If you would be interested in working here, please click on the link to see the range of vacancies currently available: <https://jobs.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/search/?query=Highworth&postcode=#>

With best wishes for the weekend ahead,
Clare Dimishky

ATTENDANCE

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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%

BEST ATTENDANCE: 95.8%
(CLASS 5K)
WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 93.3%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 14th December 1:45pm

Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance

Thursday 15th December 1:45pm

Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance

Friday 16th December

Christmas Lunch for children who have booked a school meal.

PARENT ZONE

Fruit & Milk:

Please help yourself to any unused fruit or milk which will be put out on a table by the Quad gate every Friday at the end of the school day.

Lost Property:

Please help yourself to any unclaimed lost property which will be periodically put out on a table by the Quad gate.



Family Learning Schools courses – January 2023*

*Unless stated otherwise

Welcome to Family Learning Schools. All our workshops and five-week courses are **FREE** for parents and carers to help support your understanding of the curriculum and help your child make progress at school. Booking is essential. **To enrol onto the course, use the QR code* click the link or contact the Enrolment Team on 01296 383582.**

For more information, please contact a member of our Family Learning Schools team:

Kathryn: 07768 044813 Lou: 07814 305345 Nina: 07710 145234

Reception: Support your Child with Phonics and Reading (Online)



Stories

Find out how phonics is taught and learn simple, fun activities and games to reinforce their phonic knowledge and skills.



Monday 9 January, 9:30am-11:30am
Tuesday 10 January, 9:30am-11:30am
Wednesday 11 January, 9:30am-11:30am

Years 1&2: Support your Child with Phonics and Reading (Online)



Stories

Find out how phonics is taught and learn simple, fun activities and games to reinforce their phonic knowledge and skills.



Monday 9 January, 7pm-9pm
Tuesday 10 January, 12:30pm-2:30pm
Wednesday 11 January, 9:30am-11:30am
Thursday 12 January, 9:30am-11:30am

Years 3&4: Support Your Child with Reading and Comprehension (Online)



Reading

Find out what is expected from your child at this age and how they are taught in school. Learn simple, fun activities to help them to progress and reinforce these important skills and understanding.



Monday 9 January, 9:30am-11:30am
Wednesday 11 January, 12:30pm-2:30pm
Thursday 12 January, 7pm-9pm

Years 5&6: Develop your Child's Reading and Comprehension (Online)



Reading

Find out what is expected from your child at this age. Learn fun and easy ways to develop their reading and explore the different question types to ask to improve their comprehension skills.



Wednesday 11 January, 7pm-9pm
Thursday 12 January, 9:30am-11:30am

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Years 3 to 6: Help your Child Build Confidence and Resilience Workshop (Online)



Wellbeing



Explore ways to build your child's confidence, self-esteem and improve their resilience, both at school and home.

Tuesday 17 January, 7pm-9pm

Years 3 to 6: Help your Child Cope with Stress and Anxiety Workshop (Online)



Wellbeing



Explore strategies to help your child cope with setbacks, stress, and anxiety and how to support them to improve their resilience.

Tuesday 24 January, 7pm-9pm

Years 3 to 6: Help Your Child to Develop Positive Friendships and Manage Peer Pressure Workshop (Online)



Wellbeing



Explore ways to support your child build and maintain positive relationships. Help them deal with bullying and other peer on peer abuse, and online safety and consent.

Tuesday 31 January, 7pm-9pm

Years 3 to 6: Happy, Healthy and Safe Online-tips to help your Child Workshop (Online)



Wellbeing




Explore practical ideas to help your child to stay happy, healthy, and safe online, through child-friendly activities.

Tuesday 7 February, 7pm-9pm

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 Hazlemere
church

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
AMERSHAM ROAD
HAZLEMERE
HP15 7PZ

WARM WELCOME

Offering a free, warm,
welcoming space for the
public over the winter months

2-5pm
TUES / WEDS / THURS

hello@hazlemere.org
www.hazlemere.org

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church

The Warm Space at Holy Trinity Church, (Amersham Road, Hazlemere, HP15 7PZ) opens today. It will be running from 2-5pm every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the run up to Christmas, for anyone wishing to access a warm space in which to work (free WiFi), relax or meet for a chat. We'll be providing free hot and cold drinks, toys for children and puzzles and games for adults.

For more information and to find other local warm spaces visit the Warm Welcome website
<https://www.warmwelcome.uk/>