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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Y5 Enrichment Programme, Digital Childhood Survey, Free Workshops for Parents/Carers, Family Quiz Night, Coffee Morning, Ordering School Lunches, Y4 Residential Trip

Dear all

For me, the last six weeks have flown by and I can't quite believe that half term is upon us (and also that half of the current school year has now passed!).

There has been much musical activity this week! On Monday, the choir spent the day (with other local schools) at The Wycombe Swan rehearsing for the forthcoming 'Energise' performance. I am told that it will be a fabulous event and know that those participating are very much looking forward to it.

On Tuesday, children from Year 4 performed as part of The Young Voices Choir at Wembley Arena (along with more than 4000 other children). As ever, it was a wonderful evening of singing, dancing and much fun. Many parents and carers who attended have been kind enough to let us know how much they enjoyed the event. We are very grateful for the appreciation, and also for the support of Highworth Friends who funded the coach to get us there. You will find a few photos of the evening here: <https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/news/189861>

Looking ahead to after half term, I have heard from many children how excited they are for the forthcoming celebration of Ramadan. To mark this important time, just like last year, we will be holding an Iftar celebration. We would like to invite pupils in Years 4 to 6, of all faiths and none, to join us on Wednesday 19th March from 5.30pm. More details will follow, including how to book tickets, but for now please do add this important date to your diary.

Sadly, I received news yesterday that our application for places in the Mini London Marathon was not successful. Many of you got in touch to say that your children would like to take part so given the level of interest, I will make another application next year in the hope that we have more luck.

Hopefully, you have noticed the impressive rise of the red line on our funding thermometer located at the school entrance! What an amazing achievement to be so close to reaching our target such a short time. Yesterday's disco, much enjoyed by all, will have added more funds to the total so look out for even better news when you come back after half term. A huge thank you to all involved in organising the fund-raising efforts and to those who have contributed through donations, helping out on stalls and attendance at events. The purchase of some new laptops is not far away!

My very best wishes for a restful and enjoyable half term break,

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: **98%**

(CLASS 6S)

WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

93.6%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Half Term Break

Monday 24th February

Staff Training Day – School closed for pupils

Tuesday 25th February

Pupils return to school

PARENT ZONE

SIGN OF THE WEEK



Not sure/unsure

Follow this link to see how to sign 'not sure' in BSL

[British Sign Language BSL Video Dictionary - not sure](#)



Dear all,

Many of you will be aware of the wonderful work of the Growing Hope charity, based in High Wycombe, which offers much-needed and free therapy for children and young people (0-18 years old) with additional needs.

Through the generosity of many supporters, several therapy services are offered including:

Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Music Therapy & Art Therapy. The charity also supports siblings and parents through groups and courses.

In order to fundraise to ensure these vital services continue, we are holding a Gala Dinner at **Wycombe Abbey**.

We would love you to join us on **Saturday 29th March in the impressive and exclusive setting of the Grade II listed Daws Hill** dining room for a relaxing evening of good food, good company, entertainment and opportunities through an auction and a raffle to support the work of this amazing charity.

The event will celebrate and raise money for Growing Hope High Wycombe's life-changing work with children, families and the local community.

To book your tickets please book [here](#).

We look forward to your seeing you there. Please feel free to invite friends, family and colleagues.

With best wishes,

Dani Spence