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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Parent/Carer Consultations (Rec to Y6), Reminder: Parent Workshop – Supporting Children with Anxiety, Ramadan, Numbots (Y1-Y2), Echoes 10 Concert (Choir), Local Tree Planting (Y4), Basketball Event (Y3)

Dear all

Thank you for the kind words many of you have shared since publication of our Ofsted report. Although it's never been our particular desire to become an Ofsted Outstanding school, it is pleasing that the hard work of every member of the team has been recognised, especially with the comments within the report. Your children's conduct was, as ever, superb and some of our favourite comments refer to their 'impeccable behaviour', that they are 'courteous and considerate', and how they show 'empathy because they understand how life can be challenging for some groups of people'.

It's a strange system that the best possible outcome leads to another arduous 2 days of inspection! However, what the inspector saw when he visited in February is what we do every day so we will be ready for the return visit, whenever that may be.

Lots of the children have been telling us about how excited they are for Ramadan; we are looking forward to hearing more from them as they enjoy the opportunity to develop their spirituality during this special time. We wish all those participating Ramadan Kareem.

As you know, parent and carer consultation meetings took place this week and were very well attended. Thank you for taking the time to come and hear about your children's progress and how you can support them at home. It is appreciated.

A reminder that we have a workshop on Thursday next week where we will share ideas for how to support your children with learning maths. Further details will follow, but we look forward to welcoming you from 2.45pm.

The next few sentences are a sad change in tone. I have become aware of an altercation over parking this morning. As a result of the thoughtless and unacceptable action of a driver who chose to park on the white line, put there to ensure the safety of children crossing the road, there was nearly an accident. Let me make this clear: **NO ONE SHOULD BE PARKING ON THE WHITE LINE AT THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE OR THE YELLOW ZIG ZAGS.** This cannot be news to anyone as the Highway Code makes this clear. Frustratingly, the cones were removed by Highways Maintenance. This does not mean that you can park where the cones once were. You all know where you can and cannot park, now stick to it. And finally, thank you to the person who remonstrated with the driver who parked so badly this morning, and on behalf of all of us, I'm sorry you were subjected to abuse as a result.

Best wishes for a happy 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: 98.7%
(CLASS 3N)

WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 91.7%

WELL BELOW OUR TARGET

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 13th March:

9.15am Parent Workshop: 'Managing Children with Anxiety'

3.20pm: Boys Football Match v Kingswood School

NO Sports Clubs after school today

5.30pm: Highworth Iftar – Y4-Y6 pupils are invited to attend

Thursday 14th March 2:45pm:

Parent Workshop: 'Supporting Maths Learning at Home' (Nursery to Y2)

Friday 15th March

Y3 Basketball Event at Holmer Green School

PARENT ZONE



FOR AGES 8-12 YEARS

EASTER HOLIDAYS

WILD WOODROW

ADVENTURE CAMPS

CAMP

Book now for a jam packed Easter at Woodrow High House from 8:30am-5:30pm! Activities include high ropes, swimming, archery and more!

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The poster features a central purple cloud-like shape containing the text 'WILD WOODROW ADVENTURE CAMPS'. To the left is a yellow circle with 'FOR AGES 8-12 YEARS' and to the right is a teal circle with 'EASTER HOLIDAYS'. Below the main title is a circular collage of photos showing children and staff participating in various outdoor activities like high ropes, swimming, and archery. A wooden signpost with the word 'CAMP' is visible on the left. The background includes stylized trees and clouds.