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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Multi-skills Event (Rec), Mufti Day/Easter Trail

Dear all

A momentous event happened this week: the children (from year 3 upwards) were able to play on the new adventure playground! At last I hear you say! It has been a long wait for it to be functional, with many arguments between us and the contractor. We feel badly let down by them, but at least now the children can enjoy it. The fitness trail part of the equipment remains out of bounds until after the Easter break during which time additional bark will be added to the play surface.

Some sad news to share: Jo Peters, our fabulous SENCO is leaving us at the end of next week to take up a new post at a local special school. Many of you know how effective Jo has been in providing exemplary support to children who find learning more difficult (and their families too). Much of the highly complimentary feedback in our recent Ofsted report regarding SEND practice is down to the diligence and passion of Jo. I cannot thank her enough for all that she has done whilst at Highworth over the last 8, nearly 9 years, and know that you will join me in expressing how very much she will be missed.

We have made some interim arrangements to cover the role of SENCO during the summer term, hoping to have made a permanent appointment for September. I will write with further details after the Easter break.

This week has been Sign Language Week. We have marked this event in assembly and by having a scavenger hunt across the school grounds. Please ask your children to show you some of the signs that they know; I think you will find they are excellent teachers!

The crusade to help our neighbours and keep children safe by calling out thoughtless parking continues. The photograph below was provided by a resident who was unable to access their drive one morning this week due to the actions of a parent or carer. Yet again, I urge you to be please be more considerate.



My 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: 100%
(CLASS 2M)
EXCELLENT

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: 94%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 27th March

Y1 Trip to Didcot Railway Centre

Thursday 28th March

PTA Mufti Day


9am Y4 Easter Assembly - Y4 parents/carers are invited to attend.

1:30pm to 3.00pm: Easter Trail Event – children must be accompanied by a parent/carer to take part in this event

2.15pm: School closes for Easter Holiday

**Children return to school on
Monday 15th April**

PARENT ZONE


Buckinghamshire Healthcare
NHS Trust

School Nursing Services
CYP Admin
Haleacre Unit
Amersham Hospital
Whielden Street
Amersham
Bucks HP7 0JD

Bht.schoolhealth-enquiries@nhs.net
Tel: 01296 838000 option 5
www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing

Dear Parent/Carer


Following the recent height and weight measurements taken in school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) we would like to draw your attention to the free services and wealth of healthy lifestyle resources that can help on Be Healthy Bucks
<https://bhb.maximusuk.co.uk/>

Be Healthy Bucks offers a free family programme for children aged 7 to 11 to help them reach a healthier weight, and online resources for all ages to achieve a healthy weight. If your child's NCMP measurement letter results showed as overweight, we would recommend contacting the service for support.

Be Healthy Bucks is a free service that offers support to Buckinghamshire residents to make simple and sustainable health and wellbeing changes.

If you are interested in support for yourself, Be Healthy Bucks also provides help to stop smoking, lose weight or cut down on drinking alcohol. To explore if you could improve your health, visit their website and take a quick 5-question survey.

Please visit [Be Healthy Bucks](https://bhb.maximusuk.co.uk/), call 03332 300177 or scan the below QR code to register to access the resources or to find out more.


Happier Family Life

Yours Sincerely
Susie Mitchell
Service Lead for School Nursing and Learning Disability Nursing

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