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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: IMPORTANT: After School Clubs (Y1-Y6), Swim Club (Y3-Y6), Booking Swimming Lessons (Y3-Y6) Young Voices Songs (Y4), Choir Club, REMINDER: Parent Consultation (Rec – Y6)

Dear all

I was pleased to hear from several parents and carers that their children are excited about the fact that we will soon have a swimming pool at Highworth. There are also lots of questions so I hope the following information will help:

- The pool arrives on Monday 13th November to give sufficient time for it to be filled with water that is then treated and heated to 32degrees
- Swimming starts on Monday 20th November. Children in Year 4 will swim every morning from Monday to Friday for 3 weeks. Children in Year 6 will swim every afternoon from Monday to Friday for 3 weeks. Children in Years 4 and 6 will therefore need to bring swimming kit to school every day during this period. They may wear PE kit of black sweatshirt and jogging bottoms, and white T shirt every day to make changing easier. All swimmers also require a swimming hat, a dressing gown and slip on shoes/sliders/ flip flops
- In addition to these lessons for children in Years 4 and 6, which are free (paid for by the school as provision to meet the requirements of the National Curriculum and through use of some of our Sports Premium Grant), swimming club after school is available for children in Years 3 to 6. More information about this and how to book is available using this link:
<https://urlsand.esvalabs.com/?u=https%3A%2F%2Fcampscui.active.com%2Fforgs%2FTedySportMiltonKeynes%23%2FselectSessions%2F3415436&e=094b44d6&h=cf55785d&f=y&p=y>
- Our plan (if all goes well) is to have the pool at school every year for 3 weeks so that children in other year groups will benefit as they progress up through the school

We live in a troubled world and current events in Gaza are, understandably, worrying and upsetting for children and families. Some of you will be talking about this at home, some will not, being concerned about the impact of sharing. In circumstances such as this, my priority is to ensure that children hear factual, age appropriate and non biased information from an adult, and not end up confused and upset from a conversation with peers on the playground.

Consequently, I held 2 assemblies on Thursday (one for children in Years 3 to 6, and one for children in Years 1 and 2) where children were able to ask questions and share concerns. All of the adults at school joined the assemblies so that we can respond to further questions and concerns as they arise. We are all aware of the support and understanding required at this time, but if you think your child is in need of additional help, please let us know.

Best wishes, Clare Pankhania

ATTENDANCE

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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%

BEST ATTENDANCE 100%

(CLASS 5S)

EXCELLENT

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

95%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

Monday 13th November: 1.30pm

Prospective Parents Tour

Tuesday 14th November: 5pm - 7.30pm

Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday 15th November: 3.20pm

Football match v High Wycombe School

After School Clubs Cancelled today

Thursday 16th November: 3.30pm – 6pm

Parent Consultation Evening

Friday 17th November

Children in Need – wear sports gear or something spotty - £1 voluntary donation



The poster features a teal header with the 'junior parkrun' logo and the text 'Free, weekly, 2k for 4-14 year olds'. Below this is an orange section with the Penn Pacers logo and the text 'JUNIOR PARKRUN TAKEOVER 12TH NOVEMBER 9AM'. The main text describes the event as a free 2km run/walk/jog for 4-14 year olds, with registration at www.parkrun.org.uk/wycomberye-juniors. It mentions that Penn Pacers will be the volunteer team and encourages participation. At the bottom, there are three photos: a person in a dog mascot costume, a girl in an orange vest, and a boy running.

junior parkrun
Free, weekly, 2k for 4-14 year olds

Penn Pacers

JUNIOR PARKRUN TAKEOVER
12TH NOVEMBER 9AM

Every Sunday morning, 4-14 year olds can run, walk, jog (or dance & skip!) around a 2km course for free. Simply register for a barcode and information at www.parkrun.org.uk/wycomberye-juniors

On 12.11 Penn Pacers will be the volunteer team and would love to make it the biggest junior parkrun the Rye has ever seen. Do come and join in the fun



Parent Webinar **Peer Support in Schools and Mental Health Awareness**



As part of Buckinghamshire Mind's Peer Support in Schools program, we are hosting a mental health awareness webinar for parents. This session will cover:

- A brief overview of Buckinghamshire Mind and the Peer Support Service
- Ways to start the conversation around mental health
- Tips on maintaining good wellbeing for you & your children
- Signposting information to local organisations
- Ideas on how to talk to young people about mental health
- A safe space to ask questions

[Parent Webinar](#)

Wednesday 15th November – 18:00pm

[Use this link to sign up.](#)





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