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**Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week:** Reminder: KS2 SATs Information Meeting (Y6)  
Reminder: Karate Club (Y2-Y6), Deadline for Applying for a School Place (Nursery), Young Voices  
Assembly (Y4), Flu Vaccination (YR-Y6), Energize (Y4), Swimming Lessons (6H), Cinderella Pantomime  
(YR-Y6), Final Reminder: Marchants Hill Trip (Y5)

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term of this school year.

Firstly, a belated goodbye and huge thank you to 2 members of staff who left us at the end of last term: Julie Wilson and Mandy Allen had both worked at Highworth for a number of years, supporting children in our Hearing Impaired Department. They will be much missed by staff and children alike and we wish them every happiness for the future.

Having spent time touring the school on Tuesday (and contrary to any conversations that you might have had at home) I can say that there was an overwhelming sense of children being happy to be back at school amongst their friends and teachers, demonstrating all the behaviours for learning that we expect. We will be working hard to ensure that this continues throughout this important term.

For most staff at school, this week started on Monday with a fascinating inset day on 'The Cognitive Science Principles of the Knowledge Based Curriculum'. This was facilitated by an expert from the Knowledge Schools Trust and was attended by staff from 4 other schools as well as our own. We are currently piloting this approach to redesigning our Curriculum ready for some changes in September 2020. Look out for more information and events explaining the changes early in the Autumn Term.

As ever, my best wishes for an enjoyable weekend with your families.

**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 2C & 5K)**

**EXCELLENT!**

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS**

**ABOVE TARGET AT 96.4%**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January

6H start swimming 1.30-3pm  
M & M Productions – Cinderella  
Pantomime

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Yr 6 SATS parents meeting 9am  
Yr 6 SATS parents meeting 6.30am

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Karate club starts

## **PARENT ZONE**

### **Important Reminder for Nursery Parents**

Your child is due to start school in September 2020. You **MUST** apply online for a school place by visiting the website [www.buckscc.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/schooladmissions).

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT 3PM**

### **Parents as first teachers group meetings**

Please see attached information of some courses that are being run at Kingswood School for parents with children of Nursery age. The courses are free and you are welcome to bring your children with you as they can play while you are learning.

Beccy Hatch  
Parent Support Worker



## Parents As First Teachers Group Meetings

For pre-school families. Free of charge. Children can come & play.



# Spring Term 2020!



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – 2.15 – 3.15pm (drinks from 2pm)

## Applying for nursery and finding childcare

How to find and apply for nurseries and childcare. Carol Morgan from Bucks County Council will be here to talk about and answer questions on tax free childcare, funded hours and finding respite or childcare for children with special educational needs.

**Community Room, King's Wood School, HP13 7UN**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 2.15-3.15pm (drinks from 2pm)

## Behaviour and how to handle it

We all know that children's behaviour can be difficult at times. What are the best things you can do?

**Community Room, King's Wood School, HP13 7UN**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - 2.15-3.15pm (drinks from 2pm)

## The importance of books and how to help your child learn to read

It's World Book Day! Make a book with your child and find out about the importance of reading with them. Clare Bridgman an early literacy teacher will explain how children learn to read and how you can help.

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