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Newsletter – 8th November Issue 7

Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week: Parent Consultations, Tag Rugby Event (Y6), Xmas Bazaar Helpers (Y6), Poppy Appeal, Odd Socks Day, Children in Need, Intra House Bench Ball Competition (Y3-Y6), General Election (School Closed), Class Assembly (Y4)

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after what I hope was a happy half term with your family.

Thank you to those parents who came along to our 'top up' session on how to support your child with phonics held earlier this week. Don't forget to get in touch with Becky Hatch (via school office) if you would like to come to one of our future sessions.

You will have received some communication this week regarding our upcoming Parents Evenings. We've had lots of bookings already, but please make sure that you book a slot for this important opportunity to find out how your child is getting on at school and how best you can support them. If you have a problem booking an appointment please see Mrs Bennett in the school office.

Today (Friday) is the first of new termly inter-house sporting competitions for children in Key Stage 2. This term, the sport is bench ball. House teams, within year groups, will be competing against each other with points being awarded to the winning teams and houses. There will be further events of a similar nature (extending to include younger children too) during the year, culminating in the award of a trophy to the winning house. This is part of our drive to increase the time our children spend engaged in physical activity and competitive sport.

As ever, my best wishes for a lovely weekend.

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 2H & 4TS)

EXCELLENT!

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS

JUST BELOW TARGET AT 95.9%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 11th November

Women's Health and Wellbeing course – 9.30am - 11:30am

Football Y5-6 – 11.15-1.30pm John Hampden School

Tuesday 12th November

Odd Socks Day

Whole School Coffee morning 9-10.30am

Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 13th November

Phonics session Y1 Parents

Thursday 14th November

Woodrow residential Y5

Friday 15th November

Children in Need

Tag Rugby Y6 12.15-2.45pm HGSS

PARENT ZONE

Whole School Coffee Morning

Tuesday 12th November 9-10.30am is the first of our whole school coffee mornings. This is open to all parents and carers and provides an opportunity for you to get to know each other and enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit. There will be toys available if you would like to bring younger siblings.

SEN Support Group

Please find below the dates for all future SEN support group sessions which start at 1pm until 2.45pm

Tuesday 3rd December

Tuesday 14th January

Tuesday 25th February

Tuesday 28th April

Tuesday 9th June

Tuesday 14th July

I am in the process of arranging some guest speakers to attend some sessions but I will keep you updated on these.

Many thanks

Beccy Hatch
Parent Support Worker

Advice and Support Available for Families in Bucks All areas

Food Bank Vouchers and Referrals

Speak to your Children's Centre, Health Visitor or Social Worker or Speak to your local Citizens Advice Bureau

Free government food vouchers are provided by the council. This is part of the Emergency Support Scheme. The government will provide up to a few days of free groceries, hot meals, tinned or canned goods, and fresh food too. The help is for families on a low income or benefits, and find more details on **Buckinghamshire Emergency Support Scheme**.

Fare Share

Food donations from Tring road Tesco in Aylesbury, Loudwater Tesco, Wycombe and Eden Tesco
<http://fareshare.org.uk/>

Buckinghamshire Disability Service

<https://buds.org.uk/if-you-are-in-crisis-and-need-emergency-food/>

Bucks Family Information Service

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/advice.page?id=TORPT0o3REc>

Transforming Lives for Good – Make Lunch

<https://www.tlg.org.uk/>

Trussell Trust

The Trussell Trust's 400-strong network of food banks provides a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK.

Trussell Trust

Aylesbury & the north

Aylesbury Vineyard - Make Lunch, Storehouse clothing and furniture & foodbank

<https://aylesburyvineyard.church/>

Aylesbury Foodbank

<https://aylesbury.foodbank.org.uk/>

Wendover Free Church

<http://www.wendoverfreechurch.org.uk/>

Milton Keynes Foodbank

<http://mkfoodbank.org.uk/about-the-food-bank/>

Buckingham Parish Church

https://www.bpchurch.uk/Groups/149163/Buckingham_Parish_Church/Church_Life/Community/Community.aspx

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Buckingham

Provides food for those in need living north of Winslow

https://www.buckinghamparishchurch.org.uk/Groups/237838/Buckingham_Parish_Church/Church_Life/Community/Buckingham_Food_Bank/Buckingham_Food_Bank.aspx

Thomas Hickman's Charity

14 Bourbon Street , Aylesbury, HP20 2RS

01296 318500

Offers small grants to Aylesbury Town residents in need; applications can be made by families to cover expenses such as uniform, school shoes etc. There is a form available from the charity and schools can help parents complete the form if necessary.

Youth Concern will only help young people under the age of 25 with a connection to Buckinghamshire. They will be provided with a hot meal as well as shelter and advice. The charity has a post of Whitehill Lane, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP19 8FL, call 01296 431183.

Chiltern & South Bucks

Kings Church, Amersham, Make Lunch, baby baskets, dad's support and furniture project. Call 01494 431882. Bags of food, fruits, and more is provided from the church.

<https://kca.church/>

Kings Church Amersham/Tesco Foodshare

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1861807350804960/>

Chiltern Foodbanks

<http://chiltern.foodbank.org.uk/>

Hope Church, Beaconsfield

https://www.hopebeaconsfield.co.uk/Groups/243545/Hope_Community_Drop.aspx

Slough Foodbank

<https://slough.foodbank.org.uk/>

St George's Church, Little Chalfont – Thursday lunch

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/5924/service-and-events/events-regular/>

St Michael & All Angels church in Beaconsfield

Phone number is 07584 637697

Denham One Can food bank

Phone number is 07584 637697

Chiltern Trussell Trust food bank is located at 71 Broadway, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 1BX, and telephone is 01494 775668. They have several distribution centres in Buckinghamshire County, and the locations are below

Calvary Parish, Community Suite, Church Of England Primary School, Orchard Paradise, Berryfields, Aylesbury HP18 0WS.

71 Broadway, Chesham HP5 1BX is open from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

The King's Church, Raans Road, Amersham, provides a parcel of food on Monday from 10am – 2pm.

St George's Church is open on Thursdays. The address is White Lion Road, Little Chalfont HP7 9LW.

Wycombe

High Wycombe Society has free food or meals for older residents, such as pensioners, from the Pop-In-Centre. The charity also runs a furniture project, provides financial aid (which can be used for buying food or groceries) and other help. Find more information on support from High Wycombe Society and how the charity can assist.

Big Yellow Storage in High Wycombe is a partner. A bag of groceries with enough food for 3 days is provided to the low income.

Phone – 07584 637697

Maidenhead foodbank

https://www.facebook.com/MaidenheadFoodbank/?hc_ref=ARQIEG41PkoWtjYwZoJmwtQNdwQcsqY71D-Ow2bXGNBAcxg6MJgTpdTCZ4IUQY-92Wk

One Can Trust

One Can Trust has operates a foodbank based in High Wycombe, serving the Wycombe and Marlow area. They work with almost 100 front line agencies who refer people for food aid.

<http://onecantrust.org.uk>

Food Club Friday – Castlefield Children’s Centre

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/service.page?id=g-jggqtQZ34>

Food Club Tuesday – Wycombe Methodist Church

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/service.page?id=TP1Nr3EOxYk>

Little Marlow Church, Coldmoorholm Lane, Little Marlow

Telephone – 07584 637697

Money and Budget Advice

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/family.page?familychannel=3>

<https://quidsinmagazine.com/>

<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en>

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2011/04/free-money-advice-service-launches/>

<http://www.billhelp.uk/>

Support and General Advice

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

<https://www.relate.org.uk/>

<https://england.shelter.org.uk/>

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

http://www.barnardos.org.uk/what_we_do/our_work/service-search.htm

<https://www.myrtwellbeing.org.uk/>

Wellbeing

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/care-for-adults/advice-for-vulnerable-adults/>

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/health-and-wellbeing/public-health/>

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/>

<https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/mental-health-and-stigma/help-and-support>

<http://www.aylesburyspace.co.uk/>