



# Highworth Combined School & Nursery

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Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week: *Sign2sing Event, Perform drama workshops (Nurs – Y2), Temporary Change of Class teacher (Class 1LM)*

Dear Parents and Carers

As I sit here watching a little sleet fall this morning (!), I am reminded that now would be a good time to reiterate our procedures in the event of significant snowfall. If needs be, David Thomas (Chair of Governors) and I will make the decision to close the school at the earliest sensible opportunity as this can make the difficult job of organising child care arrangements a little easier. If possible, this will be the evening before the day of closure. We will use eSchools to inform you of all closures or changes to opening hours so please make sure that you have access to this facility. The same information will also appear on the Bucks County Website at this location: <https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/> Please be assured that David and I will deliberate long and hard before making any decisions to close. If we do, it will only be because we cannot be assured of the safety of your children, either because there are insufficient members of staff to provide appropriate care or if it is too dangerous for pupils to access school. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that there will be no snow and no closures!

Mrs Dimishky will soon start Maternity Leave; I know that you will join me in wishing her and her family every happiness at this exciting time. Mrs Holloway has kindly agreed to take on the role of Deputy Head with responsibility for both teaching and learning and inclusion during the period of time when both Mrs Dimishky and Mrs Day are on leave. Once Mrs Day returns later this year, Mrs Holloway will continue to cover Mrs Dimishky's role until her return.

My very best wishes for a happy and snow free weekend!

Kind regards  
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: 99.7% (CLASS 4S)**

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS  
ABOVE TARGET AT 96.8%.**

**PUNCTUALITY:** Gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. Please ensure that your child is in school on time.

## Dates for the Diary

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

English for Health and Wellbeing course for parents – 9.30am

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Triple P Positive Parenting Course – 12.30pm

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Class Assembly – 3PM 10.10am

# Parent Zone

## Courses for Parents

I am delighted to say that we have had a great response to the English for Health and Wellbeing course and the Triple P Parenting programme. Both of these courses are now full but we may run them again in the future.

## New courses

I am in the process of organising some new courses for parents these will include:

- For parents with children who may have ASD and are looking for some support - planned for March and will take place in school.
- For parents of children who may have ADHD and are looking for support – Planned for May and will take place in school.
- Everyday First Aid workshop – dates to be confirmed
- Spring craft workshop – dates to be confirmed

All of the above courses will be tailored for parents/carers of Highworth school and will be **FREE**. Look out for more details coming soon.

## Packed Lunches

Over the last week I have been spending some time in the lunch hall to see the types of lunches that are being sent into school. I am pleased to say that the majority of children are bringing in a healthy lunch box with a variety of different types of nutrition. There has, however been some lunch boxes that have **only** consisted of **crisps** and then **3 or 4 biscuit/chocolate bar** type items. These types of lunch boxes offer nothing of nutritional value when given without other healthier options. Next week I plan to send out some more information which will clarify items that are not allowed in lunch boxes as well as lots and lots of examples of things that can be included. Alongside this information will be a very useful nutritional fact sheet put together by Mrs Sturgeon. If you feel you would like some advice on this topic, then please contact the school office and ask to speak to me.

## Adult Learning Course

Please see below details of a course that is run by adult learning for parents and children who want to learn Spanish.

## Train to become a Primary Teacher

Our local School Centred Initial Teacher Training provider is recruiting for Primary School Teacher Trainees to start in September 2019. Please use this link to find out more:

[https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/thinking\\_of\\_becoming\\_a\\_teacher/362253](https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/thinking_of_becoming_a_teacher/362253)

Kind Regards  
Beccy Hatch  
Parent Support Worker

## P.T.A. NEWS

A reminder about the Quiz Night on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please remember to return full payment on **Thursday 24th January**.

We hope to see lots of you there!



**Calling all wannabe Spanish speakers!**

Highcrest Adult Learning Centre, Hatters Lane, Wycombe, HP13 7NQ

**Introducing a brand NEW  
Parent & Child Spanish workshop in Wycombe:**

**Spanish– Basics For Your Holiday  
on Saturday 30th March 2019, 10.00-13.00**

Course code: J6LA67ALM

Cost: £33 for both you and your child

This is a course for anyone who has little previous knowledge of Spanish, and would like to learn some useful words and phrases to help them and their family get by during the Easter holidays.

Please note, the child must be between 11yrs and 18yrs old.

**FOR MORE COURSES AND INFORMATION VISIT  
[www.adultlearningbcc.ac.uk](http://www.adultlearningbcc.ac.uk)**

Contact us now to book your place or for more details

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