

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
Education Department

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### Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week:

Dear Parents and Carers

With the return of some wintery weather, it seems sensible to remind you of procedures in the event of school closure due to snow. David Thomas (Chair of Governors) and I only make the decision to close if we know that we will be unable to keep your children safe if the school opens. This may be because of site safety or because we cannot meet minimum supervision requirements because staff have been unable to get here. We will always try to make the decision to close as early as we can to give you as much time as possible to make alternative arrangements. School closure will be communicated first using eSchools. The closure will also be listed on the Bucks County Council Website. Use this link:

<https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/Search.aspx>. In the event that we need to close during the school day, a message will be sent using eSchools.

Now that has been said, let's hope we don't have any snow and this information is not needed!

A polite reminder that you must tell us in advance if you have arranged for another adult to collect your child at the end of the day. In order to keep your children safe, if we have not heard from you in advance, we will not hand children over to other adults before phoning to check with you. I appreciate that this may cause inconvenience, but know that you will understand that we have a duty to safeguard all pupils.

Please see below an important message regarding Crossing Patrollers across Bucks. Your respect for the difficult job that John does each day would be appreciated.

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: 99.3% (CLASS 3FM)**

**WELL DONE!**

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS**

**BELOW TARGET AT 95.9%**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

**Friday 31st January**

Class Assembly 3FM 10.10am

The **Respect Me – It's the Law** Campaign will highlight the valuable work carried out by our Patrollers and remind *all road users* that they have a legal duty to stop when they are shown the 'lollipop' sign by a Patroller wishing to assist children and adults across the road.

We are launching the campaign because of growing concerns that drivers aren't always stopping. Unfortunately, we have also seen a rise in abuse and aggression towards our Patrollers.

As part of the Campaign, our patrollers have been asked to wear an orange tabard over their coats for 4 weeks – until the half term holiday.

*Mark Shaw Cabinet Member for Transportation said "We need to raise awareness not only of the good work carried out by our Patrollers, but also to remind drivers that it's important they do stop so that children (and adults) can cross the road safely."*

We are also looking for additional people to become permanent or relief Patrollers.

For more information on current vacancies, please log on to [www.bucksc.gov.uk/scp](http://www.bucksc.gov.uk/scp)

## **PARENT ZONE**

### **Parents Anxiety Workshop**

We are very lucky to be able to offer this course which is delivered by CAMHS. It will be held at school on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 9.30 -12.30pm.**

Are you interested in finding out more about childhood anxiety? Would you like some resources and strategies to help your child who may present with mild anxiety?

We have a small number of spaces available so if you would like to be considered please contact the school office or email me [hatchb@highworthcombined.co.uk](mailto:hatchb@highworthcombined.co.uk)

### **Parents as first teachers meeting**

Please see attached a flyer about a course that is being offered at Kingswood school for parents of pre-school children. The focus of the group is dealing with unwanted behaviour. These courses are free and you can take your children with you and they can play while you get some great advice and strategies.

**Beccy Hatch**  
**Parent Support Worker**



## Parents As First Teachers Group Meetings

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

**Thursday 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, Hollis Road,  
High Wycombe, HP13 7UN.**

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