

# Highworth Combined School & Nursery

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Newsletter – 11<sup>th</sup> October Issue 4

**Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week:** Football Festival (Y5), Data Collection Sheet (Reminder), Flu Vaccination Consent (Reminder), PTA Fireworks Night (invitation & helper letter) Chiltern Rangers (Y5)

Dear Parents and Carers

Apologies once again for the lack of a Newsletter last week; normal service has now resumed!

A very big thank you to all those parents who attended our Reading and Phonics Workshop last week. We were thrilled with the excellent turn out and hope that all who attended found the information useful. There will be further targeted update sessions so please look out for details, or contact Beccy Hatch via the office for more information. Finally, the information covered and handouts can be found using this link to our website:

[https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/teaching\\_of\\_phonics/295779](https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/teaching_of_phonics/295779)

Our local Church, St Francis, has a new vicar, Jo Gallant, and we were thrilled to welcome and her husband Nick to assembly on Wednesday. They spoke about different changes that take place for lots of us, especially at this time of year in school, and ended assembly with a non-denominational prayer.

A reminder that our Harvest Festival is next Friday, with one performance in the morning and one in the afternoon. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

As ever, my best wishes for a happy 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: 99.7% (CLASS 4TS)  
WELL DONE!**

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS  
WELL ABOVE TARGET AT 98.1%  
EXCELLENT!**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

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

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Governor Morning 8.30am-1pm  
Individual School Photos

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Festival performance 1 -9.15am-  
10am  
Harvest Festival performance 2 – 2.15pm  
-3pm

## **PARENT ZONE**

### **Coffee Morning.**

It was so lovely to see so many people at the Nursery and Reception Coffee morning on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity for parents to be able to get to know each other. Our next Whole school coffee morning will be on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 9- 10am**. I look forward to seeing you all there.

### **SEN Support Group.**

Our next SEN support group will be held on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November in the Scout Hut at 1-2.30pm**. This support group is open to anyone who thinks that their child might have an additional need and is a relaxed group that allows people to share ideas and experiences.

### **Millbrook Activity Club**

Please see below for information on an activity club that is running over October half term.

## **PTA NEWS**

Last week we elected a new committee and we're delighted to share with you the following:

Chair: Ailis O'Brien (child in Reception)

Vice Chair: Jasmin Fergusson (children in Y3 & Y4)

Secretary: Shaun Wanigasekera (child in Nursery)

Vice Secretary: Michelle Checkley (Child in Y1)

Treasurer: Kerry Hambrook (Child in Y3)

Deputy Treasurer: Sharon Smart (Volunteer)

You should have all received the invitation to our fireworks event on the **24th October**. Tickets can be bought in advance by the **18th October**.

A letter requesting help has been sent home with your child today - **as always we need YOU!**

In addition to the regular stall positions, we also need someone to cook our burgers and hot dogs in the school kitchen. Please contact us asap if you can help with this!

[highworthfriends@gmail.com](mailto:highworthfriends@gmail.com)



## Millbrook Activity Club Holiday Club

28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

Full Day	8.00 am – 6.00 pm	£26.00
Morning Half Day Session	8.00 am – 1.15 pm	£15.00
Middle Session	10.00 am – 3.00 pm	£18.00
Afternoon Half Day Session	1.15 pm – 6.00 pm	£15.00

*We offer a 10% discount for any additional sibling booked on to the same session  
All payments to be made in advance and a registration form completed*

Our fully equipped holiday club offers children plentiful opportunities to take part in fun activities and projects. We have regular outdoor play and provide healthy snacks. Our holiday club is the ideal place for children to make new friends and improve social skills.

Parents must provide a healthy packed lunch and a water bottle for children attending either the Full Day session or the Morning Half Day session. Children attending the Afternoon Half Day session are expected to have eaten before they arrive.

**BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

**– ALL BOOKINGS ARE ON A 'FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED' BASIS**

**TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S PLACE PLEASE PHONE: 01494 524791**

*PLEASE NOTE: Some parents may be eligible for Child tax Credit which can help with childcare costs. Parents may be able to qualify if they work for more than 16 hours per week. Further information is available by accessing the Inland Revenue website on [www.hmrc.gov.uk/TAXCREDITS/](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/TAXCREDITS/)  
Our Registration Number is: 131815*





HIGHWORTH FRIENDS PRESENTS

# FIREWORKS NIGHT

Thursday 24th October  
6.30-8pm

AT Highworth Combined School, Highworth Close, High Wycombe, HP13 7PH



Adults £5, Children £4, Children under 1 FREE

TREASURE HUNT

HOT FOOD

GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

For safety reasons please do not bring fireworks or sparklers  
Under 16's must be accompanied by an adult