



Highworth Combined School & Nursery

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Newsletter – 14th December 2018 Issue 4

Letters sent home this week: Christmas Jumper Day, Parents in Science, Karate Club (Y2-Y6)

Dear all

What a week! We've had the Carol Concert, Christmas Lunch, Early Years performance and Christmas Jumper Day. Please do go on to the website to see more information about each of these events and some photographs too.

Apologies for the inconvenience caused by the access to a couple of classrooms being out of use. The paving slabs had started to lift and were dangerous. I'm pleased to say that Bucks County Council have now got round to organising repair of the area and that therefore the path will be back in use from Monday. Many thanks for your patience whilst waiting for this to be completed.

This is our final Newsletter of the term so I'd like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas with best wishes for the happiest of times together over the forthcoming holiday period.

Kind regards

Clare Pankhania

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%

Please look at the Attendance Notice Board at the front of the school which displays weekly attendance totals for each year group.

BEST ATTENDANCE: 98.3% (CLASS 1H)

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS
JUST ABOVE TARGET AT 96.1%.**

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

Monday 17th December

Coffee morning – English for Health and Wellbeing speaker – 9am

Tuesday 18th December

Class Christmas parties 1pm

Wednesday 19th December

School Closes 2.15pm

Thursday 3rd January 2019 – Return to school

PE Update on the school website

There are new updates on the school website telling you about new things that are happening in PE. This can be found in the 'What's happening in PE' link in the Children's tab. Please take a look.

https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/whats_happening_in_pe/295853

Parent Zone

Coffee Morning speakers – Held in the Scout Hut

You are welcome to come in for coffee before the talk from the speaker if you feel the topic is not relevant to you. The talks will start at 9.30.

- 17th December – Speaker from English for Health and Wellbeing course
- 7th January – Speaker from Bucks Family Information Service

If you can let me know if you are planning on coming to either of these coffee mornings so we can get an idea of numbers that would be very much appreciated. Either email me at the address below or pop into the school office and they will let me know.



Free English for Health and Wellbeing Course

Do you want to improve your English to build your confidence in speaking English?

Topics include:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Accessing Health Services
- Looking after your family
- Transport
- Volunteering and Guidance for work

We are very lucky to have secured this fantastic course that will be held at the school starting on **Tuesday 8th January at 9.30am until 11.30am** and will run for 6 weeks. Please contact me if you would like to book a place by contacting the school office or email

hatchb@highworthcombined.co.uk

Adult Learning

In the new year there will be 2 new courses running at the Adult Learning centre at Highcrest school. Please see below for more information.

Beccy Hatch – Parent Support Worker – hatchb@highworthcombined.co.uk

PTA Corner

It was wonderful to see the children at the Christmas Concert this week. Did you see the new music stands being used?

These were paid for by the PTA with money raised by you.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

Club Corner –

Looking for activities to do over the Christmas period?

Follow this link for some great ideas of things that are running over the Christmas period.

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/results.action?holidayterms=6&familychannel=7-9&sr=0&nh=10>

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLLER VACANCY

A school crossing patroller is needed for your school.

We know from experience the best person to recruit a patroller is someone who lives in the local community surrounding a school or who is involved with the school. It could be a parent, grandparent or neighbour.

Do you have a neighbour or know a grandparent who has recently retired that is looking for a part time role in the local area?

We are very flexible and a job share is an option that currently works well at several of our crossing points already.

If you are interested or know someone who is – contact Georgina Longley, Crossing Patrol Supervisor on 01494 59669 or email glongley@buckscc.gov.uk

STARTING SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR NURSERY PARENTS

IF YOUR CHILD WAS BORN BETWEEN

1 SEPTEMBER 2014 AND 31 AUGUST 2015

Your child is due to start school in September 2019.

You **MUST** apply online for a school place by visiting the website
www.buckscc.gov.uk/schooladmissions

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
15TH JANUARY 2019 AT 3PM**

PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS IMPORTANT DEADLINE!



Highcrest Adult Learning Centre

Hatters Lane, High Wycombe, HP13 7NQ

African Marimba Workshop

Saturday 9th March 10.00- 15.30

Course code - J6PA13NAM

Fee - £45

Come along to our brand new African Marimba workshop in March. Music is a great way to make new friends, and this is definitely a workshop where the more the merrier!

Over the course of the day, you will learn:

- about the marimba (an East African percussion instrument similar to a xylophone or piano)
- how to play some simple tunes on the marimba
- how to play marimbas as a group
- how to create different tones on the instrument

This course is suitable for anyone who is interested in music, song, rhythm, culture, percussion and keyboards. No experience is necessary.

**FOR MORE COURSES AND INFORMATION VISIT
www.adultlearningbcc.ac.uk**

Contact us now to book your place or for more details

01296 382403

studentenquiries@buckscc.gov.uk





Highcrest Adult Learning Centre

Hatters Lane, High Wycombe, HP13 7NQ

NEW Alexander Technique course for beginners (11 weeks)

Starts Saturday 12th January 10.00– 11.30

Course code - J6SF12AHM

Fee - £96

Come along to our brand new Alexander Technique course at the beginning of the new year to:

- Increase your awareness of your body's limits, and seek to gently and gradually extend these over time
- Identify the areas of stress and pain, concentrating on increasing balance and reducing tension
- be encouraged to consider the broader context of the Alexander Technique both within and outside the class
- learn to work with gravity in order to focus on detail, precision and alignment, developing your strength, mobility and stability.

This course is for anyone who wants a gentle introduction to the Alexander Technique, a refresher after a break from the practice, or who wants to focus on alignment, balance and pain relief.

It is for people of all ages and abilities who would like to have more freedom of movement and learn to manage areas of tension. Tension often results in a lack of balance. The poses can be adapted if there is limited movement in any of the limbs.

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