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Newsletter – 13th December Issue 12

Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week: Urgent School Closure, Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Parties, Karate Club- Spring Term (Y2-Y6), Carol Concert Tickets (Y3-Y6), Clubs – Spring Term (Y1-Y6), Marchants Hill Trip Reminder (Y5), Invitation to the Christmas Crib Festival

Dear Parents and Carers

What an eventful week! Once again, my thanks and appreciation for your understanding during the 2 closures this week.

The Christmas Bazaar last Saturday was a great success with over **£1600** being raised (£400 more than the previous year). This was due to a combination of the hard work of our PTA committee and kind parents and carers who came forward to volunteer their time to help. Thanks also to our Year 6 Elves and stallholders who came along to offer their support.

On Wednesday, we had 2 performances of 'The Nativity' by our Early Years children who performed wonderfully, with loud singing voices and wonderful acting. There were also a lot of smiles and a few tears from the audience!

Tuesday's lack of power meant that producing Christmas lunch for 300 was even more of a challenge for the wonderful Sue Croft and her team, but as ever they overcame all of the difficulties to serve us with a delicious meal that went down well with everyone.

Sadly, I need to mention parking again. A resident came to see me this week about the rude response of a parent who had been asked to move from the end of a driveway. It is never acceptable to inconvenience our neighbours by parking in this way, even if there is no car present on the drive. Clearly, the owner may return at any time and require immediate access to their drive.

Once again, I ask you to set a good example for your children by being considerate of others.

Finally, thank you for your support of the Usborne Book Fair at Parents Evening; we have now received free books to the value of **£440!**

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% (CLASS 2C)

WELL DONE!

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS

WELL BELOW TARGET AT 92.5%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Monday 16th December

Women's Health and Wellbeing Course –
9.30am - 11:30am – **Last one**

Tuesday 17th December

Mr Marvel Christmas Entertainment
Christmas Parties

Thursday 19th December – 2:15PM

Term Ends for all pupils

Tuesday 7th January

Pupils return to school

PARENT ZONE



Careers advice

I have been in talks with the National Careers Service to arrange some courses for parents who might be looking to get into work. They would love to come and offer some courses for the parents at Highworth and I shall be sending out some emails to everyone in the New Year to find out the types of topics you might like support with. Please see below some information about the services they offer:

The National Careers Service provides free, up to date, impartial information, advice and guidance on careers, skills and the local labour market. Our professional advisers are located in venues in High Wycombe, Chesham and Aylesbury.

We offer both face to face sessions and group workshops covering a wide variety of topics including:

- Skills health check
- CV writing
- Mock interviews
- Careers choices
- Job searching
- Apprenticeships
- Training opportunities and funding
- Overcoming barriers to progression
- Industry specific workshops, eg construction, hospitality, customer service etc
- Mid-life career reviews
- Specific workshops for those who are 50+
- Access to free online courses

Individuals wishing to book an appointment should contact the National Careers Helpline on 0800 100 900 (8am – 10pm, 7 days a week).

Organisations interested in staff workshops should contact Tev Souleiman on 07827 943412 or tevficksouleiman@adviza.org.uk.

I shall be sending out a questionnaire next week to find out what areas you might be interested in.

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