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Newsletter – 24th May 2019 Issue 21

Letters sent home & e-School messages: *Class Assembly Postponed (RG), Woodrow High House Deposit (Y4), First Aid Workshop (Y6), Acrostars Club (Y4,5,6), Phonics Screening (Y1)*

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your understanding regarding yesterday's closure. We were determined to make the most of a bad situation and completed a full day of training for staff. Topics included Shape Coding (a way to support grammatically correct sentence construction), Precision Monitoring (which supports long term memory of key facts), Child Protection and Health and Safety.

I recently shared with you the good news about the improving financial circumstances of our school. This has enabled us to spend approximately £30,000 this year on IT equipment. Consequently, during half term, we will have 10 new interactive panels fitted in classrooms and 30 (to supplement the 90 we have already) new pupil laptops configured for use upon our return. I know that these will be invaluable in supporting the learning of our children both within Computing lessons and the wider curriculum. There will also be investment in some other exciting projects and I will pass on more news of these as they happen during the course of the financial year.

As there will not be another newsletter for a little while, I'd like to wish all those celebrating, Eid Mubarrak! I hope that it is as joyous as you would wish. To all children and families, have a very happy and relaxing half term holiday. We look forward to seeing you all on the 4th June.

Kindest 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 98.7% (CLASS 1H)

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS
ABOVE TARGET AT 96.4%**

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 3rd June

Inset day - **school closed**

Tuesday 4th June

School open to children

Friday 7th June

Eid Parties! Bring your party clothes and a plate of food.

Parent Zone

Drinks in packed lunches

Please can parents ensure that their children bring in a water bottle to use in class as well as providing a drink in their lunch boxes. There are a lot of children who have nothing to drink at lunchtime and as the weather gets warmer it is vital that children are drinking plenty of fluids throughout the day.

Walking with you support group

Please find attached information on this support group. 'Walking With You' is a parent led support group for anyone supporting children and young people experiencing mental health difficulties. You can sit and discuss shared experience with other parents and carers over coffee and biscuits as well as having a group Q&A with parents and mental health professionals from CAMHS.

Half term fun

Don't forget to look at the Bucks family Information Service for ideas of things to do. Visit <https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/family.page?familychannel=7>

Also the National Trust has a May half term trail at Cliveden www.nationaltrust.org.uk/cliveden and a Bee trail at hugendon www.nationaltrust.org.uk/hughenden

May Half Term - Help for Families

A list of useful links and sources of help can be downloaded [here](#).

Make Lunch

[Transforming Lives for Good](#) Make Lunch programme will be offering families in need activities and meals over half term week in the following venues:

King's Church, Amersham HP6 6HL Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th May 11.15-1.00

Aylesbury Vineyard, Aylesbury HP19 8DN. Check their [facebook page](#)

United Reform Church, Chesham HP5 1BX, run their Meet & Eat free family lunch club during holiday check their [website](#) for dates.

Community Fridge

This initiative, led by the national charity [Hubbub Foundation](#), began in Derbyshire in 2016 and there are now have several locations in Bucks helping to reduce food waste and assist families in need.

High Wycombe

Run by the [Women's Cultural Area](#) from Oakridge Baptist Church, it is open for both donations and collections on Mondays and Thursday 10.00-4.30

Aylesbury

Held at The Vineyard Church Aylesbury, open for both donations and collections on Mondays 12-3pm and Wednesdays 11am-2pm from Monday 13th May 2019.

Chesham

The Chesham Fridge has its own [website](#) and operates from Chesham Broadway, Chesham next to Broadway Baptist Church HP5 1EG

Beccy Hatch

Parent Support Worker

Stronger together

The chance to connect with like-minded people who have walked in your shoes.



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The informal sessions are open for any parents and carers with children up to 25. Come to as many sessions as you like – it's entirely up to you.

Due to lack of facilities and support we are unable to accommodate children at the group.

Adam's Park (Wycombe Wanderers FC), 10-11:30am (main club reception)
Friday 28th June, Friday 27th September, Friday 25th October, Friday 29th November.

Contact

Need more information? Contact the Single Point of Access on 01895 901901 or email: oxfordhealth.bucksCAMHSSPA@nhs.net

