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Newsletter – 6th December Issue 11

Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week: Important Message re Christmas Bazaar, Order Christmas Dinner, Carol Concert (Y3 to 6)

Dear Parents and Carers

We are most definitely into one of our busiest times of year: the run up to the Christmas Holidays! This week we have had 2 performances of 'A Midwife Crisis', rehearsals for our Early Years performances and a Mufti day to prepare for the Christmas Bazaar.

It was lovely to see so many people at the performances, although I was sad to hear that some parents had not managed to get tickets before we sold out. A reminder that we always limit initial sales to 2 tickets per family so that we can offer seats to everybody; please look out for the deadline given in the ticket letter to ensure that you are able to purchase your initial allocation of 2 tickets.

We are all very much looking forward to tomorrow's Christmas Bazaar, and especially to welcoming our special guest in red! Thank you if you contacted us to offer help following this week's letter explaining some of the difficulties our PTA have had. It is much appreciated. However, because of the time required to prepare for some stalls, we have not been able to take all of you up on your kind offers. In future, we will make the deadline for accepting offers clear (and make this date as close to the event as preparation allows).

Please do come and join us tomorrow between 11.30am and 1.30pm for lots of fun and games, and of course, to see Santa!

Best Wishes

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 4NS)

WELL DONE!

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS

WELL BELOW TARGET AT 94.7%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 9th December

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

Wednesday 11th December

Early Years Performance 9:30am AND 2:15pm
Last Karate club
PTA Committee meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 12th December

School closed for Polling Day

Friday 13th December

Christmas Jumper Day

PARENT ZONE

PARENTING COURSES

There are a number of **FREE** parenting courses that will be running in January. Please find below a list of these and a brief description of the course but to find out more information and instructions for booking please visit the following website -

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/advice.page?id=TNNwfojyII4>

Incredible Years - High Wycombe Mondays 30 January to 30 March 2020 | 9:30am to 11:30am

These are suitable for parents of children 4 to 12 years old. It has a strong focus on developing the parent and child's positive relationship along with looking at behaviour strategies. It gives you tips on how to improve your child's self-esteem and support your child with their academic development at school.

Stepping Stones – High Wycombe Friday mornings 10am to 12:30pm | 24 January to 20 March 2020

These are for parents of children of all ages (Group and Teen) and children with disabilities (Stepping Stones). It helps parents apply positive parenting strategies and learn to deal with problem behaviours.

Suitable for parents of children with a range of disabilities, for example, intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy and high levels of disruptive behaviour. This group covers all ages.

Stop – Aylesbury Thursdays 9 January to 2 April 2020 | 10am to 12:30pm

Suitable for parents of children 10 to 16 years old. It has a strong focus on developing the parent and child's positive relationship along with looking at behaviour strategies. It gives you tips on how to improve your child's self-esteem and support your child with their academic development at school.

HIGH WYCOMBE LIBRARY

All events are free, though those marked with * need to be signed up for and all are on Floor 1 of the library.

Saturday 7th December 2.30-3.30pm Come and find out about the life of the honeybee from author & beekeeper, Meriet Duncan. Bee themed craft activities too. For 7 - 10 yr olds

Saturday 14th December 2-3pm Christmas themed workshop. Make your own decorations, build a snowman and write a letter to Santa with Bright Young Things, For 4 -11 yr olds *

Saturday 21st December 11- 12.15pm Listen to some Christmas themed stories and make your own cards. For 4 - 11yr olds

Saturday 4th January 2-3pm Come and make New Year decorations, a rocket and write your own New Year Resolutions with Bright Young things For 4 - 11yr olds *

For more information please go to <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/events/library-events/high-wycombe/>

Beccy Hatch
Parent Support Worker

PTA NEWS: We would like to welcome everyone to our annual Christmas Bazaar tomorrow, Saturday 7th December 11.30 - 1.30pm.

There will be Christmas games, tombola, raffle with amazing prizes and you can visit Father Christmas in our Christmas Grotto.

Don't forget to bring your own reusable cup for coffee & hot chocolate and what an opportunity to wear your Christmas jumper!

If you don't have one you could always browse our Elf Shop for preloved Christmas jumpers, along with Christmas decorations, sweets and chocolate treats.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there!