



# Highworth Combined School & Nursery

HIGHWORTH CLOSE HIGH WYCOMBE BUCKS. HP13 7PH

Tel. (01494) 525534

Email [office@highworthcombined.co.uk](mailto:office@highworthcombined.co.uk)

Newsletter – 29th March 2019 Issue 15

Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: *Church Trip letter (Y2), Bikeability (Y5), Maths Letter (Y3-Y6)*

Dear Parents and Carers

Our termly meeting of the Full Governing Body took place this week, during which we said good-bye to 3 of our highly committed and long standing governors: Rafiq Raja was instrumental in the creation of our school more than 25 years ago and has remained a highly respected governor ever since; Tony Green and Mike Ferguson first became involved with Highworth as parents of pupils more than 20 years ago and have given generously of their time as governors ever since. I'd like to express our thanks and appreciation for all that they have each done to support the school over so many years.

A number of parents have expressed to me their concerns about the safety of some of our older pupils when unsupervised at the end of the school day. A group of children have been congregating on the green opposite the school site and have been engaging in some risky play. Please, for the sake of the safety of your own children, and for that of others using this access route, ensure that you know what your child is doing and where they are. As you know, once children have been dismissed from class, the responsibility for their safety becomes yours.

It is so lovely to see families being helped to safely cross Totteridge Lane by our Crossing Patroller (at last!). Mr Ryan has asked me to let you know that in order to ensure your safety, it is important that you wait on the pavement until he has walked in to the road and stopped the traffic. Please do not immediately follow him as this could put you and your children at risk.

As ever, my best wishes for an enjoyable 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: 98.6% (CLASS 1H & 2M)**

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS  
BELOW TARGET AT 95.4%.**

## **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**

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Church Trips – Y2

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Time Out for Parents with children with ASD course – 12.30pm -2.30pm

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

PTA Easter Fayre 3.30pm – 4.30pm

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Assembly (Y4) 10am – 11am

Last day of term – school closes at **2.15pm**

## **Parent Zone**

### **New course for parents with children with ADHD.**

We shall be running a new 3-week course called Time out for Parents with Children with ADHD in May. This course will focus on three areas:

8<sup>th</sup> May - Understanding ADHD

15<sup>th</sup> May - Managing hyperactive behaviours

22<sup>nd</sup> May - Managing impulsive behaviours

You must be able to attend all 3 sessions.

This course is open to all parents; your child does not have to have a diagnoses of ADHD to apply.

If you would like to apply for the course please email me [hatchb@highworthcombined.co.uk](mailto:hatchb@highworthcombined.co.uk) or pop into the office and let the staff know. Places are limited. Please see attached leaflet for more information.

### **Easter Holiday fun**

Don't forget to check out the Bucks Family Information Service for ideas of activities of things to do over Easter

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/service.page?id=KkQbv4Tj-6o&familychannel=7-9>

### **Perform workshops**

Popular children's drama and dance school is offering a Free Trial Session and a special introductory discount of £40 for members of Highworth Combined School and Nursery if they sign up by 24th May. Parents should quote HINY080519 when they book their free session by going to [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try) or calling 020 7255 9120. See attached flyer for more information.

### **Coffee Morning**

Our next coffee morning for parents will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45 – 10.30am. Come along for some or all of the session. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents in a relaxed environment whilst being able to ask me any questions you may have about school and how to help your child whilst enjoying a coffee and a biscuit. I look forward to seeing you there.

### **Wearing Seatbelts**

We are going to be reminding all children next week about the importance of wearing a seatbelt to keep themselves safe in the car. We would very much appreciate your support in this. Please see the below guidance, which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/seat-belts-law>.

You must wear a seat belt if one is fitted in the seat you're using.

You're also only allowed 1 person in each seat fitted with a seat belt.

**You can be fined up to £500 if you don't wear a seat belt when you're supposed to.**

#### **Children**

You must make sure that any children in the vehicle you're driving are:

- in the [correct car seat](#) for their height or weight until they reach 135 centimetres tall or their 12th birthday, whichever is first
- wearing a seat belt if they're 12 or 13 years old, or younger and over 135cm tall

You can be fined up to £500 if a child under 14 isn't in the correct car seat or wearing a seat belt while you're driving.

We appreciate that the school run can be a hectic one, but please ensure that you follow the above guidance at all times to keep you and your families safe.

#### **PTA News**

We look forward to seeing you at the Easter Fayre straight after school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April! If you are able to help with a cake donation, please bring them in to the front office on Thursday morning.



Highworth Friends Presents



# EASTER FAYRE



JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF FUN!



# 04.04.2019



3:30PM in the school hall

EASTER EGG TOMBOLA | LUCKY DIP | DECORATE A BISCUIT | CANDY FLOSS | RAFFLE

## AND A VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY!



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are asking if you would please donate cakes either shop bought or homemade (please include a list of ingredients as without, they will not be sold). These can range from small individual cakes or large family cakes, fairy buns or cookies.

Please can you bring them into school on the morning of Thursday 4th April

**Time Out for Parents/carers with  
Children with ADHD  
Age 3-11 years.**

**A three week programme exploring:**

**Session 1 understanding ADHD**

- **What is ADHD**
- **Social emotional physical and academic difficulties.**
- **How the ADHD Brain works.**
- **Attention Deficit behaviours.**

**Session 2 Managing Hyperactive behaviours.**

- **Behaviour management strategies hyperactive Behaviours.**

**Session 3 Managing Impulsive behaviours**

- **Behaviour management at school.**
- **Impulsive behaviours.**
- **Managing Impulsive behaviours.**
- **Managing constant demands and anger.**
- **Treatment options for ADHD**
- **Coping strategies for parents.**

**Course run by Leonie Cowlard who works for Wycombe Youth for Christ, trained to facilitate courses through Care for The family, since 2011 The charity has been designing courses for over 30 years.**

**[www.careforthefamily.org.uk](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk)**

## Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Highworth Combined School and Nursery** if they sign up by 24th May. Parents should quote HINY080519 when they book their free session by going to [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try) or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try). Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#) and [here](#).

The nearest classes to Highworth Combined School and Nursery are as follows (please click for a map and further details):

**Perform High Wycombe (Drama for 4-7s)**  
(2.3 miles)  
Fridays at 4pm

Loudwater Combined School  
School Way,  
HP11 1JJ

**Perform High Wycombe (Drama for 7-12s)**  
(2.3 miles)  
Fridays at 5pm

Loudwater Combined School  
School Way,  
HP11 1JJ

**Perform Beaconsfield (Drama for 4-7s)**  
(4.1 miles)  
Saturdays at 2.30pm

St Michael's Church Hall  
Grenfell Road,  
HP9 2BN

**Perform Beaconsfield (Drama for 4-7s)**  
(4.1 miles)  
Fridays at 4pm

St Michael's Church Hall  
Grenfell Road,  
HP9 2BN

**Perform Beaconsfield (Drama for 7-12s)**  
(4.1 miles)  
Fridays at 5.15pm

St Michael's Church Hall  
Grenfell Road,  
HP9 2BN

There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).