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Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week: Y3 Trip Letter, Governor Vacancy, Y5 Local Walk, Echoes & T-shirts, Spare PE Kit,

Dear Parents and Carers

After a busy schedule of events last week, this week has been notable for its return to a 'normal routine', much appreciated by teachers who can crack on with their core purpose of teaching and learning!

On Monday, all teachers attended our termly meeting with colleagues from 11 local schools who work together within the 'Chiltern Area Partnership'. This organising allows us to collaborate on, and promote high quality teaching and learning. As a result of this work, pupils will be involved in some of the following initiatives: an art competition with winning entries being displayed at Great Missenden Library; a writers' day at Holmer Green Senior School for some pupils in Year 3 and Year 6; Science Week (taking place this week, more news on this in my letter next week); use of additional computing resources and a system for improving times tables knowledge recall. More information will follow as appropriate.

Thank you for your support with Red Nose Day today; your generosity is much appreciated. Many thanks also to Mrs Smith in Year 6 for organising the various events that have taken place this week.

As ever, my 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 2M)  
WELL DONE!**

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS  
JUST ABOVE TARGET AT 96.3%.**

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> March

Girls' friendly football match against Downley  
Y5/Y6 - 3.45pm

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Time Out for Parents with children with ASD  
course – 12.30 -2.30pm  
Boys league football against St Teresa's Y5/Y6

### Thursday 21<sup>th</sup> March

Local area walk 5N - 9.15-12.30pm

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Local area walk 5K - 9.30-12.30pm  
Class Assembly 2B - 10.10am  
Football sports hub event Y2 - 12.45pm HGS

## PTA News

We were able to put our knowledge to the test at the Quiz Night a couple of weeks ago. It was nice to have an adult only event and together we raised £400!

Well done and thank you to everyone who participated!

# Parent Zone

## Sharing paper information with you

In order to save on the amount of things we send out to parents, we have now introduced a 'families mail' system. This is where we send out some information that is appropriate for all parents in school rather than specific classes. Previously you would have received duplicate copies of information but we will now send out this type of information to the youngest sibling in the school. We hope that this will cut down the amount of information that we send home whilst also being mindful of the environment.

## New Magazine Subscription

I am hoping that you will have all now received a copy of the Chiltern Families Magazine. This is a fantastic magazine that provides some very interesting articles about a variety of topics. In this month's issue there is an Early Years special looking at how children's vocabulary might be holding them back and also the benefits of Messy play. You will also find in every edition the 'What's On' section. This highlights special events and activities that are being run locally, either at a cost or free of charge. I have subscribed our School to the magazine and I hope that you enjoy reading it.



## Future Courses available for you

I am starting to look at courses that we can offer to parents in the Summer term. These could be run during the day or perhaps one evening. I am looking for ideas from you on topics that I could offer. Would you be interested in topics such as helping your child to Read or phonics? I could offer small group session where we look in more detail than we were able to on the Phonics information evening. You might like to look at hot topics like managing computer usage at home or helping with home learning. If you have an idea then please email me [hatchb@highworthcombined.co.uk](mailto:hatchb@highworthcombined.co.uk) or jot your thoughts on a piece of paper and hand it in to the office. Ideas can be anonymous. I really look forward to hearing some suggestions from you. Please also include if you would prefer during the day or the evening.

## Cricket Club for Children in Years 1 – 3

We are really lucky to have Adam Dobbs, a specialist coach from All Stars Cricket, coming into school to share his expertise with the children. All Stars also run many clubs and activities outside of this. Please follow the link below to find details of an 8-week cricket programme running this summer, which is available to children at our school, at a cost of £80.

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/18bb1da9-0c8e-4a02-9896-ade68907964a>

Please see Mrs Sturgeon for further details or contact Adam via the contact details on the webpage.