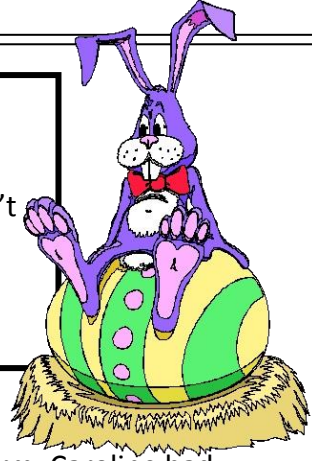


Highworth Combined School

MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent,

Welcome to the 'Spring' Newsletter. You will note the inverted commas around Spring, used because it hasn't felt very Spring like recently! Let's hope that the forthcoming holidays bring some more appropriate weather for the season.



Staffing Update

We were sad to say goodbye to Caroline Kennedy this term. Caroline had worked here supporting pupils in a variety of year groups for over 4 years and will be much missed. She has moved on to work in a local secondary school so our loss is their gain! Sian Radband, who has had a number of influential roles in her time here, is also leaving for another local school. Most recently Sian has done an outstanding job of accelerating the progress of pupils in Year 6 and we thank her sincerely for this. She too will be sorely missed. I will introduce new members of the team in the next newsletter once we have completed our recruitment process.

Energize, World Book Day, Author Visit, Year 4 Trip, Tag Rugby Festival and Sign2sing

When did you last view the School's website? We'd love for you to get into the habit of viewing it on a regular basis as a way of staying up to date with events. So, for information and photographs of all the above events, please see our website: <http://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web>

Easter Fayre

Our PTA will be running an Easter Fayre at the end of school on the last Wednesday of term. There will be lots of Easter Eggs to win as well as many fun activities for children. Once again, our Year 6 pupils will be selling items they have made as part of their class based mini enterprise scheme. I would encourage parents to delay their departure from school on the 28th March,

and join in the fun. As in previous years, in order to allow as many families as possible to visit, we will operate a one way system of entry and exit. Please follow the signs and instructions on the day.

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I've just heard that we have a very special guest for the afternoon. I can't say too much, but they have long ears, big teeth and a fluffy tail!

Donations

I never cease to be amazed by the number of ways our PTA find in order to raise money for our school. Recently, we have received £190 from John Lewis (as a result of their 'green charity disc' voting system) and £300 from the Eden Centre for coming second in a recent competition. You will have also seen that they are planning ahead by asking you to buy pantomime tickets, generating yet more funds. My thanks, as ever, to you all for supporting the school in this way.

SATS - Year 6

I would like to remind parents of pupils in Year 6, that they will be taking National tests during the week Monday 14th – Thursday 16th May. It is essential that all Year 6 pupils are present in school during this week unless they are physically too ill to attend. Please ensure that routine medical appointments are not made during this week. Further information will follow for all those involved.

SATs - Year 2

Pupils in Year 2 will also be sitting National tests during the month of May. A letter with more details for Year 2 parents will be sent out nearer to the time.

Parents' Evenings

As you know, we are holding our twice yearly consultation event for parents and teachers this week. Although the vast majority of parents took advantage of this invaluable opportunity to find out about, and support their child's learning, for the first time in a long while, we were disappointed that a number of parents did not attend. I am anxious to find out if there is anything about the way that we organise and conduct these meetings that makes it

difficult for you, as parents, to attend. If you are able to provide me with any feedback that would help me improve the event, I would love to hear it. As ever, please feel free to approach me in the mornings or email using this address: office@highworth.bucks.sch.uk

Diary Dates

Please see the live information regarding forthcoming dates now published and updated regularly on the school website:

<http://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web>