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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Vision Screening (Rec), Advanced Warning: Road Closure, School Finance, Trip to Black Park Forest School (Rec)

Dear all,

I'd like to start by saying how much we appreciate the support so many of you have come forward to offer following my letter about school finance. It is very much appreciated.

Yesterday, our PTA led a thoroughly successful Easter egg hunt around our school. It was lovely to see so many children – young and old – enjoying searching for the clues. Thank you so much to the parents who supported by sending their children in to school with Easter eggs to contribute to the hunt, and to those who took part in the scavenger hunt. An enormous thank you to the hard work and dedication of the PTA for organising yet another successful event.

Despite the hit and miss rainy weather this week, we were very pleased that two after school matches were able to take place. On Wednesday a team of predominantly Year 5 boys took on a confident Year 6 team from Ash Hill. Although the score was 4-1 to Ash Hill, the boys thoroughly enjoyed the game and were great ambassadors for our school. Similarly, on Thursday afterschool a mixed team from Y5 and 6 went to St John's to play a netball match. The score was 1-1 for the majority of the match but unfortunately St John's got a few last minute goals to leave the final score at 3-1. Mr Leslie and Mr Horlock were impressed with their impeccable behaviour and great sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Year 4 for concluding our Spring term with their Easter assembly. It was great to see so many parents in school this morning, watching their children on stage. The singing and narrating of the Year 4 performers were outstanding; thank you to all involved in a wonderful performance.

Last week I wrote about the choir performing at The Swan with their Energize concert. Photos have now been uploaded on the school website: <https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/news/189861>

Local residents continue to be upset by how a minority of our parents' park in and around the school area. Residents have reported to us that their lawns have been driven over, and their driveways used/blocked on numerous occasions by a handful of Highworth parents. Please be considerate over where you park your car; thank you to the overwhelmingly large number of parents who do make considered choices over where to park. Hopefully once this showery season of rain has passed (we can but hope!) we will see an increase in the number of people either walking to school completely, or parking a few roads further away and walking the remainder of the way.

We are currently advertising for a Learning Support Assistant on the Bucks jobs website. If you are interested in working here please click the link below for information on how to apply:

<https://jobs.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/search/?query=Highworth&postcode>

And finally, I would like to wish you all a happy and restful Easter break. For those marking it, I wish you a blessed and Holy Easter. We look forward to seeing your children when school reopens on Monday 17th April.

Clare Pankhania

PARENT ZONE

ATTENDANCE

The display board at the front of the school shows each year group's weekly attendance.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%

BEST ATTENDANCE: 97.6%

(CLASS: 4C)

WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

93.3%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES NEXT WEEK:

Monday 17th April

School open - start of the Summer Term



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Discover hints and tips using everyday items from home.

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Join our **free**, 2.5 hour workshop with a medical professional who works for the ambulance service for parents and carers of children at Primary school in Buckinghamshire

Tuesday 16 May,
Southcourt Family Centre, Aylesbury 9.30am – 12pm

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FREE EARLY YEARS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

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STORY WORKSHOPS



Imagination

Mondays, 9:30am-11:00am 📍 **Hithercroft Family Centre, High Wycombe**

- **24 April** - 10 Little Pirates
- **15 May** - Brown Bear, Brown Bear What do you See?

Tuesdays, 10am-12pm 📍 **Castlefield Family Centre, High Wycombe**

- **25 April** - A Hole at the Bottom of the Sea
- **9 May** - Stanley's Stick
- **23 May** - Super Duck



Thursdays, 10am-12pm 📍 **Elmhurst Family Centre, Aylesbury**

- **20 April** - Hole at the Bottom of the Sea



HEALTHY ACTIVE CHILD

Learn how to encourage your child to enjoy a healthy diet and lifestyle (4 weeks course).



Active

ONLINE

- **Tuesday 25 April, 9:30am-11:30am**

📍 **NEWTOWN FAMILY CENTRE, CHESHAM**

- **Wednesday 26 April, 10am-12pm**

📍 **ELMHURST FAMILY CENTRE, AYLESBURY**

- **Thursday 4 May, 10am-12pm**



LITTLE MUSIC MAKER WORKSHOP

Fun ideas on how you and your child can enjoy music and rhymes, and make a musical instrument!

📍 **HITHERCROFT FAMILY CENTRE, HIGH WYCOMBE**

- **Monday 22 May, 9:30am-11:00am**



PLAY AND LEARN

Learn about the importance of play and how your child learns through play (5 weeks course).

📍 **SOUTHCOURT FAMILY CENTRE, AYLESBURY**

- **Tuesday 25 April, 1pm-2.30pm**



Sensory

BUSY FINGERS

Explore fun ideas, toys and games to support your child's fine motor skills development (4 weeks).

📍 **HAMPDEN WAY FAMILY CENTRE, HIGH WYCOMBE**

- **Wednesday 26 April, 10am-12am**



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Reading

RECEPTION

GETTING CONFIDENT for YEAR 1 (5 weeks) Ideas to improve your child's well-being moving from Reception into Year 1

- [Wednesday 26 April, 9:30am-11:30am](#)



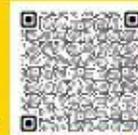
WORKSHOPS (Every Tuesday or Thursday from 9:30am-11:30am)

- [25 or 27 April](#) - HELP YOUR CHILD WITH HANDWRITING
- [2 or 4 May](#) - DEVELOPING WRITING THROUGH STORIES
- [9 or 11 May](#) - STORY WORKSHOP: THE FISH WHO COULD WISH
- [16 or 18 May](#) - WELLBEING
- [23 or 25 May](#) - HAVE FUN WHILE LEARNING OUTSIDE

FIRST AID WORKSHOP

Everyday First Aid for the family and how to manage an emergency situation.

- [Tuesday 16 May, 9:30am-12pm](#) @ [outhcourt Family Centre, Aylesbury](#)



YEARS 1 & 2

HELP YOUR CHILD WITH HANDWRITING WORKSHOP

- [Tuesday 18 April, 12:30pm-2:30pm](#)
- [Wednesday 19 April, 9:30am-11:30am](#)



Writing

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH WRITING AND GRAMMAR (5 weeks). Ways to support spelling, grammar and punctuation to improve your child's writing.

- [Tuesday 25 April, 12:30pm-2:30pm & 7pm-9pm](#)
- [Wednesday 26 April, 9:30am-11:30am](#)
- [Thursday 27 April, 9:30am-11:30am](#)



YEARS 3 & 4

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH SCIENCE (5 weeks). Ideas to improve your child's science skills and knowledge.

- [Tuesday 25 April, 9:30am-11:30am](#)
- [Wednesday 26 April, 12:30pm-2:30pm](#)
- [Thursday 27 April, 7pm-9pm](#)



YEARS 5 & 6

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL ARITHMETIC SKILLS WORKSHOP

Practical ideas to help your child mental arithmetic skills.

- [Wednesday 24 May, 7pm-9pm](#)
- [Thursday 25 May, 9:30am-11:30am](#)



YEARS 1 TO 6

MONEY MATTERS - TEACH YOUR CHILD THE VALUE OF MONEY (5 weeks)

Develop your child's money skills.

- [Tuesday 25 April, 9:30am-11:30am](#)



YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 - WELLBEING WORKSHOPS

(Every Tuesday from 7pm-9pm)

- [2 May](#) - Help your Child Build Confidence and Resilience
- [9 May](#) - Help your Child Cope with Stress and Anxiety
- [15 May](#) - Help your Child to Develop Positive Friendships and Manage Peer Pressure
- [23 May](#) - Happy, Healthy and Safe Online Tips to Help your Child



Wellbeing



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