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Newsletter – 8th March 2019 Issue 12

Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week: *Parent Sessions (Nursery), Science Investigations (Y4), Local Walk (Y5), Home to School Transport, Donation of Tissues, Red Nose Day*

Dear Parents and Carers

As you know, this week we have had parent consultation meetings. I'd like to say a huge thank you for your participation; only 3 families did not make an appointment to attend. Supporting your children in this way is very much appreciated and will have a significant impact upon their success and happiness at school. I'd also like to commend the manner in which the meetings were conducted; there was an air of respect and warmth throughout the school, with both teachers and parents telling me how enjoyable and useful they had found the meetings to be.

You will remember that just before Half Term we had a mufti day to celebrate the sign2sing event. Thanks to your generosity, we will be sending a little over £200 to the charity Sign Health.

70 parents, staff and guests enjoyed an amusing and intellectually challenging time at the PTA quiz night last Friday. Kerry-Ann Hambrook, supported by a small group of PTA members, was responsible for organising and hosting the event. We await news of funds raised, but in the meantime, thank you Kerry-Ann for all your hard work.

World Book Day took place on Thursday and great excitement and intrigue was generated by the mystery objects brought in to school. Amongst the more obscure were: a giant inflatable crocodile; a stick with a scarf; a bottle of medicine and a walking stick. Can you guess the book that each of these relates to? Your children might be able to help you figure it out! There are a few photos from the day already on the website:

https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/world_book_day_/397926

Best wishes for a happy book filled 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: 98.7% (CLASS 3FM & 4S)

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS

STILL BELOW TARGET AT 95.5%.

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

Monday 11th March

Science week all week for Reception – Y6
Parents Evening for RL 3.30pm

Wednesday 13th March

Triple P parenting course

Thursday 14th March

National History Museum trip – Y4

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day
Class Assembly 2M 10.10am

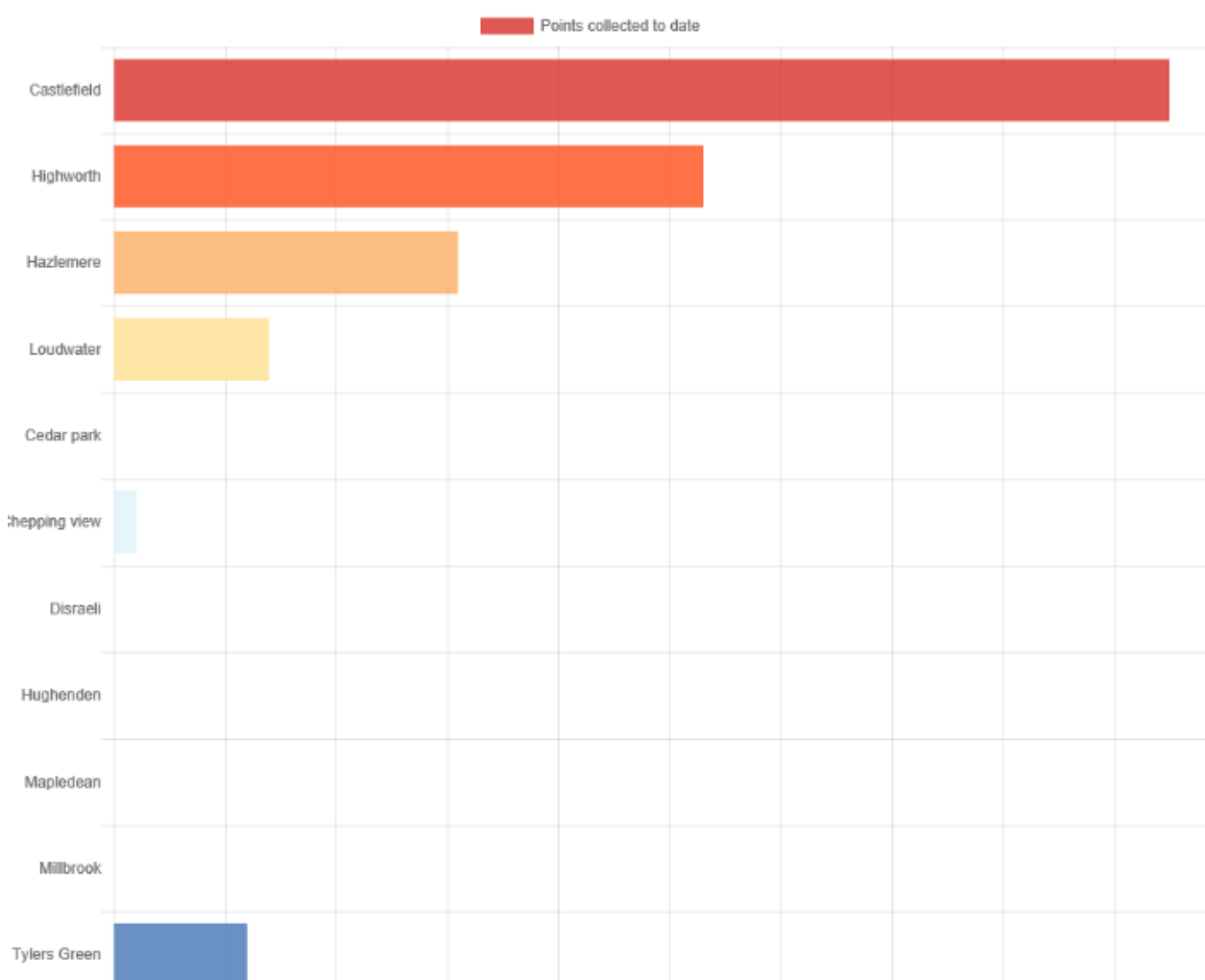
Parent Zone

Quids for Kids

In a previous newsletter I sent information about the 'Quids for Kids' campaign that is running at the Eden centre at the moment where local schools could be in with a chance of winning cash prizes!

I have looked on the website and we are currently 2nd which could mean we win £350. If we came first, we would win £1000 for the school.

Please spread the word to all your family and friends and ask them to register any Eden centre receipts with the customer service desk and ask the points to be allocated to Highworth Combined School.



Beccy Hatch
Parent Support Worker

PTA NEWS

Future events - save the dates:

Easter Fayre Thursday 4th April

Summer Fun Day Saturday 29th June

Summer Disco Tuesday 23rd July



SHOP AT EDEN, HIGH WYCOMBE AND YOU COULD WIN CASH FOR YOUR CHOSEN SCHOOL

Simply register your till receipt at Eden's customer services desk
every time you shop and nominate your chosen school.

Each £5 you spend will be converted into points.

Those with the most points will win a share of £1,500.



1ST PLACE

£1000



2ND PLACE

£350

3RD PLACE

£150

CLOSING DATE 23RD APRIL 2019

For more information and to check
the progress of your school, visit

WWW.EDENSHOPPING.CO.UK/QUIDSFORKIDS

Newsletter from National Autistic Society, South Bucks

Dear Member,

The South Bucks NAS Branch has had an extremely busy couple of weeks. If you have attended any of our events or supported us in any way - thank you!

- We had two successful sessions of Track Party during half term, where we welcomed nearly **50** children to the Curzon Centre to play with the amazing amount of track that had been put together.
- We followed this last Thursday with our most successful speaker event to date. Welcomed Sarah Smith from Bucks Sendias and Hilary Harvey from South Bucks PDA Support Group - over **60** of you attended. Please find both of their presentations attached.
- Then last Friday we held our first ever fundraiser - a quiz night. Around 90 people came to support us and we made an amazing **£1625!** Every penny of which will go directly to people with autism and their families.

Next Event - link to book below.

We are delighted to announce our next event ahead of **World Autism Awareness Week** - The Rt Hon Dame Cheryl Gillan MP is a great advocate of autism support and awareness. It is because Dame Cheryl that the Government passed the first ever Autism Act in 2009 - ten years on the government has launched a review.

Dame Cheryl and the National Autistic Society are working to make sure the review will include children with autism for the first time. Come and hear what she has to say and ask any questions you have.

Thursday 28 April, 7.30pm, Chesham Town Hall. Dame Cheryl Gillan MP - talking about The Autism Act 10 Years on. Book for free here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dame-cheryl-gillan-mp-the-autism-act-10-years-on-tickets-58119104807>

Also - **Hilary Harvey** is also running a PDA Society Parent/Carers course in Aylesbury on 16th March - full details, including costs and booking via

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pda-for-parents-and-carers-aylesbury-tickets-55964276658>

Kind regards,

Kelly and Clare

NAS South Bucks

Volunteer branch of the National Autistic Society



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