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Newsletter – 1st March 2019 Issue 11

Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week: *Home Learning, Parent Consultation Evenings, School Crossing Patroller, Y6 SATs Resources, Internet Safety – MoMo, "School of Rock" (Y6), World Book Day & Voucher, Pancake Day (Rec), Tag Rugby Event (Y4)*

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back this week during the glorious weather which seems to have raised the spirits of children and adults alike. With great excitement, we were able to get everyone on to the field at lunchtime on Wednesday and I can't remember ever being able to do that in February!

As usual I would suggest that you take a look at our website this weekend; new this week are the Home Learning Matrices for this half term, a curriculum overview for Reception, SATs preparation resources for year 6 and mark schemes for Year 2 to assist with preparation for Parents Evening next week. Here is the link to the website:

https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/our_school/295421

Our Deputy Head Teacher, Clare Dimishky, started her Maternity Leave on Wednesday this week. I know that you will join me in wishing her every happiness with her new arrival. We're looking forward to having her back later in the year by which time I'm sure she'll be ready to come to work for a rest from the demands of 2 young children! In her absence Megan Holloway will take on the role of Deputy Head on a full time basis. I'd like to congratulate Alana Moore, one of our Year 3 teachers, who has been appointed to the role of Phase Leader for Lower School whilst Megan covers for Clare.

Further to my message earlier in the week about the 'MOMO Challenge', please find further information at the end of this newsletter.

As ever, my best wishes for a happy weekend together with your family.

Kind regards

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 6H)

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS
BELOW TARGET AT 94.3%.**

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

Monday 4th March

Parents coffee Morning – 8.45am -10am

Tuesday 5th March

Parents Evening 5.50pm – 8pm

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Friday 8th March

Year 4 Tag Rugby 12.45pm – 2.45pm

Parent Zone

Coffee Morning Monday 4th March



Open to all parents and carers. Come to the Scout Hut straight from drop off in the morning (8.50AM). An opportunity to talk to other parents in a relaxed environment whilst enjoying a cup of tea and biscuit.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Adult Learning Courses



Please find attached details of three courses that are being offered by Adult Learning. Two of the courses are designed for adults that are looking to get into work and want help with CV writing, interviews and job searching. The third course is a confidence building programme based on the 5 ways to wellbeing:

- Connect
- Be Active
- Give
- Keep Learning
- Take Notice

Please see each flyer to find out how to enrol.

Packed Lunches

Thank you for taking the time to read through the information packs about our new lunch box guide. We are pleased to see that the majority of our pupils are bringing in a nutritionally balanced packed lunch.

Beccy Hatch
Parent Support Worker

PTA News

We are delighted to tell you all that we made **£620** profit from the Valentine Disco. Thank you so much to everyone who helped and not least everyone who came and spent their hard earned money. We hope you all had a good time! On another note, we look forward to seeing lots of you at the quiz tonight!

Get Connected, Get Selected

***FREE five week course, 9.30am-12.00pm**

Start date: Tuesday 23rd April– 21st May 2019

Millbrook Adult Learning Centre, Mill End Road, High Wycombe HP12 4BA



Five week course to help you get more confident using email and job searching online including using social media

Funded for targeted adults 19 years or over who meet UK residency requirements for funding **and are claiming JSA, UC, ESA (WRAG) or Income Support **and** are looking and available to start work*

For more information and to enrol, please contact

◆ Elise Cooper, Outreach Officer, ecooper@buckscc.gov.uk, 07917 895847
OR

◆ Your Work Coach



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Suited, Booted and Recruited!

Every Thursday

Starting Thursday 25th April - 23rd May 2019

At Millbrook Adult Learning Centre, Mill End Rd
High Wycombe, HP12 4BA

A short course to learn how to:

- Recognise an effective CV and cover letter
- Identify your transferable skills
- Prepare for interview questions
- Practise your interview skills

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Positive Pathways

8 *FREE sessions

Millbrook Adult Learning Centre, Mill End Road, High Wycombe HP12 4BA

**Thursday 25th April – 20th June 2019
12.00 - 14.00**

Are you struggling to move forward in life and work?
Feeling isolated and anxious?

This course is based around the **5 Ways to Wellbeing:**

Connect

Be Active

Give

Keep Learning

Take Notice

It aims to help people become more confident in their skills, working in a supportive, small group to help move them closer to volunteering

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Help With Bullying

Parents & Carers Info

The Momo challenge: what parents need to know



The “Momo challenge” is hitting the headlines, and media reports are causing concerns for parents. This is what parents need to know, and what you can do to protect your child.

What is the Momo challenge?

Momo is a creepy doll-like figure which is said to appear in social media, videos and games online, encouraging children to add a contact on WhatsApp. It then sends them violent images and dangerous dares. Media reports have linked the Momo challenge to self-harm and suicide. However, there are relatively few reports of children having participated in the challenge, and it’s unclear the extent of the concern. What’s clear is that a lot of people are worried about it, but instances of harm seem very rare.

Protecting your child

Setting age-appropriate boundaries is important. Younger children should not be using social networking and chat apps at all, and should be supervised when watching videos on sites like YouTube. With older children, it may be appropriate for them to use social media and WhatsApp to talk to their friends, although their networks should be private and they should avoid talking to people they don’t know. Children of any age should be very cautious about adding anyone they don’t know to their networks.

Have open conversations about online safety, and let your child know they can come to you if they see anything that upsets or worries them. Read [Protecting Your Child Online](#) page for more advice about exploring online safety with your child.

Report any Momo-related content to the platform (e.g. YouTube, Instagram).

Teach your child what it means to be assertive and explore saying no to doing things they don’t want to do - whether face to face or online.

Overall, be calm and reassuring. Momo may be frightening to children, in particular younger children. Memes like the Momo challenge draw their power from fear, so make sure your children see that you’re not scared of Momo, and it’s a problem you can solve together.
