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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: New Governors, Maths Home Learning (Y3)

Dear all

Thank you again for your support of Children In Need last week. We were able to donate the impressive amount of **£248**.

At one point this week, the weather forecast was for snow; luckily, it has now changed. However, as we head further into winter, it seems like a good idea to remind you of arrangements in the event of disruption.

If there is heavy snowfall during the school day:

We will send an eSchools message to ask you to collect your children as soon as possible.

If there is heavy snowfall outside of the school day:

The Chair of Governors and I will try to make a decision about changes to school provision as soon as possible as we know that this makes it a little easier for you to make plans. If we cannot open the site safely, an eSchools message will be sent. In addition there will be information on this page of the Bucks Council website: <https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/>

I am sure you will have realised that it is therefore essential that you have the eSchools App on your phone so that you do not miss these messages. Please also make sure that the emergency contacts for your child have the App so that they can quickly respond to messages if you are not able to.

At the recent committee meeting of Highworth Friends, we discussed some plans to hold a Christmas Fayre. Sadly, the event cannot run in the same way as in the past, but all children will be able to participate (in a Covid safe manner) during the school day on **Wednesday 15th December**. This is a change to the provisional date of 3rd/4th December. Further details will follow. Although we would appreciate your financial support, you will not need to attend the event. This may be good news or bad depending on your perspective! Highworth Friends will be in touch to see if there are any kind volunteers who could help with the set up and running of the event on the 15th.

Have a happy weekend.

Mrs 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: 97.9% (Class 5S)

WELL DONE

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS

WELL BELOW TARGET AT 92.4%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 1st December - pm

Class 3MP Local Walk to Church

PARENT ZONE



***Need some
Christmas
shopping time
without the
kids?***



***TRY OUR
CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY
CAMPS!***

**MARLOW CAMP -
20th December 2021
Court Garden Leisure
Centre, Marlow, SL7 2RE**

**HAZLEMERE CAMP –
21 & 22nd December 2021
Hazlemere Youth Centre,
Rose Avenue, HP15 7UB**

OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES
& EXPERIENCE, AGED 4 – 12 YEARS

Times: Mornings 9am -12 noon (£16)
Lunch Club* 12 – 1pm (£3.00)
Afternoons 1.00pm – 4.00pm (£16)



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Information for Parents

COVID-19 Testing

Twice weekly testing using Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) remains recommended for the families of school-aged children. These are available for free, see this link to order: [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

This helps to identify if you or your child is infected so that others in the school and wider community can be protected. Please note that this type of testing is only for people without symptoms of COVID-19 and if you test positive, you need to self-isolate and arrange for a free confirmatory PCR test via this link:

[Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-a-free-pcr-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus-covid-19)

COVID-19 Vaccination

People aged 16 and over, including adults, can book a vaccination appointment through the National Booking System or attend a walk-in clinic:

- [Book or manage a 1st or 2nd dose of the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/book-or-manage-a-1st-or-2nd-dose-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination)
- [Find a walk-in coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination site - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site)

Severe illness and death from COVID-19 infection are more likely with increasing age. Therefore, adults are more vulnerable than children and it is important that you are vaccinated as well as any of your eligible children to protect your and your family's health.

If you are eligible for a COVID-19 booster vaccination (people aged 40 and over, or anyone aged 16 and over with a high-risk health condition) then you can book an appointment to have it [here](#), although please note that it must be at least 6 months since your second dose of the vaccine. This will help to top-up your protection against COVID during the Winter months.

Flu and other winter viruses

As we move into winter, other viruses may start to spread, causing flu and colds. The symptoms from these infections can be similar to those of COVID-19.

It is important to get a free PCR test for COVID-19 first if you or your child develops any of the following: a new continuous cough; a raised temperature; a change in taste or smell. If this test is negative, it is still important to continue testing twice-weekly using LFDs as you or your child might go on to become infected with COVID-19 later.

People who are eligible, including children aged 2-15 years old and anyone between the ages of 6 months and 50 years old who is clinically vulnerable can have a free NHS flu vaccine this year, which is the best way of protecting ourselves and those around.