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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: SATs (Y6); Multi-skills Event (Rec); PTA Meeting; Cancelled Clubs; Y3 Knowledge Organiser, Y3 Maths Home Learning Pack

Dear all

Firstly, we'd like to send very best wishes to all those families celebrating Eid early next week. We have seen how excited the children are and hope that, at last, you are able to catch up with friends and family after previous restrictions. We know that many of you celebrating will choose to take a day of 'religious observance' on Tuesday and expect to see children back in school on Wednesday. All classes will have Eid Parties in the afternoon on Friday 6th May to mark the occasion. Further information will be sent next week, but children will be able to wear party clothes all day (unless it is a PE day!) and you may send a small plate of food to be enjoyed during the party.

I am delighted to be able to tell you of the arrival of a new recruit to the Highworth team: Mrs Aneela Ali, who has taken on the role of Student Teacher of The Deaf. Aneela is getting to know children and colleagues across the school before starting to work with some of the children within our Hearing-Impaired Department.

An advert for Learning Support Assistants to work at Highworth from September will appear on the 'Find a Job in Buckinghamshire' website in the next few days. If you, or someone you know, would like to join our staff team, please use this link to find further details: <https://jobs.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/search/?category=schools>

As we return to normal operation, we are keen to recruit some 'Parent Helpers' to provide support to our teachers and pupils. This is an ideal role for those needing experience before starting a career in education, or for those who have a couple of hours spare and have an interest, in for example, helping children with early reading. If you would like to know more, please email Mrs Smith: office@highworthcombined.co.uk

Finally, a reminder that we have MANY events coming up during this term! We would love for you to attend so please use this link to find all the important dates: <https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/calendar/189862>

As ever, my very best wishes for a happy weekend, and an early Eid Mubarak!

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: 99/3% (CLASS 3N)

EXCELLENT

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS

95.3%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS

WEEK:

Monday 2nd May:

May Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 6th May

Eid Parties

Multi-skills Event at Holmer Green Senior School (Reception Class)

PARENT ZONE

Current guidance for families and staff if a Covid-19 infection is suspected

Revised list of symptoms of Covid 19, flu and other respiratory infections:

- continuous cough
- high temperature, fever or chills
- loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
- shortness of breath
- unexplained tiredness, lack of energy
- muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise
- not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry
- headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual
- sore throat, stuffy or runny nose
- diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick

Precautions to take:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days

Please use this information when determining if school attendance is safe and appropriate.