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Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week: Swimming Lessons (4S), Clubs, Flu Vaccinations
Mufti – One Can Trust, Secondary Transfer Test Results (Y6), Sex Education (Y6), Tag Rugby Event (Y6)

Dear all

Firstly, very many thanks for your generous donations to the One Can Trust. They are very much appreciated and will make a significant difference to families in our local area.

The weather is turning colder as we move further into Autumn and Winter. However, our windows and doors are remaining open in order to keep everyone safe by providing essential ventilation. We have been asked to ensure that we maintain school uniform, but extra layers are very much allowed.

The following are suggestions for additional items to send to school to keep your children warm:

- Thermal vests and leggings under uniform
- Body warmers (to wear over school sweat shirt/jumper as required)
- Fleece or sweat shirt hoodies (to wear over school sweat shirt/jumper as required)
- **Fingerless** gloves
- Hats
- Scarves
- Black track suit trousers instead of school trousers/skirt/pinafore
- Leggings instead of tights
- Plain black trainers instead of school shoes (please note, boots are not allowed)

Please see below for an exciting opportunity to enter a 'design a Christmas Card' competition run by Wycombe Youth for Christ.

Don't forget that we have some exciting PTA events coming up. Look out for further information at the bottom of this newsletter.

The first Parent's Evening events of the year are on **Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th November**. Due to the ongoing high prevalence of Covid 19 infections at school, this will have to be virtual using School Cloud.

More information will follow next week.

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: 97.7% (CLASS 4S)

WELL DONE

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS
BELOW TARGET AT 94.4%**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

Monday 18th October

Annual Flu Vaccination (YR- Y6)

Friday 22nd October

Tag Rugby Sports Hub Event (Y6)

Halloween Mufti Day - £1 donation

PTA Halloween Fancy Dress Disco (by Zoom)

6.30pm to 7.30pm

Saturday 23rd October £2 per map (cash only)

PTA Halloween Trail

any time between 9.30am and 3.20pm



Buckinghamshire Family Learning



Family Learning courses commencing week 1 November 2021

Welcome to Schools Family Learning courses! We hope that you will join us for one of our fun and informative courses this November. Our courses are for parents only and will help you to support your child to make progress at school.

Booking is essential please click on this [link](#), or contact the Enrolment Team on 01296 383582

For more information contact Kathryn on 07770 641997

<p>Develop Your Child's Early Maths Skills</p>	<p>Free online five-week course for parents with children in Reception</p> <p>Find out how maths is taught at school and how best you can support your child to develop critical, early maths skills. Learn simple, fun activities to engage your child and support their understanding. Choose from: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday mornings or Wednesday afternoons</p>
<p>Support Your Child with Maths; Shape, Data and Measure- Y1&2</p>	<p>Free online five-week course for parents with children in Year 1 and 2</p> <p>Find out why understanding shape, data and measurement is crucial to your child's mathematical learning and attainment. Find out what and how they are learning at school. Learn simple, fun activities and games to reinforce their mathematical understanding. Choose from: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings, or Monday and Tuesday afternoons</p>
<p>Support Your Child with Maths; Shape Data and Measure- Y3&4</p>	<p>Free online five-week course for parents with children in Year 3 and 4</p> <p>Find out why understanding shape, data and measurement is crucial to your child's mathematical learning. Find out what and how they are learning at school. Learn simple, fun activities and games to reinforce their mathematical understanding. Choose from: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoons</p>
<p>Support Your Child's Well-being Key Stage 1</p>	<p>Free online five-week course for parents with children in Year 1 and 2</p> <p>Through child-friendly activities, look at practical ideas to help your child cope with change through building their confidence and improving their resilience. Wednesday afternoons</p>
<p>Support Your Child's Well-being Key Stage 2</p>	<p>Free online five-week course for parents and carers with children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6</p> <p>Look at practical ideas to improve your child's well-being. Explore ways to build your child's confidence and self-esteem, improving their resilience, both at home and school. Look at strategies to help them cope with anxiety and stress. Monday afternoons Starting 8 November</p>
<p>Digital Skills Support Your Child's Digital Well-being</p>	<p>Free online five-week course for parents with children in Key Stage 2</p> <p>Help your child feel safe online and know how to protect them. Find out about different social media and gaming sites, and what they are. Wednesday mornings</p>
<p>Play and Learn</p>	<p>Free online or face to face five-week online course for parents of children from 2-4 years</p> <p>Children learn best by doing. Use things found in your home to support your child's development, through craft, construction, messy play & mark-making. Learn how your child learns through play. Tuesday mornings in person at Newtown Family Centre; or Wednesday mornings online</p>
<p>Fun with Stories</p>	<p>Free online or face to face five-week course for parents of children from 2-4 years</p> <p>Enjoy a different story each week and spark a life-long love of books! Create props to help you and your child retell stories and explore how doing crafts and activities inspired by books can help your child to learn and develop language and vocabulary. Tuesday afternoons in person at Southcourt FC; or Wednesday mornings online</p>
<p>Thinking about Volunteering</p>	<p>Free online one-week workshop for parents and carers with school age children 18 November</p> <p>Thinking of going back into the workplace? Discover the skills you have and match them to the skills you need to work as a volunteer. Find volunteer opportunities and the next steps on your journey. Thursday morning</p>



We are running free cricket sessions again for 5-8yr olds (All Stars Cricket) and 9-11yr olds (Dynamos) this Autumn at the Highcrest Academy on Tuesdays, from 4:30pm-5:30pm. Please can you kindly promote these sessions to the children and families through your parent mail. The links for the year groups are:

Year 2 & 3 - All Stars Cricket: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/6c256378-4a5b-4401-a903-eb17be49ebe0>

Year 4, 5 & 6 - Dynamos Cricket: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/b6e752e9-2033-4890-86ea-13312968a945>

Places are limited and will go fast, so sign up as soon as possible!

PTA NEWS

Hi everyone,

Thanks so much to those who joined us at the Highworth Friends PTA AGM on Tuesday and thank you to Mrs Pankhania for running the Q&A session. I've attached the minutes from the meeting here. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please drop us a note to highworthfriends@gmail.com

In the run up to half term - here's a reminder of our upcoming events:

Next Friday 22nd October - special Halloween Mufti day where children can choose to wear either party clothes or Halloween fancy dress in exchange for a £1 donation to Highworth Friends. (Please remember if it's a PE day that children need to wear something appropriate for doing PE).

Friday 22nd October - it's our first ever **Halloween Zoom Disco** from 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

This is free for everyone and we'll share the Zoom link next week.

Please see the poster attached for all the details.

Saturday 23rd October we have a **Halloween trail**

Maps for the trail can be purchased outside school on Saturday 23rd Oct anytime between **9.30 and 3.30pm and cost £2 per map (cash only)**. Follow the map and search the area for Halloween figures and you'll receive a treat on your return.

Remember to bring your own pen or pencil!

Please see the poster attached for all the details.

Why not dress up in your spookiest costume for both events!

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you there

Highworth Friends PTA



PTA AGM - Tues 12th October 2021 - 19:30 - Who from the PTA was here...

Ailis O'Brien Sarah Akanbi Clare Pankhania	Jasmin Fergusson Sharon Smart Michelle Checkley	Kerry-Ann Hambrook Catherine Owen Amy Lapham
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Apologies from Zoe, Nick, Simmi, Caterina and Samia who couldn't attend.

- **Introduction & Chair's report**

- Ailis talked through the Chair's report & how pleased we were to have been able to raise nearly £2,000 despite the clear obstacles Covid restrictions have presented.
- We hope to be able to move back to in-person events however Sarah raised that these events are very much at risk without more people volunteering.

- **Treasurer's report**

- Sharon talked through the detail of the Treasurer's report on what we've raised & how. She also shared what we've managed to contribute towards including tablets to support children when studying from home & Year 6 leavers' activities.

- **Election of committee members**

- **Chair** - Sarah Akanbi nominated & voted in (Ailis O'Brien stepped down).
- **Treasurer** - Ailis O'Brien nominated & voted in (Kerry-Ann Hambrook stepped down & thanked Sharon for her efforts).
- **Deputy Chair** - Now an OPEN role (Jasmin Fergusson stepped down).
- **Secretary** - Jasmin Fergusson nominated & voted in (Sarah Akanbi stepped down).
- **Deputy Treasurer** - Sharon Smart staying in post but will step down when someone else would like to step into the role (No expressions of interest during the voting process).

- **Any other business**

- Thanks to everyone for coming & please look out for our future communication through year group Whatsapp groups, eSchools etc.

Highworth Friends PTA

Virtual Halloween Disco

Date: Friday 22nd October 2021

Time: 6.30pm - 7:30pm

Dress Code: Party / Halloween / Spooky

Entry fee: Nothing, it's free :)

Venue: From the comfort of your lounge! (via Zoom)

(Zoom link will be provided nearer the time).



Please help us run a safe event by having your camera on when you join.

This event is run by Highworth Friends, not the school. If you have any questions at all, please contact highworthfriends@gmail.com



HIGHWORTH HALLOWEEN TRAIL



23RD OCTOBER 2021
BETWEEN 9:30AM - 3:30PM

COST: £2 PER ENTRY
CASH ONLY
PEN/PENCIL REQUIRED

MAP COLLECTION POINT:
HIGHWORTH COMBINED SCHOOL



Christmas Unwrapped

COMPETITION



**Can you design a
Christmas Card?**

**Why not give it a go! There's an
opportunity to win a £50 gift voucher,
along with other prizes including
having your design used by Wycombe
YFC this year!**

**Details can be found on our website at:
www.wycombeyfc.org.uk/christmasunwrapped**

**Deadline for entries:
Monday
22nd November
2021**



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