**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL Education Department** 

# **Highworth Combined School & Nursery**

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**Letters sent home & e-School messages this week**: Times Tables Rock Stars (Y4-Y6), Numbots (Y2), Young Voices Concert, Marchants Hill Meeting (Y6), Invitation to Friday Assembly Welcome Letter (Rec). Tasting Session (Rec). PTA AGM

Dear all

I would like to begin by sharing our continued thanks for all your support in helping children arrive at school ready to learn and settle so well into their routines. A very special mention must go to the parents and carers of our new Nursery and Reception pupils – this is a big step for both children and families, and your efforts in supporting them through these early days are truly appreciated.

As we start the year together, I would like to remind everyone of a few important expectations that help keep our school community safe and healthy:

- Nut-free lunches: Please remember that no nuts should be brought into school in lunch boxes or snacks. Even small traces can pose a considerable risk to some of our pupils with severe allergies.
- Earrings: For safety reasons, children should not wear earrings in school. If your child has
  recently had their ears pierced, we ask that tape is applied securely at home before they
  come into school. This arrangement can stay in place long enough to cover the 6 week
  period immediately after piercing.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in these matters – your support really does make a difference to the well-being and safety of all our children.

It wouldn't be a Highworth newsletter without a nag about parking! I'm trying a different tactic by sharing the words of a parent new to our school community:

I've noticed that some parents are parking in a way that completely obstructs local pathways. On several occasions, cars have been parked directly on the pavement covering the entirety of the pavement, not just part of it, forcing pedestrians, including children, parents with prams, and those with disabilities, to have no choice but to walk in the road in order to get around the vehicles. This situation can be quite dangerous, especially when traffic, including buses, is passing by as it is also a bus lane on the corner of Totteridge Lane and Tyzack Road, also double yellow lines.

While I understand that many parents may need to drive to school to drop off or pick up their children, I believe there is an opportunity to raise awareness around the importance of keeping pathways clear and parking safely. This would help ensure the safety of all students, families, and local community members who use the area, including those who may have mobility challenges or visual impairments. As a personal example, my father-in-law, who has poor eyesight and uses a cane, would love to come pick his granddaughter up, but we simply feel it's too unsafe for him to walk down this road during pick up times.

You can see an example of the problem here:





Please think about the implications of where you park, and if needs be, leave a little extra time so that you can park further away. Freemantle Road is a good option.

As ever, my best wishes for a happy weekend.

Clare Pankhania

## **ATTENDANCE**

To report your child's absence please telephone and leave a message or send an email to:

reception@highworthcombined co.uk.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%

BEST ATTENDANCE: 99.3% (CLASS 5S)
WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

95.4%

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

# Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Individual school photos

**3.20pm:** Away boys football match v Kingswood School

# Friday 26th September

**9am:** Friday assembly – parents are invited to attend if you are able to stay for tea & cake and meet the PTA committee afterwards.

# **PARENT ZONE**

# **SIGN OF THE WEEK**



Follow this link to see how to sign 'Autumn' in BSL

https://www.signbsl.com/sign/autumn

**Autumn** 



Current opportunities \*\*
U11 Goalkeeper
U11 Defender
(School Yr 6 )

U7/U8 (School Yr 2 & 3 )
New Players -forming a brand-new squad!

This is a fantastic chance for girls to develop their skills, make new friends, and be part of an exciting team .

🚵 Contact: Amanda - girlsfootball.htjuniorsfc@gmail.com

# FREE COURSES FOR PARENTS



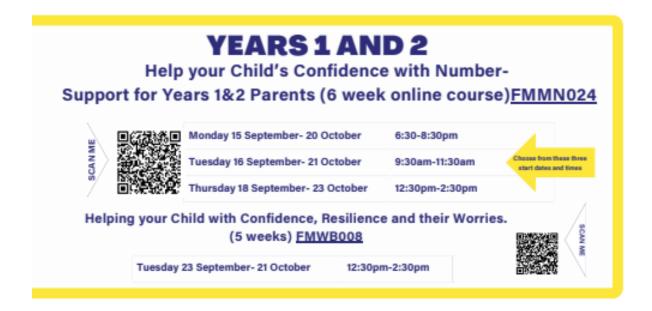
# Buckinghamshire Family Learning



# ONLINE SCHOOLS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

To book your FREE place call our enrolment team on 01296 383582, SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the course code link below

# RECEPTION Help your Child Make a Good Start in Reception ( 5 week online course) FMSR019 Monday 22 September- 20 October 9:30am - 11:30am Tuesday 23 September- 21 October 9:30am-11:30am Thursday 25 September- 23 October 9:30am-11:30am









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# YEARS 3 AND 4

Build Your Child's Confidence with Number (6 week online course) FMMN026



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9:30am-11:30am

Wednesday 17 September- 22 October

6:30pm-8:30pm



YEARS 5 AND 6
Develop and Extend Their Number Skills-Support for Year 5&6 Parents (6 week online course) FMMN086

Thursday 18 September- 23 October

9:30am-11:30am

Thursday 18 September- 23 October

6:30pm-8:30pm



# SEND WELLBEING WORKSHOPS



Support your Autistic Child at Home (FMAC134)

Support your ADHD Child at Home (FMAC135)

Thursday 25 September

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Monday 6 October

7:00pm-9:00pm