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Newsletter – 13th March 2020 Issue 22

Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Energize Final Letter, Local Walk (Y5), Lost Property, Trip Cancelled (Y3), Coronavirus, Easter Fayre Cancelled,

Dear Parents and Carers

What unusual times we are experiencing! A number of parents have expressed their understandable concerns about the implications of coronavirus; it is a worrying time for us all. At school, we are following all relevant guidance and focusing upon the following:

- Stressing the importance of regular handwashing and use of tissues through teaching additional lessons
- Insisting that children wash their hands more often
- Answering questions about coronavirus in an age appropriate and non-alarmist way
- Asking all children and adults to stay at home for 7 days if they have a new continuous cough or higher temperature, however mild
- Taking a 'business as usual' approach wherever possible

However, I have felt it prudent to do some 'behind the scenes' planning to ensure that we are ready to respond immediately to all changes in government advice, including what to do if we are ordered to close the school. I do appreciate how difficult this would be for you all, but starting to think about how you would cope with a prolonged closure might be helpful. Please be assured that our plans include many ways in which we can support your children's continued learning whilst they are at home. Please feel free to contact me if you would like any further information. (You may find the link below helpful).

https://www.actionforhappiness.org/news/covid-19-how-to-respond

On a much happier note, we would all like to express our thanks for your attendance at Parents Evening meetings this week; **98%** of families made appointments. We really appreciate your willingness to work with us for the benefit of children's progress at school.

As ever, my best wishes for an enjoyable weekend.

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: 98.3% (CLASS 2C)

WELL DONE!

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS

WELL BELOW TARGET AT 93.8%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tues 17th March

Full Governing Body meeting 7pm - 9pm

Wednesday 18th March

5N Local area walk

Thursday 19th March

5K Local area walk

Energize performance The Swan - 7 -9.15pm

Friday 20th March

Tennis Festival 9.30am-12pm Yr2 Football sports hub event HGSS



PARENT ZONE

Below are some links to some newsletters that have come from other agencies which may be of interest to some of you:

Young Minds - https://mailchi.mp/youngminds/march

NAS - Autism Insight - https://nas-email.org.uk/YA3-6RSKW-C0KGZY05E7/cr.aspx

Carers Trust - https://carers-mail.org/134-6RQWB-A3S2ZYC1A1/cr.aspx

SEN Magazine - https://www.senmagazine.co.uk/Newsletter/

Beccy Hatch Parent Support Worker







Easter & May holiday camps – Bookings Now Open Online!

Dates: 6th & 7th, 15th & 16th April 2020

27th & 28th May 2020

Times: Mornings 9.30am-12.30pm (£15) Afternoons 1.30pm-4.30pm (£15) Full Day 9.30am – 4.30pm (£30)

NEW EXTENDED HOURS FOR 2020 8.30am - 5.30pm (£40)

Venue: Hazlemere Youth Centre, Hazlemere Rose Avenue, HP15 7UB

Open to all children aged 4 - 12 years – this camp is suitable for complete beginners as well as those who train regularly. Children do a mix of gymnastics, trampolining as well as lots of fun and games! Great chance to work on specific skills any current gymnasts are trying to achieve.











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☆POSSIBLY☆ THE GREATEST SHOW EVER

A carnival themed, fun filled frenzy for all the family, featuring:

Fairground rides and Inflatables, Food, Fascinations, Face Painting, Music, and Madness!

Hullabaloola is set to capture your children's imagination through spectacular demonstrations from walkabout acts, bubbleologists and much more!

Marvel at incredible performances from a selection of live bands and prepare to be enchanted by dancers and drummers that are sure to WOW!

After all the jam-packed excitement, why not tuck into some food from our local traders such as Exquisite BBQ, who also provide vegetarian options.

Hullabaloola is also proud to offer delicious sweet treats from the Biscuiterie, such as waffles, crepes and other family favourites!

So, grab your candyfloss and popcorn and join us on: Saturday 2nd May 2020 from 11am to 5pm. At: Bucks New University Concourse, High Wycombe, HP11 2JZ For a show stopping day out for the whole family!

> Free Entry £5.00 for Ride and Inflatable Access Wristband Age Restrictions Apply

> > For Queries, please contact: buckslivepresents20@gmail.com Facebook: @Bucks Live Presents. Instagram: @buckslivepresents20