**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Education Department** 

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Newsletter – 22nd November Issue 9

**Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week**: No Nuts or Nut Products in School, Chiltern Rangers Helpers (Y2, Y4 & some children in Y6), PTA Donation of Xmas Jumpers, PTA Raffle Tickets, PTA Christmas Bazaar Helpers. Muft iDay - Donation to Gift Hamper. Marchants Hill Trip 2020 (Y5)

### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Thank you for your enthusiastic attendance at the two Parents Evening events this week. You will know how important it is that we work in partnership to achieve the very best for your child in all aspects of learning; your support at these meetings is very much appreciated.

Living in the advanced technological age that we do has many benefits, but there are associated dangers, especially for children. One of these is access to inappropriate material on the internet. We include an e-Safety message during every computing lesson that we teach, as well as teaching units of work and conducting assemblies on how to stay safe when using devices both at school and at home. This is in addition to having advanced filtering and controls upon internet access. Please may I ask you to check access to the internet at home? You should have parental controls in place on all devices at home, including mobile phones (this can easily be overlooked) and ensure that your children are only accessing the internet in 'family areas' of your home where you can monitor what is being viewed.

Local residents have been in touch to express their concerns regarding parking, particularly about damage done by inappropriate parking upon grass verges and pathways. May I please remind you once again of the need to be considerate, despite what I know are challenging circumstances, during drop off and pick up times?

Finally, I am delighted to say that we have been able to send a donation of £197 to Children In Need. Thank you for your generosity.

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 4NS)
WELL DONE!

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS** 

**WELL BELOW TARGET AT 93.6%** 

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

## Monday 25th November

Women's Health and Wellbeing course – 9.30am - 11:30am

## Friday 29th November

Gymnastics Hub event - Reception – 10.20am-12.45pm HGJS

### **PARENT ZONE**

## HENRY Programme (Castlefield Family Centre) - A FREE parenting course

HENRY adopts a unique and holistic approach to working with families underpinned by the evidence on risk and protective factors for early nutrition, child obesity and child development.

We integrate proven behaviour change models into a supportive and effective approach that increases parental confidence and their ability to provide a healthy start for their child. This 'HENRY approach' brings together support for parenting efficacy, family emotional wellbeing and behaviour change with information about nutrition, physical activity, oral health and more. Parents supported by HENRY make statistically significant lifestyle changes and independent clinical trials show these changes are sustained at follow-up.

HENRY is a UK Charity working to give babies and young children a healthy start in life.

If you have at least one child under 5 years old and can answer 'yes' to any of the questions below then HENRY is for you:

Would you like to feel more confident as a parent?

Would you like some support to give your child a healthy start?

Do you wish your child would eat more fruit and vegetables?

Would you like to reduce mealtime stress?

Would you like to enjoy being active together as a family more often?

Are you interested in some ideas to get children away from the TV?

Held on Tuesday afternoons from 12.30-2.30pm on 14/01/20 - 10/03/20 - No session on  $18^{th}$  Feb.

Castlefield Family Centre

**Rutland Avenue** 

High Wycombe

**Bucks** 

**HP12 3LL** 

To book a place please email <u>parentinggroups@buckscc.gov.uk</u>

#### **Beccy Hatch**

**Parent Support Worker** 

### **PTA NEWS**

Where do we start! There is so much going on!

You should have received your invitation, raffle tickets, helper letter and Christmas jumper letter.

Maybe even the hamper donation letter!

We have received some fantastic raffle prizes, some donated by school parents.

Please see below for a list of prizes so far with more to come. You can pick up more raffle tickets from the front office if you require more.

And remember that all volunteers will be entered into a separate draw with a chance to win a photo shoot for the whole family.

### **RAFFLE PRIZES**

So far:

- 1. £100 cash
- 2. Free Car Hire (look out for more info on this awesome prize!)
- 3. Dinner for 2, Dolphin Pub
- 4. Breakfast for 2, Hill's Cafe
- 5. Cream Tea for 2, Hughenden Village Store
- 6. Cut & Blow dry, Brooklyn's Hairdressing
- 7. Luxury Manicure, KS Nails
- 8. £20 voucher, Holmer Green Kebab
- 9. 2 Swimming Lessons, Atlantis Swimming School
- 10. Toys, Toys UK
- 11. Photo shoot, Danielle newton Photography
- 12. £10 gift voucher, Nature's Balance



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# WE ARE NOW TAKING CHILDREN FROM 2 YEARS



## SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER

1.30pm-3.30pm



St Francis Church Hall

## **EVERYONE WELCOME**

So much to see and do

Santa Grotto, making reindeer food, making playdough, tombola's, craft stalls, raffle, mince pies and so much more.

SAVE THE DAY AND JOIN US GETTING INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT