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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Y2 SATS; Vision Screening (Rec); Marchants Hill Trip Balance (Y5); Packed Lunches EY Sports Day (Nurs/Rec); School Catering – 20th May; Highcrest Banding Tests (Y5); Walk to School Week

Dear parents and carers

Firstly, my congratulations to children (and staff) in Year 6 who completed their end of Key Stage 'SATs' test this week. They have been incredibly busy getting ready for these tests, impressing us all with their commitment to make progress.

Sports Days are due to take place for Nursery and Reception (Wednesday) and Years 1-6 (Friday). However, the weather forecast is not looking good for those days at present. In order to make things a little easier for you to organise, a decision will be made about whether the event will go ahead by lunch time on the previous day. At this time, we will also send further information about what to expect from the day if going ahead. The reserve dates are the same days the following week.

Plans for our party, Highworth All Together, are progressing well. I will shortly be asking you all to volunteer to help in various ways on the day, but I also need to ask for specific help with preparation. We have had a donation for a large marquee, but it is currently in a garage in Hazelmere. Is there a kind parent or carer with a van who could transport the marquee to Highworth? We are also looking for 1 or 2 extra people who could help with loading, unloading and putting up of the marquee. We can arrange for this to take place during the school day, during an evening or at a weekend after half term, according to what best suits. If you are able to help, please may you email office@highworthcombined.co.uk or let me know next time you see me at drop off or pick up. Thank you in advance.

As ever, my best wishes for a happy weekend together with family.

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: 98.7% (CLASSES 5K & 6K)

WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

93.5%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

16th May to 20th May:

Walk to School Week

Monday 16th May 9.30am

Sex Education Presentation to Parents via Zoom

Wednesday 18th May 11am

Nurs/Rec Sports Day followed by family picnic

Friday 20th May 10am

Y1-Y6 Sports Day followed by family picnic



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.