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<u>Letters sent home & e-School messages:</u> Lost Property, Wellbeing Day, Y6 Leavers' Barbecue (Y6), End of Year Disco, Transition to Year 1 (Rec), Return of Library Books



It's been a busy week! Thank you for the huge support that you showed by coming along to both of our annual Sports Days. Having such a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators makes such a difference and is very much appreciated.

A reminder, if you did not see my e-Schools message earlier this week, that no photographs taken at school events of any children but your own may be posted anywhere on the internet. We have to protect the privacy of our pupils, and failure to abide by this rule will lead to a ban on photographs at our events.

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Upper School put on the most wonderful show: "X" Factory. The pupils from Years 4 and 5 sang beautifully to accompany highly accomplished dancing and acting from Year 6. A huge amount of work has gone in to preparing for the production and my thanks goes to all pupils and staff involved.

#### The following is a message from David Thomas, Chair of Governors:

Highworth has a strong team of individuals making up the governing body, and this term we have welcomed two new governors: Jen Peers and Emma Brunell. Together, the governors work with staff to ensure that the school is run to the best of its abilities with the resources available. You can find out more about the governors on our website.

As ever, my best wishes for a happy weekend with your families.

#### Clare Pankhania

#### **ATTENDANCE**

The display board at the front of the school shows each year group's weekly attendance.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%

(CLASS 3MP)
WELL DONE!

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS** 

**ABOVE TARGET AT 96.9%** 

#### **PUNCTUALITY:**

Gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL ON TIME.

## **Dates for the Diary**

Friday 19th July

Reports to parents



# **Parent Zone**

#### **Summer Holiday Ideas**

Looking for some inspiration of things to do over the summer? See attached a list of some ideas of places you can take your children to. I have also included website links to make it easier for you to find out more about each place. There are also some places that specifically cater for children with SEN.

### **NAS Newsletter**

Please find attached this month's newsletter from the National Autistic Society informing you of some up and coming events.

#### **Art Summer Workshops**

Attached are some details of some Summer Art courses that are available either for a full day or half day. Contact details are on the flyer.

Beccy Hatch
Parent Support Worker

# PTA Update

Thank you to everyone who has helped to raise funds for the new container, the mufti day brought in an additional £250. Altogether a massive £1400 was raised towards this! We are pleased to announce that the container is now on order for delivery on the last week of term. Keep a look out for further information about this in the coming week.

Plans are progressing well for the annual end-of-year Disco, to be held on Tuesday 23rd July, from 6pm to 8pm. We hope many of you will be able to come and also help out on the stalls, even for a short time.

Other than that, don't forget our "Treats 4 Eats" ice-cream sales (50p) on Fridays – the last two sales of term will be on 12th and 19th July, at 3:20pm in the Quad. See you there!

# List of ideas of places to visit during the summer holidays.

## **SEN Specific**

- Thames Valley Adventure playground tvap.co.uk/
- Camp Mohawk <a href="https://www.campmohawk.org.uk/">https://www.campmohawk.org.uk/</a>
- Thomley Hall <a href="https://thomley.org.uk/">https://thomley.org.uk/</a>
- Animal Antics https://www.animalantiks.co.uk/
- Cineworld Offer Autism friendly screenings.
- Bowling
- Ikea offer a quiet shopping evening
- Rush Trampolining <a href="https://www.rushuk.com/">https://www.rushuk.com/</a> They offer SEN sessions.
- Go Ape <a href="https://goape.co.uk/locations/wendover">https://goape.co.uk/locations/black-park</a>
- Tring Museum <a href="https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/tring.html">https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/tring.html</a>
- RAF Hendon https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/ FREE ADMISSION
- Rickmansworth Aquadrome <a href="https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/rickmansworth-aquadrome">https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/egcl-page/rickmansworth-aquadrome</a>
- Waddesdon https://waddesdon.org.uk/
- Cassiobury Park https://www.watford.gov.uk/cassioburypark
- Black Park https://countryparks.buckscc.gov.uk/black-park/
- Wendover Woods <a href="https://www.forestryengland.uk/wendover-woods">https://www.forestryengland.uk/wendover-woods</a>
- The Look Out <a href="https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/leisure-services/look-out-discovery-centre">https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/leisure-services/look-out-discovery-centre</a>
- Salt Hill Park <a href="https://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/salt-hill-activity-centre/">https://www.everyoneactive.com/centre/salt-hill-activity-centre/</a>
- XC Centre <a href="http://www.thexc.co.uk/">http://www.thexc.co.uk/</a>
- Skate Parks in Buckinghamshire http://www.skateboardclub.co.uk/skateparks/Buckinghamshire



Hello,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the good weather.

We have been working hard on an autumn programme of events for you, with some exciting plans afoot.

Firstly, following our successful coach trip last November to the Science Museum we have organised a coach to take us to the early bird autism friendly opening of the **Natural History** 

Museum - Dawnosaurs

**Saturday 7 September** 

Leaving Wycombe Park and Ride at 7am – departing from the Natural History Museum at midday.

Strictly tickets only via Eventbrite

We are asking for a £5 donation per person. If you would like to attend but are unable to afford to pay please email me directly. Our events are open to everyone.

Book here <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/natural-history-museum-coach-trip-dawnosaurs-early-opening-tickets-59377659177">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/natural-history-museum-coach-trip-dawnosaurs-early-opening-tickets-59377659177</a>

Secondly, we are delighted to invite you to our **first birthday celebration**!! I cannot believe it's nearly a year since we relaunched the branch. The event is free – but you do need to RSVP on Eventbrite so that we know numbers.

Thursday 12 September, 8pm-10pm
The Front Room, canapes and soft drinks provided.

Book here <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nas-south-bucks-agm-and-first-birthday-celebration-tickets-64964328054">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nas-south-bucks-agm-and-first-birthday-celebration-tickets-64964328054</a>



# NAS South Bucks AGM and First Birthday Celebration

#### www.eventbrite.co.uk

NAS South Bucks Committee will be celebrating a year since they reformed on Thursday 12th September, 8-10pm at The Front Room in High Wycombe. Soft drinks and canapes will be provided. Please join us to celebrate all we've acheived in our first year as a Committee. RSVP via Eventbrite.

We are also holding our Annual General Meeting on the same night @ 7.30pm— if you would like to join the committee then please come along. Any questions about roles or what it may involve please email me. We would love anyone who wants to help shape the branch to join.

We are also working on a speaker event for September and will be back in touch with more details soon...

There will be no events over the summer holidays due to our own family and work commitments. There is always lots of activities advertise on Bucks Family Information, Local Offer. <a href="https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/localoffer.page">https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/localoffer.page</a>

Have a wonderful summer.

Kelly (Chair), Clare (Treasurer) and all the NAS Committee

PS We are delighted to announce that between 1 July - 30 September, Asda High Wycombe are supporting NAS South Bucks through their Green Coin Collection. Please do support us when you do your shopping and tell your friends and family.

#### **NAS South Bucks**

**Volunteer branch of the National Autistic Society** 





For times and dates, please visit www.art-k.co.uk/class-high-wycombe/