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<u>Letters sent home & e-School messages:</u> Y6 Residential (Y5), Mrs Makohon's Retirement, Reminder - Wellbeing Day, End of Year Disco

Dear Parents and Carers

Hard to believe, but this is the final newsletter of the academic year. Apologies for the length of my entry, there's a lot to say!

I have mentioned before that 'Meet The Teacher' mornings will take place early in the new term. Please make sure that the following dates are in your diary as letters with more details will not be sent until the start of the new term:

Years 5 and 6, Thursday 5th September; Years 3 and 4, Friday 6th September and Years 1 and 2, Monday 9th September. Each meeting will start at 8.55am and last for around 30 minutes.

I wrote earlier in the term to inform you of changes to staff. I am sad to say that I need to let you know of some more staff who will also be moving on to new challenges. I'd like to express my thanks and best wishes to the following people: Tarryn Mann, Teacher in Year1; Cara Jenkins, Key worker in Reception; Steven Goldsmith, Communicator; and Lee Anne Walpole, LSA. You will all be much missed. In addition, the school is having to end its association with Chris Barnard, (known to children as Mr B). Chris and his company have had a hugely influential role, along with Mrs Sturgeon, in raising the profile of PE and sport in our school. He is also an amazing role model for our pupils and is much respected by all.

Wednesday was Well-Being Day. This is a bit of an oxymoron as pupil and staff well-being is something that we work hard to promote every day of the school year. However, it did give us the opportunity to reiterate to children the ways in which well-being can be achieved, both independently and with support from adults. You were so very generous with your donations of cans of food that we made far more 'can towers' than we ever expected. Thank you very much for this. I know that the staff at One Can Trust will be thrilled to receive such a boost to their supplies at this busy time.

On Friday, your child will be bringing home their end of year report. We would be grateful if you would please return the reply slip so that we know you have received this important document. On Monday, there is the opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher should you need to. Most parents find that the report gives them a really good summary of everything that they need to know at the end of the academic year. However, if you would like to make an appointment, please contact Mrs Bennett.

Next week is a busy one filled with end of year celebrations (please see the website for all the details) and I hope that you will be able to join us for at least one of them. **Don't forget that school will end early at 2.15pm on Wednesday 24**th **July.**

Finally, I'd like to say a huge thank you for all of the support that you continue to offer our school. None of what we do would be possible without it. Have the happiest of times with your families. We will look forward to seeing you again on **Wednesday 4**th **September**.

Very best wishes

Clare Pankhania

David Thomas, Chair of Governors, has asked me to include this message from the Governing Body.

As the year draws to an end, we are delighted to be able to share with you that Highworth Combined School has achieved an excellent set of results in statutory end of Key Stage assessments with almost all outcomes showing healthy 3-year trend increases. The full details will appear on our website during the Autumn Term. Of particular note are the following:

- Phonics: 83% of pupils achieved the 'Working at Standard'. An increase of 5% compared to last year.
- Writing at the end of Key Stage 1: 53% of Pupils achieving 'Expected Standard' or above, an increase of 6% compared to last year.
- Maths at the end of Key Stage 2: 92% of pupils achieving 'Expected Standard' or above, an increase of 20% compared to last year.

On behalf of the whole governing body I would like to thank the teaching staff for working tirelessly to enable our children to achieve their best. And I also extend my thanks to you, as parents and caregivers for supporting your children in their learning.

Best wishes for a restful summer break, *David*

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>

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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%

BEST ATTENDANCE FOR 2018-2019 96.8% (CLASS 6H)

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
FOR 2018-2019

BELOW TARGET AT

95.7%

Dates for the Diary

Monday 22nd July

Parent evening by prior appointment only – 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 23rd July

Whole School end of year assembly with invited guests 10-11am
Leavers BBQ 1.30-3pm
PTA end of year disco – 6-8pm

Wednesday 24th July

Leavers Assembly 1-2pm School closes 2.15pm

Wednesday 4th September

Pupils return to school

PTA NEWS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Don't forget we have 2 more events: Treats for Eats today in the Quad, remember those 50p's!

<u>And</u> the End of Year Disco on Tuesday evening from 6-8pm (this is the correct time!). We will have our usual stalls of food, refreshments, tuck etc. As well as Glitter Tattoo's, Hairspray, Glow Shop and a Photobooth!

As per Mrs Pankhania's email, we welcome picnic chairs/rugs and your own refillable water bottles.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Parent Zone

Local advice and support

Please find attached some information on support for families that offer help with food banks and vouchers, money and benefit advice, wellbeing advice and general support.

Update from the PE department

To find out all the latest news in PE

Please go on to the website and click on 'Children', 'show menu' and then scroll down to 'what's happening in PE'

<u>More PE news</u> - We are really excited to announce that we have appointed Mr Lee Hawkes. He will be joining us in September on a full-time basis, teaching P.E and running a variety of lunch time and after school clubs.

General Update

As some of you might know we have been running a Champions League competition at lunchtimes for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children. Children were able to choose their own teams of 5 and have competed in Group Stage and then the top two from each group went through to Knockout Competition. The much anticipated result will be revealed in assembly on Friday, awarding the winning team from each group with a prize.

Aside from sports day we would always like to encourage children to stay as active as possible, this is why we offer the mile-a-day challenge every single day at break time. Thank you to all those children who have continually contributed to their house group's mile tally. You set a great example to the school and we hope your efforts encourage more participation next school year!

With the summer holidays fast approaching it's important to think about how we are all going to stay active. That's why would like to encourage all children to keep a fitness/activity diary throughout the holidays, keeping track of any physical activity you participate in. Please hand the diary in to Mrs Sturgeon or Mr Bailey when returning to school so you can receive a 'Keep Active Certificate' and five house points.

In September each year group will begin their PE lessons with a fitness test focusing on observing cardiovascular fitness, strength, balance, speed and agility. Our aim is to identify each child's baseline of fitness with a view to closely monitoring progress by performing the same fitness tests at the end of each term. Each year group's test may be slightly different as we will be designing them to be age appropriate. We feel this is a great way to challenge children to progress their fitness levels and will give them all an advantage when taking part in sport in the future.

Beccy Hatch
Parent Support Worker

Advice and Support Available for Families

All areas

Food Bank Vouchers and Referrals

- Speak to your Children's Centre, Health Visitor or Social Worker or
- Speak to your local Citizens Advice Bureau

Fare Share

Food donations from Tring road Tesco in Aylesbury, Loudwater Tesco, Wycombe and Eden Tesco http://fareshare.org.uk/

Buckinghamshire Disability Service

https://buds.org.uk/if-you-are-in-crisis-and-need-emergency-food/

Bucks Family Information Service

https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/advice.page?id=a0SJRGKbVVc

Giving back to the community – Foodshare

https://www.foodshare.org.uk/

Transforming Lives for Good – Make Lunch

https://www.tlg.org.uk/

Trussell Trust

The Trussell Trust's 400-strong network of food banks provides a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK.

Trussell Trust

Aylesbury & the north

Aylesbury Vineyard - Make Lunch, Storehouse clothing and furniture & foodbank https://aylesburyvineyard.church/

Aylesbury Foodbank

https://aylesbury.foodbank.org.uk/

Wendover Free Church

http://www.wendoverfreechurch.org.uk/

Milton Keynes Foodbank

http://mkfoodbank.org.uk/about-the-food-bank/

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Buckingham

Provides food for those in need living north of Winslow

https://www.buckinghamparishchurch.org.uk/Groups/237838/Buckingham_Parish_Church/Church_Life/Community/Buckingham_Food_Bank/Buckingham_Food_Bank.aspx_

Thomas Hickman's Charity

14 Bourbon Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2RS

01296 318500

Offers small grants to Aylesbury Town residents in need; applications can be made by families to cover expenses such as uniform, school shoes etc. There is a form available from the charity and schools can help parents complete the form if necessary.

Chiltern & South Bucks

Kings Church, Amersham, Make Lunch, baby baskets, dad's support and furniture project https://kca.church/

Kings Church Amersham/Tesco Foodshare

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1861807350804960/

Chiltern Foodbanks

http://chiltern.foodbank.org.uk/

Hope Church, Beaconsfield

https://www.hopebeaconsfield.co.uk/Groups/243545/Hope Community Drop.aspx

Slough Foodbank

https://slough.foodbank.org.uk/

St George's Church, Little Chalfont – Thursday lunch

https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/5924/service-and-events/events-regular/

Wycombe

Maidenhead foodbank

https://www.facebook.com/MaidenheadFoodbank/?hc_ref=ARQIEG41PkoWtjYwZoJmwtQNdwQcsqY71D-Ow2bXGNBAcxg6MJgTpdTCZ4IUQY-92Wk

One Can Trust

One Can Trust has operates a foodbank based in High Wycombe, serving the Wycombe and Marlow area. They work with almost 100 front line agencies who refer people for food aid. http://onecantrust.org.uk

Food Club Friday – Castlefield Children's Centre

https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/service.page?id=g-jggqtQZ34

Food Club Tuesday – Wycombe Methodist Church

https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/service.page?id=TP1Nr3EOxYk

Money and Budget Advice

https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/family.page?familychannel=3

https://quidsinmagazine.com/

https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en

https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2011/04/free-money-advice-service-launches/

Support and General Advice

https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/

https://www.relate.org.uk/

https://england.shelter.org.uk/

https://www.samaritans.org/

http://www.barnardos.org.uk/what we do/our work/service-search.htm

Wellbeing

https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/care-for-adults/advice-for-vulnerable-adults/

https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/health-and-wellbeing/public-health/

https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/

https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/mental-health-and-stigma/help-and-support

http://www.aylesburyspace.co.uk/



