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Newsletter – 8th February 2019 Issue 9

Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week: *Parent helper for Valentine Disco, French Day, Y4 Trip, Science Club (Y4 & Y5), 02 Concert Photos & Videoclips on School Website, Science Home Learning.*

Dear Parents and Carers

Can I remind you of the wonderful resource that is our school website (<https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web>)? This week we have added photographs and video clips following our trip to 'Young Voices', photographs of our recent 'Perform' workshops and some optional Science Home Learning. Please do have a look and try to make it a site that you and your children visit regularly.

Today, I had my regular catch up with the local Police Community Support Officers. You won't be surprised to hear that on the list of topics covered was parking! They alerted me to the fact that the option to park and walk from the Dolphin pub was not well known. Please can I remind you that this is possible, and, that whilst it takes a little longer to walk from there, it does mean that you avoid the difficulties of parking closer to the school.

I have become very concerned recently about the number of conversations that I have had with children about safeguarding in which 'You Tube' has been mentioned. Many of your children are accessing content that is completely inappropriate for them. Of particular concern is children watching videos of 'You Tubers' playing games with age ratings of 12, 16 and 18. Whilst the children are not actually playing these games, they are being exposed to game content. Please can I urge you to check parental controls on your internet provision and ensure that children only access 'You Tube' whilst in the same room as adults. In this way, you will better be able to monitor and control what is being watched.

Kind regards

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: 99.3% (CLASS 3MP)

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS
AT TARGET AT 96%.**

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

Tuesday 12th February

English for Health and Wellbeing course for parents
– 9.30am

Wednesday 13th February

Triple P Positive Parenting Course – 12.30pm

Thursday 14th February

Valentines Disco -6.30-8.30pm

Friday 15th February

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School closes for half term

Parent Zone

Please find below some useful information about clubs that are happening

Premier Holiday Camp Information

Our Multi-Activity & Performing Arts Holiday Camps for children aged 4-12 years in your local area in February. Our active Holiday Camps are designed to keep children off their games consoles for hours on end and to benefit children by being active and socializing with friends. (See attached flyer below)

<https://family.premier-education.com/courses?location=hazlemere&hol=0&hol=1&eve=0&exc=0&day=0>

Perform Confidence Building Drama Workshops

Last week children in Lower School were excited to have a free trial from the Perform company where they offer confidence building workshops for children aged 4-12. They have offered another free trial and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Highworth Combined School and Nursery** if they sign up by Tuesday 7th May. Please see attached sheet for more information.

Safer Internet Day 2019

See below for information about and links to Story Time - Teach children internet safety with engaging stories and colourful illustrations. There are 2 books aimed at different aged children but designed to teach them about internet safety.

Half Term Activities

I hope that you all enjoy the half term break and enjoy spending time together as a family. Why not try some of these ideas which are free or cost a minimal amount:

Going out for walks in local parks, woods, National Trust places.

Baking with your children.

Swimming.

Movies for Juniors sessions at the cinema – you pay about £2 approx. to see certain films.

Read with your children, make up stories and role play.

Make playdough.

Junk modelling and craft.

Drawing, painting and colouring.

Playing card games like Uno, Dobble, Pairs etc.

London Museum's, did you know they are free to visit?

Enjoy talking and listening to your children about things that you see when you are out and about. Ask them questions about what they are doing or what they think is happening.

Sing songs and make up rhymes.

Above all don't feel pressured into spending lots of money doing things over half term; your children will enjoy spending time with you and sharing different experiences. Have fun!

Kind Regards

Beccy Hatch

Parent Support Worker

PTA News

We hope to see lots of you at the Valentine Disco Thursday 14th Feb at 6.30-8.30pm. Please consider helping on a stall and return your helper letter by Monday 11th Feb.

Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Highworth Combined School and Nursery** if they sign up by Tuesday 7th May. Parents should quote HINY070519 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#) and [here](#).

The nearest classes to Highworth Combined School and Nursery are as follows (please click for a map and further details):

Perform High Wycombe (Drama for 4-7s)
(1 mile)
Fridays **at 4pm**

Micklefield Community Centre
Micklefield Road,
HP13 7FY

Perform Beaconsfield (Drama for 4-7s)
(4.1 miles)
Saturdays **at 2.30pm**

St Michael's Church Hall
Grenfell Road,
HP9 2BN

Perform Beaconsfield (Drama for 4-7s)
(4.1 miles)
Fridays **at 4pm**

St Michael's Church Hall
Grenfell Road,
HP9 2BN

Perform Beaconsfield (Drama for 7-12s)
(4.1 miles)
Fridays **at 5.15pm**

St Michael's Church Hall
Grenfell Road,
HP9 2BN

Perform Marlow (Drama for 4-7s)
(5.4 miles)
Mondays **at 4pm**

All Saints Church Hall
The Causeway,
SL7 2AA

There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](#) or view a list of [all areas](#).



Premier

FEBRUARY HOLIDAY

IIII MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP IIIII

For ages 4* - 12

Manor Farm
Junior School,
Hazlemere,
HP15 7NR

Cedar Park
School,
Hazlemere,
HP15 7EF

Mon 18th Feb - Fri 22nd Feb

School Day £15.00
9.00am-3.30pm

Extended Day £20.00
8.00am-5.30pm

Half Day £10.00
9.00am-1.00pm (Suitable for
4 year olds)

30% off

When you book
online before
28th January

ADVENTURE

ARCHERY

FENCING

ADVENTURE WALK

URBAN GAMES

NERF BATTLE

SPORTS

FOOTBALL

BASKETBALL

GYMNASTICS

TAG RUGBY

DODGEBALL

ARTS

DRAMA

CHEERLEADING

ARTS & CRAFTS

STREET DANCE

MUSICAL THEATRE

* 4 years olds can only attend for up to 4 hours as per Ofsted guidelines. Swimming is not included as this takes place in the afternoon, however children must be aged 8+ and be able to swim unaided.

Please note children attending the offsite Adventure Walks need to be 8 years old and over. We operate a no Nut policy on all of our venues For full terms and conditions visit www.premier-education.com.

A red banner with a faint background image of a child's face. The text 'Safer Internet Day 2019' is written in large, bold, white letters with a dark red shadow effect. Below it, the website 'www.parentzone.org.uk' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

Safer Internet Day 2019

www.parentzone.org.uk

We're thrilled to introduce Story Time - a brilliantly engaging way to talk to children about online safety

The theme for this year's Safer Internet Day is **'Together for a better internet'** - and what better way to celebrate than with the launch of our brand new digital book for younger children, Story Time, in partnership with Vodafone Global.

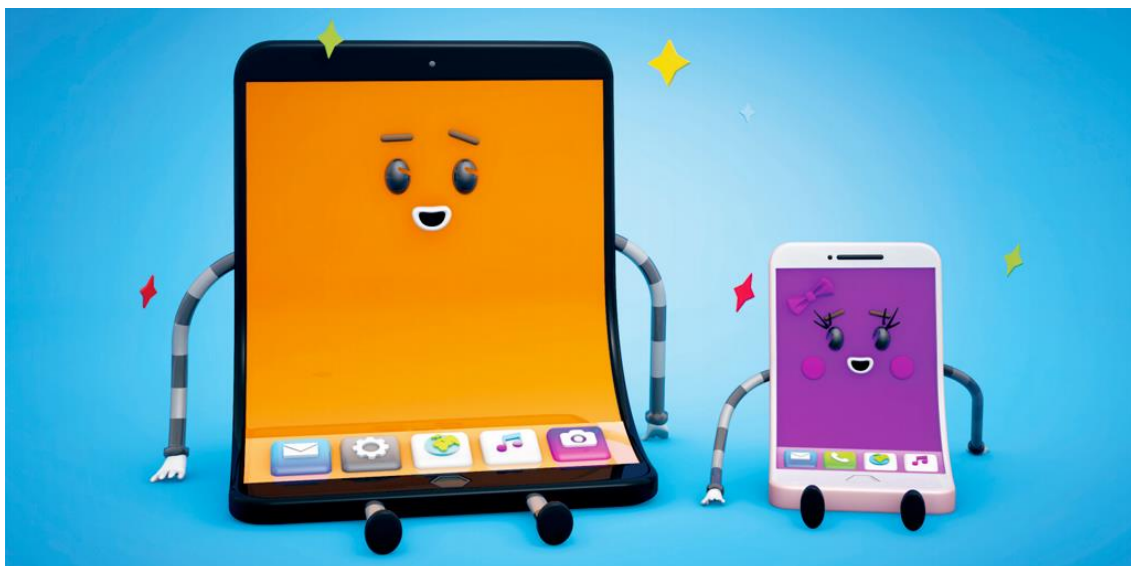
Story Time consists of two fun-packed books, full of quirky and colourful illustrations and based on relatable situations that will resonate with children.

The first - **Sally the Smartphone's Digital Disaster** - is all about helping children aged 4-7 manage their first devices. It helps them think about how they look after their new smartphone or tablet, and explains why it's important not to overdo screen time.

Tommy the Tablet's Birthday Blunder, aimed at children aged 7-11, covers the internet security essentials, like setting a secure password and not oversharing, in an effective but gentle tale of how things can go awry if we don't take care.

At the heart of the books are the ideas which this year's Safer Internet Day celebrates - being kind to others online, trying to put yourself in their shoes, and having respect for others.

Best of all - they're completely free! Follow the link to download as many as you like.



[Explore Story Time](#)