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Newsletter 1st October Issue 4

Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week: Football Event (Y2), Highcrest Academy Banding Tests (Y6), Annual Flu Vaccination (YR-Y6), Young Voices Concert (Y4)

Dear all

Today, I'd like to give you advance warning of some exciting upcoming events.

On the 12th October at 7.30pm, Highworth Friends (our Parent Teacher Association) are holding their Annual General Meeting via Zoom. We had a great turn out last year and hope that lots of you will be able to join us this year as well. Please email to reception@highworthcombined.co.uk to get the zoom link for the meeting. IN addition to the formal annual business of the meeting, I will be conducting a 'Question and Answer' session.

One day we hope to return to holding Harvest Festival in the hall for all to enjoy. In the meantime, we very much want to support the One Can Trust with donations of food. There will therefore be a mufti day on Friday 15th October when children may wear mufti in return for a donation to this wonderful cause. Further details will follow.

I am very excited to let you know that Highworth Friends will be holding a fancy dress mufti day, followed by a disco on Friday 22nd October (just before half term). Sadly, the disco cannot be in person, but will be held by Zoom. Children may choose to wear fancy dress to school when they make a donation of £1. They can then attend the disco from home, along with parents, for free, in the evening wearing their fancy dress. Again, further details will follow.

We are working hard to ensure that the school curriculum meets our aspirations for the highest standards. You can now find up to date Curriculum Overviews, showing what your children will be taught during this academic year, on our website using this link:
<https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/curriculum/513658>

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: 99.3% (CLASS RC)

WELL DONE

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS
BELOW TARGET AT 94.1%**

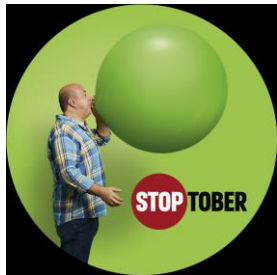
DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

Friday 8th October - Sunday 10th October

Y6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill

PARENT ZONE

Quit smoking this Stoptober



Stop smoking this Stoptober and start doing so much more.

Giving up smoking is one of the best things you'll ever do for your health. There are lots of other benefits too, and they start almost immediately.

It's never too late to quit, so join the thousands of people stopping smoking this October. Let's do this!



Download the free
NHS Quit Smoking
app

Use the NHS Quit Smoking app this Stoptober to help you quit smoking and start breathing easier.

Stoptober is a 28-day stop smoking challenge. The app allows you to:

- track your progress
- see how much you're saving
- get daily support

If you can make it to 28 days smoke-free, you're 5 times more likely to quit for good!



<https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking/>

FREE

Everyday First Aid Course for Parents

FREE

Thursday 21st October 9:30am – 12 noon

Highcrest Adult Learning Centre

For booking instructions see flyer at end of newsletter

PTA NEWS

You are invited to Highworth Friends AGM via Zoom on 12th October at 7.30pm. Please send an email to reception@highworthcombined.co.uk for the Zoom link if you would like to join the meeting

Dates for your diaries are now on the school website calendar! We hope to return to some in person events very soon.

We have discounted tickets for the Pantomime, Peter Pan, at the Swan Theatre. **Please see the flyer below for more information.**



Buckinghamshire Family Learning

Learn, simple first aid for
the family including basic
CPR.

Discover hints and
tips using everyday
items from home.

Everyday First Aid

Join our **free**, 2.5 hour workshop with a qualified paramedic

For parents and carers of children at Primary school in
Buckinghamshire

Thursday 21st October

Highcrest Adult Learning Centre 9.30am – 12pm

To book your place, please click on: [Family Learning Courses](#) or call the enrolment team
on 01296 383582

For more information text or call Mandy on 07825 862029



First Aid



buckinghamshireadultlearning



BucksAdLearning



adultlearningbc.ac.uk

Please see below for information about a workshop to learn more about how to keep your children safe on line.



How Can I Help My Child?

Access to phones, social media and the internet means that young people can communicate with others without those caring for them knowing and this can make it difficult when we want to keep them safe.

A free online workshop for parents and carers

Facilitated through Zoom by Lawrence, Penny and Rhiannon from the Marie Collins Foundation



The
Marie Collins
Foundation

The Marie Collins Foundation (MCF) is dedicated to supporting victims of online child sexual abuse and exploitation. The foundation advocates for children who have suffered from online abuse so that they are able to recover and live safe and fulfilling lives. It has grown to become a dedicated team of specialists who support those harmed online through direct work with children and their families and advising professionals and governments at local, national and international level.

In this workshop you will have the opportunity to explore, in a safe environment:

- what **online harm** is
- ways you can **effectively help** and support your children
- understand **why and how** children can become victims, and
- how your response can be **vital** in enabling your child to recover.

To apply for a free place, please click on the dates below and complete the form

Tuesday, 5th October 2021 - 10am to 11.30am

Tuesday, 18th November 2021 - 10am to 11.30am

If you have any questions in respect of this course, or difficulties booking on to it, please contact

MCFevents@mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk

Peter Pan

THE HIGH-FLYING **PANTO** ADVENTURE

7pm on Friday December 10th

&

11am Friday 31st December

(Relaxed performance)

**Tickets are £18 each and include a free
ice cream**

**To book, please contact us at
Highworthfriends@gmail.com or via
messenger on the Highworth friends Facebook
page.**

**Tickets are limited and are on a first come, first
served basis, secured on receipt of £5 deposit
per seat. Balance paid by October 6th.**

**In the event the show is cancelled, tickets can be
moved to the alternative date or refunded.**

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