Highworth Combined School & Nursery

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Newsletter - 23rd November 2018 Issue 1

Letters sent home this week via eSchools:

Coffee Morning, Mufti Day, Christmas Bazaar, A Career in Primary Teaching, Flu Vaccination

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first edition of our new format weekly Newsletter which is the work of Beccy Hatch, Parent Support Worker. Beccy is here to help the school better meet the needs of parents and she quite rightly identified the need for more regular communication. This newsletter will be brief, but purposeful and should be used in conjunction with frequent visits to our website where you will find photographs, dates for the longer term and very many useful resources.

This week has seen the start of rehearsals for our Christmas performances with children learning their lines and joining in with whole phase rehearsals for the first time. Please make sure that you check the website so that you know the dates and times for the various performances.

We are saying goodbye to two members of staff this week; Gaynor Ilsley, LSA in Year 2 is starting a new career within the NHS. Thank you Gaynor for all the support that you have offered our pupils over a number of years. Mrs Lawrence starts her Maternity Leave from the end of today. We wish Tina every happiness with her new baby and look forward to frequent visits from them both as well as a more formal return when Tina feels ready!

Best wishes for a happy weekend with your families. Mrs Pankhania

Attendance

90.9% Reception

96.0% Year 1

95.2% Year 2

97.2% Year 3

96.6% Year 4

93.6% Year 5

97.7% Year 6

95.4% Whole School

FLU VACCINATION – 3RD DECEMBER

The School Immunisation Team will be coming in to school to administer the flu nasal spray to children in all classes **except** Nursery and Year 6.

If you want your child to have this vaccine, you <u>MUST</u> complete the online consent form by Wednesday 28th November by logging on to:

https://www.buckschildimmunisations.co.uk/flu

The school code is: **EE110403**

Dates for the Diary

Monday 26th November

Coffee Morning – Healthy Lunchboxes presentation.

Wednesday 28th November

Mufti Day for Christmas Bazaar Girls Football Match

Friday 30th November

4S Class Assembly

Saturday 1st December

Christmas Bazaar

Monday 3rd December

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Parent Zone

<u>Thank you</u> so to all the parents who completed the questionnaire from Buckinghamshire Adult Learning. We received a huge response and we have been able to identify some key areas that you would like to access training in. I am working with Adult Learning to put together some courses and will update you once we have finalised dates and venues.



We are excited to inform you that we have secured <u>Free NHS medical Health checks</u> for parents (or other family members) of Highworth School who are aged 40-74 on Monday 10th December at Eastside youth centre (In the grounds of the High Crest Academy), Hatters lane, HP13 7NQ. This will help to prevent Diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease, stroke & dementia. Places need to be booked. Please see attached flyer for more details.



<u>Coffee Morning Monday 26th November - Healthy Lunchboxes with Guest Speaker, Mrs Sturgeon.</u>

The topic of our next coffee morning is Healthy lunch boxes. We would like you to bring in your child's lunchbox for that day and we will return their lunch to them at the end of the session. We will be taking a look at these items and looking at whether we can suggest any healthier options.

We will also be taking a look at drinks that the children might drink at home. We will investigate the sugar content and discuss alternatives.



PTA Corner

Please see attached newsletter with updates from the PTA.

Reminder:

 Come along to our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 1st December.

Club Corner

In future newsletters this section will be used to share information with you about local clubs. If your child currently attends a club outside of school, I would love to hear about them so I can get permission to share the details of the provider with other parents. Please let the office know any details so that I can feature them here.