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Newsletter: 11th November 2022

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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: History Topic: Toys (Y1), Children in Need, Phonics Workshop (Y1), Final Reminder: Flu Vaccine (Rec-Y6), Bags to School Event, Reminder to Book Parents Evening Appointment (Rec-Y6), Information re Parents Evening (Rec-Y6)

Dear all

There was a good turnout for our 2 parent workshops this week and last on how to support your children with their early reading. Thank you to those who took the time to attend, and a big thank you from me to Tracy Chamberlain, Clare Dimishky and the teams in Reception and Year 1 for their work in preparing the sessions. We hope you found them useful. If you weren't able to attend, you will find lots of useful information about early reading and phonics on our website using this link: https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/teaching_of_phonics/295779
You may also like to see some photographs taken at the event for Reception parent and carers: <https://www.highworth.bucks.sch.uk/web/news/189861>

It's a busy week here next week so some reminders to look out for information about the following:

- Parents and Carers meetings with teachers on Tuesday on Thursday
- 'Bag to School' on Wednesday
- Flu Vaccinations on Wednesday
- Children in Need on Friday

As ever, my best wishes for a happy weekend together with family

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 98.7%

(CLASS 5K)

WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

95.1%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

Monday 14th November

NSPCC Workshops (Y5 & Y6)

Tuesday 15th November: 5pm-7.30pm

Parent Consultations (Rec-Y6)

Wed 16th November: (8.15am-9am)

PTA Bag to School Collection ((donations to be left outside front entrance by 9am)

Flu Vaccinations (Rec-Y6)

Thursday 17th November: 3.30pm-6pm

Parent Consultations (Rec-Y6)

Friday 18th November

Children in Need (see below for more information)

PARENT ZONE

Fruit & Milk:

Please help yourself to any unused fruit or milk which will be put out on a table by the Quad gate every Friday at the end of the school day.

Lost Property:

Please help yourself to any unclaimed lost property which will be periodically put out on a table by the Quad gate.

Children in Need – Friday 18th November

Having helped the One Can Trust last half term, our charitable support this half term will be for BBC Children In Need on Friday 18th November. Please see this link for information about their work: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

There are 2 national themes this year: 'Spotacular' and 'Get Walking for BBC Children in Need' so we have decided to raise funds in the following ways:

- Donate 50p to wear something spotty with your school uniform (this could be a hat, sweatshirt, a pair of socks, gloves, scarf or be as simple as some spots drawn with an eyeliner or face paint on faces or the back of hands)
- Donate 50p to take part in a whole school walk of the inside perimeter of our site (estimated to be 1.5miles!). We will be setting off a class at a time with plenty of opportunities to see everyone else taking part as we follow a pre-planned route.

All pupils will take part in the walk, but we understand if it is not possible for some families to make a donation at this time.

Donations should be handed to teachers when children arrive in class on Friday 18th.



Buckinghamshire Family Learning



Family Learning Early Years courses - November 2022*

*Unless stated otherwise

Welcome to Family Learning Early Years. All our workshops and five-week courses are FREE for parents and carers to help support their child at various stages of Early Years development. Booking is essential. To enrol onto a course, use the QR code*, click the link or contact the Enrolment Team on 01296 383582.

For more information, please contact a member of our Early Years team
Wendy (Aylesbury/Chesham) 07768 044813 Sarah (Wycombe) 07825 86209



Active

EY Healthy Active Child
Find out how you can encourage your child to enjoy a healthy diet and get lots of fun ideas for keeping them happy and active indoors and out. Support their emotional wellbeing and self-care skills.

Wednesday 9 November, 10am-12pm
(Hampden Way Family Centre, High Wycombe)



Creativity

EY Story Explorers
Explore fun practical ideas support your child's speech and language development through all types of play. Choose from

- **Tuesday** 1 November, 9:30am-11:30am (Online)
- **Tuesday** 1 November, 1pm-3pm (Southcourt Family Centre, Aylesbury)
- **Wednesday** 2 November, 10am-12pm (Newtown Family Centre, Chesham)



Moving up

EY Steps into Nursery Workshop

Learn about practical ideas for your child to be ready to take their next steps into a school Nursery. Look at settling in, story times, simple tasks and social skills.

Join one of our online workshops every **Thursday** at 9:30am-11:30am, starting from 10 November to 8 December



EY Workshops

Join our FREE workshops and discover what Family Learning is about.

- **Berryfields Family Centre, Aylesbury**
THURSDAY at 1pm to 3pm
10 November - Stanley Stick Storybox
24 November - Little Music Maker
- **Hithercroft Family Centre, High Wycombe**
EVERY MONDAY at 9:15am to 11:15am
14 November - Little Music Maker
21 November - Stanley Stick Storybox
28 November - Fun with Food



Creativity

EY Festive Crafts Workshops

- **Thursday** 1 December, 1pm-3pm (Berryfields Family Centre, Aylesbury)
- **Monday**, 5 December, 9:15am-11:15am (Hithercroft Family Centre, High Wycombe)
- **Tuesday** 6 December, 1pm-3pm (Southcourt Family Centre, Aylesbury)
- **Wednesday** 14 December 10am-12pm (Hampden Way Family Centre, High Wycombe)



First Aid

Everyday First Aid

Learn tips on how to deal with choking, burns and minor injuries. Increase your confidence in applying basic First Aid.

- **Wednesday** 2 November, 9:30am-12pm (Hampden Way Family Centre, High Wycombe)
- **Tuesday** 15 November, 9:30am-12pm (Southcourt Family Centre, Aylesbury)
- **Friday** 2 December, 9:30am-12pm (Newtown Family Centre, Chesham)



*To use the QR code: Hold your phone camera over the QR code image so it is clearly visible on the screen. Your phone will read the code and automatically redirect you to BAL Family Learning website.



Buckinghamshire Family Learning



Family Learning Schools courses - November 2022*

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Welcome to Family Learning Schools. All our workshops and five-week courses are FREE for parents and carers to help support your understanding of the curriculum and help your child make progress at school. Booking is essential. To enrol onto the course, use the QR code*, click the link or contact the Enrolment Team on 01296 383582.

For more information, please contact a member of our Family Learning Schools team:

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Reception: Develop Early Maths Through Stories Workshop (Online)



Maths

Use a story to help your child improve their early maths skills and knowledge.

Monday 31 October, 9:30am-11:30am

Tuesday 1 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm

Wednesday 2 November, 9:30am-11:30am



Reception: Develop your Child's Early Maths (Online)



Maths

Explore how your child is taught maths in Reception and improve their maths knowledge and understanding through fun activities.

Monday 7 November, 9:30am-11:30am

Tuesday 8 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm

Wednesday 9 November, 9:30am-11:30am



Y1&2: Support Your Child with Homework Workshop (Online)



Gain hints and tips about how to help your child and engage them with their homework.

Monday 31 October, 7pm-9pm

Tuesday 1 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm

Wednesday 2 November, 9:30am-11:30am

Thursday 3 November, 9:30am-11:30am



Y1&2: Support Your Child with maths: Shape, Data, Measure (Online)



Maths

Explore how your child is taught maths and gain practical ideas and activities to help do well.

Monday 7 November, 7pm-9pm

Tuesday 8 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm

Wednesday 9 November, 9:30am-11:30am

Thursday 10 November, 9:30am-11:30am



Y3&4: Support Your Child with Homework Workshop (Online)



Exploring how to engage your child with fun activities whilst encouraging good study habits.

Monday 31 October, 9:30am-11:30am

Wednesday 2 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm



Y3&4: Support Your Child with maths: Shape, Data, Measure (Online)



Maths

Practical ideas to help support your child improve their maths skills and knowledge, through child friendly activities.

Monday 7 November, 9:30am-11:30am

Wednesday 8 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm

Thursday 9 November, 7pm-9pm



Y5&6: Support Your child's Mental Arithmetic Skills Workshop (Online)



Maths

Look at how mental maths is taught in Y5&6 and learn how improve your child's mental maths skills and knowledge.

Thursday 3 November, 7pm-9pm



Y5&6: Support Your Child with maths: Shape, Data, Measure (Online)



Maths

Practical ideas to help support your child to improve maths skills and knowledge, through child-friendly activities.

Wednesday 9 November, 7pm-9pm

Thursday 10 November, 9:30am-11:30am



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