

# Highworth Combined School & Nursery

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**Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week:** Teachers in Class 1LS (Y1), Teachers in Rec classes (Rec), Swimming Lessons Cancelled (4S), Local Church Visit Cancelled (Y3) Xmas Performance (Nursery)

Dear all

It's been a busy week of rehearsals for our performances next week; we can't wait to share the songs we have learnt with you. Some additional information follows:

- **Time: 2.45pm.** The gates at the front of the school will open at 2.35pm to allow parents to walk onto the playground and up to the rectangular shelter or, as I should say, Stable (!). The gates at the back of the school will only open as usual at 3.15pm. Performances will end before 3.20pm. You will be able to collect your children early, but please allow teachers to take the children back to their class rooms to collect belongings and to make sure all are safely handed over to the right person!
- **Dates:** Nursery; Monday 6<sup>th</sup>; Year 2: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>; Year 1: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>; Reception: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Wet weather:** If the performance cannot go ahead because of expected heavy rain, you will be notified using eSchools by 12 midday. If this happens, the performance will take place on the reserve date for the year group.
- **Chairs:** We won't be providing seating as the performances will only last for about 15 minutes, but please feel free to bring a picnic chair for anyone who will find standing for this time uncomfortable.
- **Photographs and Videos:** We are a school that wishes to continue to allow you to record significant events such as this. However, none of the photos or videos that you record at school events can ever appear in any form on the internet. This is to safeguard children whose images must never be shared. If the trust we show by allowing you to continue to take photographs is abused, then we will have to reconsider.

Finally, I have attached the Code of Conduct for visitors which gives further details of what we expect when inviting people on to our site.

Next Friday, the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, is Christmas Jumper Day. I know that there are a lot of financial demands on families right now so I'd like to reassure you that participation in this event is very much optional. If your child does not have a suitable jumper or top, some tinsel or decorations added to uniform is perfectly acceptable. We would like to send a donation to Save The Children as part of their event and suggest your child brings in 50p, but only if you are able to.

Have a happy 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: 97.3% (CLASS 6K)**

**WELL DONE**

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS**

**WELL BELOW TARGET AT 90.8%**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm**

Christmas Performance - Nursery

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm**

Christmas Performance – Y2

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm** Christmas

Performance – Y1

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm**

Christmas Performance – Reception

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper Day & Whole School Dance



## Parents<sup>1</sup> and Visitors' Code of Conduct

At Highworth Combined School we are very proud and fortunate to have a very dedicated and supportive school community. At our school the staff, governors and parents alike, all recognise that the education of our children is a partnership between all parties.

As a partnership we recognise the importance of solid working relationships to equip all of our children with the necessary skills for adulthood. For these reasons we will continue to welcome and encourage parents to participate fully in the life of our school.

The purpose of this policy is to provide a reminder to all parents and visitors to Highworth School about the expectations around the conduct of all parents and visitors connected to our school.

We understand that everyday frustrations can cause misunderstandings and have a negative impact on our relationships. We believe it is essential that we all remain committed to resolving difficulties in a constructive manner through open, positive dialogue.

Our school already has a Code of Conduct for all our staff and volunteers. This Code for Parents is aimed at the wider school community so that we all share a common expectation and understanding over behaviour. Whilst we appreciate that incidents are extremely rare, we feel it is important to make clear the types of behaviour that we may find unacceptable and what action we might take in response.

### Behaviour that will not be tolerated:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with any of the school's normal operation or activities anywhere on the school premises.
- Any inappropriate behaviour on the school premises.
- Using loud or offensive language.
- Threatening a member of staff, visitor, fellow parent or student.
- Damaging or destroying school property.
- Sending abusive or threatening emails, text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communications (including via social media) to anyone within the school community.
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the students/parents/staff/governors at the school on social media (See Appendix 1 for more details).
- The use of physical, verbal or written aggression towards another adult or child (This includes physical punishment of a parent's own child on school premises).
- Any language or actions which breach our commitment to Equality and Diversity, for example, but not exclusively, sexist, racist or homophobic comments/actions.
- Smoking, vaping, taking illegal drugs or consuming alcohol on school premises (alcohol may only be consumed during authorised events).
- Dogs on school premises (other than assistance dogs when in a working role).
- Putting pupils and families at risk by persistently parking in a dangerous manner

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<sup>1</sup> For ease of read, the term "parent" has been used throughout the document, to include parents, legal guardians and full-time carers.

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## PARENT ZONE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Wycombe Museum is delighted to be able to offer free tickets to some of our December events to children in care from low-income families.**

**To redeem free tickets:**

- Go to [www.wycombemuseum.org.uk](http://www.wycombemuseum.org.uk) and visit our events page
- Add tickets to any of the valid events to your basket
- Go to checkout and use coupon code **XMASBIGGIVE**
- A 100% discount will be applied and you will be able to check out your tickets for free

**Valid Events:**

Tudor Christmas is for children of all ages. Fox & Cubs and Tiny Talk Time are for pre-school age children and toddlers.



**Tudor Christmas – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December, from 10.30am – 4pm**

Go back in time with your family at Castle Hill House as we prepare for a Tudor-time Christmas. Take part in crafts, play festive games, learn all about a traditional Tudor Christmas with our history trail, and hear carol performances.

**PTO for more**



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## **Information for Parents**

### **COVID-19 Testing**

Twice weekly testing using Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) remains recommended for the families of school-aged children. These are available for free, see this link to order: [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

This helps to identify if you or your child is infected so that others in the school and wider community can be protected. Please note that this type of testing is only for people without symptoms of COVID-19 and if you test positive, you need to self-isolate and arrange for a free confirmatory PCR test via this link:

[Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-free-pcr-test-check-if-you-have-coronavirus-covid-19)

### **COVID-19 Vaccination**

People aged 16 and over, including adults, can book a vaccination appointment through the National Booking System or attend a walk-in clinic:

- [Book or manage a 1st or 2nd dose of the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/book-or-manage-a-1st-or-2nd-dose-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination)
- [Find a walk-in coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination site - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site)

Severe illness and death from COVID-19 infection are more likely with increasing age. Therefore, adults are more vulnerable than children and it is important that you are vaccinated as well as any of your eligible children to protect your and your family's health.

If you are eligible for a COVID-19 booster vaccination (people aged 50 and over, or anyone aged 16 and over with a high-risk health condition) then you can book an appointment to have it [here](#), although please note that it must be at least 6 months since your second dose of the vaccine. This will help to top-up your protection against COVID during the Winter months.

### **Flu and other winter viruses**

As we move into winter, other viruses may start to spread, causing flu and colds. The symptoms from these infections can be similar to those of COVID-19.

It is important to get a free PCR test for COVID-19 first if you or your child develops any of the following: a new continuous cough; a raised temperature; a change in taste or smell. If this test is negative, it is still important to continue testing twice-weekly using LFDs as you or your child might go on to become infected with COVID-19 later.

People who are eligible, including children aged 2-15 years old and anyone between the ages of 6 months and 50 years old who is clinically vulnerable can have a free NHS flu vaccine this year, which is the best way of protecting ourselves and those around.