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Letters sent home & e-School messages this week: Parent Webinars, Y6 SATs, Sex Education Presentation for Parents (Y4-Y6), Y4 Trip to the Living Rain Forest, Y2 Athletics Event



Dear all

Sunshine at last! Let's hope it stays with us into the weekend.

Thank you to all those who fed back that the timing of Inset day worked well for them. Where possible, we will always seek to minimise disruption to families by linking our Inset days to a holiday or extended period of absence. However, this may prove tricky when the school is used as a polling station for the general election later this year as it seems we might not get much notice!

One of our pupils - and his dad - are taking part in a charity running/obstacle race and have kindly organised to raise money for the school whilst doing so. All donations made will come directly back to school via the PTA, being put to good use enhancing provision. Details for how to contribute are here: https://www.justgiving.com/page/rob-clements-1714391948739 Any help with meeting the target would be very much appreciated.

I would like to praise Year 1 for the poetry assembly that they delivered today. They clearly enjoyed putting on a show. Every single child was engaged, enthusiastic and full of positive energy. They spoke with clarity and confidence and had memorised so many words. It was clear they had all put in lots of practice and as a result were able to deliver a truly joyful experience to their audience. When I looked around the hall I could see every single person in the audience was beaming from ear to ear — what a super performance — very well done, Year 1.

Thank you also, to the year 1 team, for supporting the children with developing the skills and confidence they needed, to be able to deliver such a great performance – great job all round.

Next week, children in Year 6 here and across England will take statutory tests. Parents and carers will receive an additional letter with further information, but please note that it is our approach to make taking the tests part of our normal practice, keeping things at school just like any other day. Doing this at home will also help ensure children remain calm. We do have one request: Please ensure that your children arrive at school on time; arriving late is not conducive to a calm and ordered start to the tests.

My best wishes for a happy and sunny weekend

Clare Pankhania

ATTENDANCE

To report your child's absence please phone and leave a message or send an email to:

reception@highworthcombined co.uk.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%

BEST ATTENDANCE: 98.3% (CLASSES RAA, 4M & 5S)
WELL DONE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

94.8%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 14th May

3.20pm: Home Football Match v Widmer End

Wednesday 15th May

9.30am: Sex Education presentation via Zoom for parents of children in Y4-Y6

Thursday 16th May

Reception Trip to Black Park Forest School

Friday 17th May

9am: Rec Class Assembly – Reception parents

are invited to attend

pm: Y2 Athletics Event at Holmer Green

Senior School

PARENT ZONE

SIGN OF THE WEEK



Careful/Carefully

Free Online Course for Parents



Buckinghamshire Family Learning



FREE ONLINE SCHOOLS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

To book your place - SCAN the QR code, CLICK on the course code link or PHONE 01296 383582 with the course code (eg. FM......)



RECEPTION

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Learning Outside

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- Tuesday 4 June, 9:30am-11:30am
- Wednesday 5 June, 9:30am-11:30am

FMHA009

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Developing Writing through Storles Workshop FMWS096

- Tuesday 11 June, 9:30am-11:30am
- Wednesday 12 June, 9:30am-11:30am



Wellbeing Workshop FMWB098

- Tuesday 25 June, 9:30am-11:30am
- Wednesday 26 June, 9:30am-11:30am

Have Fun While Workshop FMLO097

- Tuesday 2 July, 9:30am-11:30am
- Wednesday 3 July, 9:30am-11:30am



Getting Ready for Year1 (5-weeks) FMGC022

Monday 3 June, 9:30am-11:30am

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YEARS 1&2

Support Your Child with Science (5-weeks) FMSC074

- Tuesday 4 June, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Wednesday 5 June, 9:30am-11:30am
- Monday 10 June,7pm-9pm

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Chemistory Workshop FMCS108

- Tuesday 9 July, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Wednesday 10 July, 9:30am-11:30am

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Buckinghamshire Family Learning



How can I support and manage mine and my child's expectations and anxiety?

Advice for PARENTS to Support their Children with the Pressures and Anxieties of the 11+- Part 1



Join our FREE 2-hour workshop for PARENTS and CARERS of YEARS 4&5 from Buckinghamshire schools.

Choose from one of the following days and times.

To enrol, click on your chosen date or scan the QR code.

Tuesday 11th June 6.30-8.30pm Wednesday 12th June 6.30-8.30pm Thursday 13th June 9.30-11.30am Thursday 13th June 6.30-8.30pm Tuesday 2nd July 6.30-8.30pm



What is expected from my child within the 11+ test, the different types of questions used and where I find resources that will help support my child's understanding?

Expectations of the 11+ and useful information for parents to support their child- Part 2

Join our FREE 2-hour workshop for PARENTS and CARERS of YEARS 4&5 from Buckinghamshire schools.



Choose from one of the following days and times.

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Tuesday 18th June 6.30-8.30pm Wednesday 19th June 6.30-8.30pm Thursday 20th June 9.30-11.30am Thursday 20th June 6.30-8.30pm Tuesday 9th July 6.30-8.30pm













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YEARS 1&2



Support Your Child with Writing and Grammar

(5-weeks) FMWG029 Writing

Thursday 6 June, 9:30am-11:30am

YEARS 2, 3&4

Help Your Child to Cope with Change Workshop FMTR111



- Thursday 11 July, 9:30am-11:30am
- Monday 15 July, 7pm-9pm



YEARS 3&4

Support Your Child with Science (5-weeks) FMSC075





- Monday 10 June, 9:30am-11:30am
- Tuesday 11 June, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Wednesday 12 June, 12:30pm-2:30pm





YEARS 3.4.5&6 - WELLBEING WORKSHOPS **MONDAYS, 7PM - 9PM**



- 10 June: Help your Child Build Confidence and Resilience FMWB079
- 17 June: Help Your Child Cope with Stress and Anxiety FMWB077
- 24 June: Help Your Child to Develop Positive Friendships and Manage Peer Pressure FMWB078
- 1 July: Happy, Healthy and Safe Online-tips to Help Your Child FMWB090

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Becoming Independent in Readiness for Secondary School- Part 1

How can I build my child's confidence, resilience, and independence, helping to make the move into secondary a positive one?

Join our FREE 2-hour workshop for PARENTS and CARERS of YEAR 6 from Buckinghamshire schools.



Choose from one of the following days and times. To enrol, click on your chosen date or scan the QR code.

Wednesday 3rd July 6.30-8.30pm Thursday 4th July 9.30-11.30am Thursday 4th July 6.30-8.30pm



Getting Prepared for Starting Secondary School-Part 2

How can I prepare my child with their move to secondary school and understand the changes in expectations and within the curriculum?

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