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Newsletter – 25th October Issue 6

Letters sent home & eSchool messages this week: Trip to the Mosque (Y3), Deadline for Secondary School Applications (Y6), Volunteers Required (PTA), Art & Crafts Club (Y1)

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to the 450 people who came along to our annual firework event yesterday. As ever, it was wonderful to see so many of you support our school and PTA in this way. Many congratulations to Rehan Salim in 3FM who was able to set off the whole display with the 'magic' plunger!

We know that many of our pupils have the role of 'young carers' (for a variety of reasons) within their families so we were delighted to hold an assembly on Wednesday on this topic. The local Young Carers group will be doing more work with our pupils as the year progresses. If you think your child would benefit from being involved in this, please do get in touch with Mrs Day (Deputy Head for Inclusion) via the front office.

As the news is filled with talk of an impending General Election, I thought that it would be timely to share the following instruction recently issued to schools by Bucks CC:

With the distinct possibility of a general election being called in the next couple of months, we would ask all schools that are used as a polling station to fully co-operate with their district councils in order for them to make arrangements to use the school for polling. We are aware that using educational establishments for polling can cause inconvenience. However, with the current political environment, where an election is likely to be called at such short notice (the minimum notice being 25 working days), it is vital that the district council has premises that they know are available for use - this is not something that non-local authority owned locations can offer.

With very best wishes for an enjoyable weekend and half term holiday.

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: 97.7% (CLASS 6H)

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS

WELL BELOW TARGET AT 92.5%

WE HOPE THIS IMPROVES NEXT TERM!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 4th November

Children return to school

Women's Health and Wellbeing course –
9.30am - 11:30am

Phonics session for Nursery parents – 2-3pm

Tuesday 5th November

SEN support Group 1-2.30pm

Friday 8th November

Bench ball competition Yr 3-6 – 9am-3pm

PARENT ZONE

Nursery Phonics Session

We are holding a phonics workshop for Nursery parents on Monday 4th November 2-3pm. At this session we will be explaining the phonics stages that your children will be working on and giving you lots of ideas of things you can do at home to re enforce the work being done in Nursery. Places are limited so please contact the school if you would like to attend.

SEN Support Group

On Tuesday 5th November 1-2.30pm we will be holding our support group for parents with children with SEN. This is an informal group, allowing parents to share experiences and knowledge with each other. I look forward to seeing you there.

Whole School Coffee Morning

Tuesday 12th November 9-10.30am is the first of our whole school coffee mornings. This is open to all parents and carers and provides an opportunity for you to get to know each other and enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit. There will be toys available if you would like to bring younger siblings.

South Bucks Children's Book Group

South Bucks Children's Book Group will be hosting two fabulous events over the half term:

- Make a Book on Monday 28th October for children aged 3-5 years
- Space Craft on Saturday 2nd November for children 6-11 years

If you wish to attend either of the events, please see the details on the flyer for venues, times and to book places directly with South Bucks Children's Book Groups.

Walking with You Group

Attached is some information about the next group. It is for any parent with a child struggling with mental health issues, they don't have to be under CAMHS, and it can 'just' be anxiety etc, it's not aimed at those with diagnosis etc.

Many thanks

Beccy Hatch

Parent Support Worker

P.E. NEWS

On Wednesday some boys from Year 5 and 6 played in a Knockout District Festival at Hamilton. The boys battled hard against four other schools but sadly we were beaten in all of our matches. It was the first chance at playing against another team for most of the boys in a competitive situation and they showed great resilience. As the games progressed so did their communication on the pitch and teamwork. Some superb saves were made and the team is now keen to work on skills that were lacking in the matches. A good effort made by all – well done boys.

PTA NEWS

It was great to see so many of you yesterday at our fireworks event, thanks for coming! A special thanks to everyone who helped as well. We cannot run our events without volunteers and it was nice to see some new faces helping out! We were also really pleased to see so many of you bringing your own reusable cups.

The new container for storing all our goods will be arriving next week. Please see letter sent earlier today via e-Schools about help needed. If you can help please email us at **highworthfriends@gmail.com**

Don't forget Christmas card orders need to be back on Wednesday 6th November.



South Bucks Children's Book Group

Make a Book

Monday 28th October 2019

2.30pm - 3.30pm

**Wycombe Marsh Baptist Church Hall
London Road, Wycombe Marsh HP11 1ET**
Parking is available in the Retail Park (4hrs maximum)

**A parent and child activity for children
aged 3-5 years**

We provide the paper, cardboard, glue-sticks and pictures.
You provide the personal involvement with your child.

The end result is a special book,
created with love,
reflecting your child's interests and needs.

Bring photos from home if you like.

£2.00 per child

Pre-booking is essential
07940 953 909



South Bucks Children's Book Group



SPACE CRAFT

Come and join us
for some fun,
space inspired,
crafts and activities
for ages 6-11



Date-
Saturday 2nd
November
2019

Time-
1.30-3.30 pm

Venue-
Wrights Meadow
Community Centre
Wycombe Marsh
HP11 1SQ

Tickets-
£5 non members £4 SBCBG members

Available from
SouthBucksChildrensBookGroup@outlook.com

Refreshments available and books for sale.
Find us on Facebook.

Stronger together

The chance to connect with like-minded people who have walked in your shoes.



'Walking With You' is a parent led support group for anyone supporting children and young people experiencing mental health difficulties.

You can sit and discuss shared experience with other parents and carers over coffee and biscuits as well as having a group Q&A with parents and mental health professionals from CAMHS.

The informal sessions are open for any parents and carers with children up to 25. Come to as many sessions as you like – it's entirely up to you.

Due to lack of facilities and support we are unable to accommodate children at the group.

Adam's Park (Wycombe Wanderers FC), 10-11:30am (main club reception)
Friday 26th June, Friday 27th September, Friday 25th October, Friday 29th November.

Contact

Need more information? Contact the Single Point of Access on 01895 601801 or email: oxfordhealth.bucksCAMHSSPA@nhs.net



Advice and Support Available for Families in Bucks All areas

Food Bank Vouchers and Referrals

Speak to your Children's Centre, Health Visitor or Social Worker or Speak to your local Citizens Advice Bureau

Free government food vouchers are provided by the council. This is part of the Emergency Support Scheme. The government will provide up to a few days of free groceries, hot meals, tinned or canned goods, and fresh food too. The help is for families on a low income or benefits, and find more details on **Buckinghamshire Emergency Support Scheme**.

Fare Share

Food donations from Tring road Tesco in Aylesbury, Loudwater Tesco, Wycombe and Eden Tesco
<http://fareshare.org.uk/>

Buckinghamshire Disability Service

<https://buds.org.uk/if-you-are-in-crisis-and-need-emergency-food/>

Bucks Family Information Service

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/advice.page?id=TORPT0o3REc>

Transforming Lives for Good – Make Lunch

<https://www.tlg.org.uk/>

Trussell Trust

The Trussell Trust's 400-strong network of food banks provides a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK.
Trussell Trust

Aylesbury & the north

Aylesbury Vineyard - Make Lunch, Storehouse clothing and furniture & foodbank
<https://aylesburyvineyard.church/>

Aylesbury Foodbank

<https://aylesbury.foodbank.org.uk/>

Wendover Free Church

<http://www.wendoverfreechurch.org.uk/>

Milton Keynes Foodbank

<http://mkfoodbank.org.uk/about-the-food-bank/>

Buckingham Parish Church

https://www.bpchurch.uk/Groups/149163/Buckingham_Parish_Church/Church_Life/Community/Community.aspx

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Buckingham

Provides food for those in need living north of Winslow

https://www.buckinghamparishchurch.org.uk/Groups/237838/Buckingham_Parish_Church/Church_Life/Community/Buckingham_Food_Bank/Buckingham_Food_Bank.aspx

Thomas Hickman's Charity

14 Bourbon Street , Aylesbury, HP20 2RS

01296 318500

Offers small grants to Aylesbury Town residents in need; applications can be made by families to cover expenses such as uniform, school shoes etc. There is a form available from the charity and schools can help parents complete the form if necessary.

Youth Concern will only help young people under the age of 25 with a connection to Buckinghamshire. They will be provided with a hot meal as well as shelter and advice. The charity has a post of Whitehill Lane, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP19 8FL, call 01296 431183.

Chiltern & South Bucks

Kings Church, Amersham, Make Lunch, baby baskets, dad's support and furniture project. Call 01494 431882. Bags of food, fruits, and more is provided from the church.

<https://kca.church/>

Kings Church Amersham/Tesco Foodshare

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1861807350804960/>

Chiltern Foodbanks

<http://chiltern.foodbank.org.uk/>

Hope Church, Beaconsfield

https://www.hopebeaconsfield.co.uk/Groups/243545/Hope_Community_Drop.aspx

Slough Foodbank

<https://slough.foodbank.org.uk/>

St George's Church, Little Chalfont – Thursday lunch

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/5924/service-and-events/events-regular/>

St Michael & All Angels church in Beaconsfield

Phone number is 07584 637697

Denham One Can food bank

Phone number is 07584 637697

Chiltern Trussell Trust food bank is located at 71 Broadway, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 1BX, and telephone is 01494 775668. They have several distribution centres in Buckinghamshire County, and the locations are below

Calvary Parish, Community Suite, Church Of England Primary School, Orchard Paradise, Berryfields, Aylesbury HP18 0WS.

71 Broadway, Chesham HP5 1BX is open from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

The King's Church, Raans Road, Amersham, provides a parcel of food on Monday from 10am – 2pm.

St George's Church is open on Thursdays. The address is White Lion Road, Little Chalfont HP7 9LW.

Wycombe

High Wycombe Society has free food or meals for older residents, such as pensioners, from the Pop-In-Centre. The charity also runs a furniture project, provides financial aid (which can be used for buying food or groceries) and other help. Find more information on support from High Wycombe Society and how the charity can assist.

Big Yellow Storage in High Wycombe is a partner. A bag of groceries with enough food for 3 days in provided to the low income.

Phone – 07584 637697

Maidenhead foodbank

https://www.facebook.com/MaidenheadFoodbank/?hc_ref=ARQIEG41PkoWtjYwZoJmwtQNdwQcsqY71D-Ow2bXGNBAcxg6MJgTpdTCZ4IUQY-92Wk

One Can Trust

One Can Trust has operates a foodbank based in High Wycombe, serving the Wycombe and Marlow area. They work with almost 100 front line agencies who refer people for food aid.

<http://onecantrust.org.uk>

Food Club Friday – Castlefield Children’s Centre

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/service.page?id=g-jggqtQZ34>

Food Club Tuesday – Wycombe Methodist Church

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/service.page?id=TP1Nr3EOxYk>

Little Marlow Church, Coldmoorholm Lane, Little Marlow

Telephone – 07584 637697

Money and Budget Advice

<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/family.page?familychannel=3>
<https://quidsinmagazine.com/>
<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en>
<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2011/04/free-money-advice-service-launches/>
<http://www.billhelp.uk/>

Support and General Advice

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>
<https://www.relate.org.uk/>
<https://england.shelter.org.uk/>
<https://www.samaritans.org/>
http://www.barnardos.org.uk/what_we_do/our_work/service-search.htm
<https://www.myrtwellbeing.org.uk/>

Wellbeing

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/care-for-adults/advice-for-vulnerable-adults/>
<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/health-and-wellbeing/public-health/>
<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/>
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/>
<https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/mental-health-and-stigma/help-and-support>
<http://www.aylesburyspace.co.uk/>