

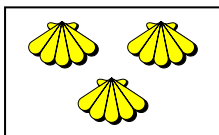
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High Wych CE Primary School

Success and Excellence within a Caring Christian Environment

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Nursery Applications

Nursery applications - for children born between 1/9/14 & 31/8/15

There is a new system in place when applying for Nursery places this year meaning you have to apply direct to the school. Full details and an application link can be found on our school website

www.highwych.herts.sch.uk Applications open on Monday 5th February and close on Friday 16th March. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Abbs in the School Office.

Safeguarding-Course for parents

A meeting for parents on keeping children safe online in the 21st Century is being run by Aspects on Monday 12th March at a cost of £10. This is being held at Reedings Junior School 7-9pm. Please book through Aspects by emailing admin@aspects.org.uk

Using internet filters at home

We apply internet filters at school to ensure the children are safe when they access the internet. This is a reminder that the 4 big internet providers in the UK - BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media - provide their customers with free parental controls which can be activated at any time. They have produced helpful video guides to help you to download and set-up the controls.

KS2 Mental Health Challenge

Some KS2 children had the opportunity to take part in the 'Dance for Mental Health Challenge' with Chrissy B last week and represented the school really well. They had to learn a difficult dance (along with some staff!). The show will air on 7th February at 10pm on SKY channel 203. They highlighted the importance of mental health and being able to talk about their feelings.

Childcare Sufficiency Report

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) is required to produce a childcare sufficiency report annually that the public are able to view. The childcare sufficiency report supports the council to understand the current market position across Hertfordshire.

The report helps HCC to:

- Establish the sufficiency of places across Hertfordshire
- Support the sustainability of places
- Support the development of places where needed.

HCC would like parents' views on the childcare options available to their family by completing the survey

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/6Z24L/>

by Friday 23rd February 2018.

Outstanding trip money

A reminder that all trip money needs to be paid to the office please, even from those parents where the trip has already happened. School budgets cannot support these and trips will sadly start to be cancelled should there be insufficient money collected.

Dates for the term

6 th February	Safer Internet Day
12 th February	Half Term
22 nd Feb	Year 1 trip
27 th February	Book Fair
12 th March	Urban Strides Dance
14 th March	Author visit KS2 - Hilda Offen
24 th March	Easter Egg Hunt 2pm
26 th March	Parent consultations
27 th March	Parent consultations
28 th March	Church Service 10.30am
29 th March	2pm Finish
3 rd - 6 th April	Yr 6 Easter School 9-12

Parking update

Thank you to all the parents who are helping by using the drop'n'go properly in the mornings and evenings which not only helps to keep this traffic moving but also eases the parking in the village car park. If you only have children in KS1 and KS2 why not de-stress your morning by using the drop'n'go instead of trying to find somewhere to park?

At the end of the day if you only have KS2 children please help us by collecting them from the drop'n'go and by staying in your car. This is not available for parking.

Reminder- the pedestrian gate at the front of the school is only for use for Nursery lunchtime pickups. This is closed at all other times. DO NOT walk around in the road to come into the car park as this is dangerous.

Earrings/Jewellery

A reminder that earrings worn for school should only be discrete studs. They should preferably be taken out on PE days so that this does not cause any problems. If not the children are responsible for taking their own out and looking after them or for taping them over. Thank you for your support in this. This is also a reminder that only watches and earrings are allowed- please remove necklaces and bracelets before attending school.

Toys/keyrings

Please check that your children do not bring in toys from home so that they do not get lost or broken. The children seem to now be bringing in lots of keyrings attached to their book bags. Please could we restrict this to one for identification if necessary and remove the others so that they do not get lost or are played with.

WW1 100 Year Remembrance

Please could you start saving unwanted red bottle tops, buttons (black and red), beads, red material etc and other red bits for the children to make poppies as part of the community Remembrance Day celebration in the autumn.

Sawbridgeworth Town Councillor surgeries

Councillors will be available at the Hailey Centre on the following dates: Saturday 3rd February, 7th April, 2nd June and 1st September between 10am and 12 noon.

Yours sincerely
Mrs M. J. West
Headteacher