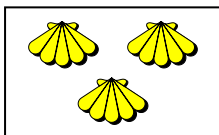


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High Wych CE Primary
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Sickness

Sickness and diarrhoea

We have been advised by the School nursing team that recent NHS guidance now requires children to be off school for **48 hours** after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. Can you please help us to prevent the spread of these germs by adhering to the guidelines and also reminding the children to be vigilant in washing their hands. Thank you.

Absence email

We have set up a new email account so that you can report your child's absence on a daily basis. We hope that this will make it easier for you to inform us when the children are not going to be in school.

absence@highwych.herts.sch.uk

Musical.ly

You may have seen in the press that the site Musical.ly is being used by primary school children. The app allows people to sync themselves to music but also carries the dangers of a social network site with inappropriate content and contact with individuals of all ages. To ensure their safety please speak to your child about this. Can we also remind you that the site is not designed for use by primary age children, users should be over 13.

For more information see <http://musicallyapp.tumblr.com/parents>

Children in Need

Thank you for your generosity in supporting this worthwhile cause. We raised a fantastic £541.72.

Fresh fruit

Can I please remind you that if children in Year 3 to Year 6 bring in a snack for break time it should be fresh fruit or vegetables only, in line with our Healthy Schools policy. Dried fruit has a high amount of concentrated sugar so is not considered as healthy as fresh fruit. Thank you for your continued support with this.

PTA AGM

Everyone is welcome to join the PTA for this meeting on 6th December in the school library, 7 for 7.30. If you are interested in joining the committee or becoming a trustee this is your chance. Committee positions available are Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary. For more information please email: pta@highwych.herts.sch.uk

PTA Christmas Fayre and Disco - Friday 16th December

Please put the date in your diary for this popular event. More details to follow in due course.

Parent Registration for emergency school closure notification messages

Parents are invited to sign up to receive messages sent by the school in the event of closure being necessary, for example a Snow day or broken boiler. Parents and Carers who sign up to the Schools Closure Notification System will receive messages by text and email.

To sign up please use the following link:

member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489

You will be directed to the "Sign Up" page where you should click on the "sign up" button located at the top right hand side of the page and from there follow the instructions. It should take no more than 5 minutes to register. You can have 2 devices added for each communication type.

Defibrillator

Just to let you know we have been very fortunate to receive a defibrillator donated by the charity SADS. We are currently awaiting training for staff and we will give more information in due course regarding its location once we have received advice from the charity.

Nativity performances

You will shortly receive the ticket letter for these performances offering you up to two tickets. We will do our best to accommodate additional requests, space permitting. Please return your completed slips to the office by the date specified. There will be limited tickets available for the dress rehearsals to allow Grandparents to enjoy the Nativity.

Dates for the term

Friday 25 th Nov	Yr 4 Swimming
Monday 28 th November	Occasional day- No school
Wednesday 7 th December	Yr 4 open music lesson
Wednesday 7 th December	Orchestra Christmas music 8.40-8.50
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas dinner and panto
Thursday 15 th December	N/R Nativity 9.15
Friday 16 th December	Yr 1/2 Nativity 9.15
Friday 16 th December	PTA Christmas disco 6.30-8.30pm
Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas parties - afternoon
Wednesday 21 st December	Church service 9.30am
Wednesday 21 st December	Finish 2pm
Thursday 5 th January	INSET day
Friday 6 th January	Children return

School closed - Monday 28th November

Please remember that we have an Occasional day on Monday so the school will be closed.

Yours sincerely
Mrs M. J. West
Headteacher