

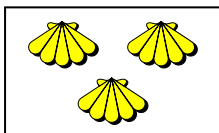
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High Wych CE Primary School

*Success and Excellence within a Caring Christian Environment*

(Founded in 1861)



# Half term

Thank you for your support this half term as we all get used to the new normal. We have been really impressed with how well the children have adapted and are pleased that our Attendance has been so consistently high across the half term. Can I just remind you of times for drop off to enable us to keep our bubbles separate:

Year 5 and 6 must be dropped off by 8.30

Year 3 and 4 must be dropped off by 8.35

Year 1 8.45 at the church gate

Year 2 8.40 at the church gate

Nursery and Reception drop off no sooner than 8.50 and please leave straight afterwards to ease the traffic in the car park.

### Appointments during the day

Please try not to arrange appointments for your children during the school day so that we can reduce the movement in and out of school.

We do appreciate that this isn't always possible with hospital appointments.

### Parent Consultations

We are pleased that overall the new system worked well. Inevitably there were a few teething problems with the technology. We will use this for the rest of this academic year and will consider continuing using it in the future.

### Dinner Money

Please remember to pay in advance for school dinners. If you have any outstanding amounts please pay by the end of the week Thank you.

### Christmas Shoeboxes

We are again supporting this worthwhile charity. Please send your filled boxes in to school by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### Be Bright, Be Seen

As the evenings become darker and the clocks go back please talk to your children about keeping safe. There are some useful resources on our website: <https://www.highwych.herts.sch.uk/parents/index.html>

### Updated Privacy Notice

We have recently updated our privacy Notice to include NHS Test and Trace. Please see our website:

[https://www.highwych.herts.sch.uk/statutory\\_information.html](https://www.highwych.herts.sch.uk/statutory_information.html)

### VR day

The children in KS2 really enjoyed this day yesterday. It was great to see them so excited about their learning. I hope they came home and told you all about it.

### Value of the month

October Value is being **understanding** (wisdom) and the stories used to support this are The Wise King (Kings 3) and The Two Houses (Matthew 7, Luke 6). We are still doing taking part in regular assemblies via Teams. Worship takes place in class twice a week but we are continuing with our Friday celebration assembly - certificates, house points, attendance and birthdays.

**SUCCESSFUL**- Please see the website for a list of the values used.

### Celtic Harmony

Year 3 had a fantastic day on Monday. They were very excited to be able to go off on the coach and have a brilliant day of hands-on outdoor learning. The children behaved impeccably, they were a credit to our school, and their excellent attitude was praised by the staff at Celtic Harmony.

### Nasal Flu vaccination

These will take place in school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November for children in Reception to Year 6. Please send in any outstanding consent forms as soon as possible. Please note that you still need to complete and return a form if you don't want your child to be vaccinated.

### Sawbridgeworth Town Council - Buster's Town Trail

Please look at the Town Council website for details of a town trail in Sawbridgeworth you and your children can download and take part in: [www.sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk](http://www.sawbridgeworth-tc.gov.uk)

### Halloween

Please look at this webpage for information as to how children can enjoy Halloween safely: <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/latest-news/2020/herts-leaders-advise-stay-safe-and-have-spooktacular-halloween>

### Dates for the term

26 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term
November	Values: Courage
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Safety Seymour Year 2
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Shoebox collection
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu vaccinations, Rec - Year 6
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Occasional Day
December	Values: Compassion
18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term - early finish, see table below, no ASC

Year 6 and Year 5	1.40pm
Year 4 and Year 3	1.45pm
Year 2	1.40pm
Year 1	1.50 pm
Reception and Nursery	1.55pm

### Half Term holiday

If you are travelling during the half term break, either abroad or within the UK, please check to see that you are following the local guidelines and whether you have to isolate upon your return. If that is the case then please let us know for the safety of our whole community.

Have a really lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Yours sincerely  
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Headteacher