



Dear Parents & Carers,

Retirement

This Easter, Mrs Sarah Mac will be retiring from teaching after 24 years at our school. Mrs Mac was instrumental in developing the learning culture of **GROWTH MINDSET** at Highweek. Her teaching expertise and commitment to Highweek learners will be sadly missed.



Another farewell goes to Mrs Sally Clements, who will be retiring after 19 years as a teaching assistant at our school. Mrs Clements has worked particularly closely with some of our SEND pupils and will be missed by all. She is looking forward to having more time on the golf course!



Other staffing changes

Mrs Poppy Warburton has secured a new teaching position closer to home. Mrs Warburton has been at Highweek for the past 8 years and undertaken a number of roles. She too, worked alongside James Nottingham to develop Highweek's learning culture.

We wish Mrs Mac, Mrs Clements and Mrs Warburton all the best in their future endeavours.



A warm welcome

Later this term, we look forward to welcoming back Mrs Marie Distin (was Miss Taylor) from maternity leave, together with Mr Antonio Matus, who recently completed his teacher training with us here at Highweek.

Mrs Distin and Mr Matus will share responsibility for Dart class for the summer term.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – Miss Taylor

Thursday & Friday – Mr Matus

We are delighted to inform you that Mr Matus & Mrs Distin will be attending parents evenings on the 19th and 20th of March and are looking forward to meeting you.

As you know I haven't been able to get into school the past week but I have met with a number of families virtually. Thank you all for your patience in this matter and I look forward to seeing you all next week in my return.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,
Ms Claire Redwood

WORLD BOOK DAY



It was a jam-packed World Book Day for us! Last Thursday, KS2 have took part in a Footy and Booky quiz and played against lots of other schools across the country. It was really exciting to have some of the questions asked by premier league footballers and authors! We followed a tutorial from Rob Biddulph to have a go at creating our own illustrations. Year 5 & 6 read *The Lion's Share* and investigated the fraction of the cake which the ant had - we loved presenting this visually!

Year 3 and 4 investigated special 'bean' numbers. They explored the book *'Bean Thirteen'* where there was something peculiar about the number '13'. They all discovered that it was only found in the 1 times table and itself (prime number).

In KS1, the children read *'The Shopping Basket'* and drew bar models to add and subtract the food that was collected on the journey.



YEAR 5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL

Highweek's first ever Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football game got off to a fantastic start against Chudleigh Primary School. By the first quarter they were 3-0 up with some fabulous goals from Elise and Trixie! The girls then put in a steadfast defensive display to hold off and win the tie 3-2!

What a great team performance with some great passing going on! Well done to the players from both teams for a fabulous display!

Highweek 3 - 2 Chudleigh



YEAR 5/6 BOYS FOOTBALL

Our Year 5 & 6 football team enjoyed a competitive friendly as we hosted Kingskerswell Primary. This was our last opportunity to get some practise in before our upcoming Semi-Final Cup match in two weeks time. The children had opportunities to play in different roles and to experiment. It turned out to be a thrilling match with Highweek taking the lead from the penalty spot and then adding a second a few minutes later. Kingskerswell hit back with two well taken shots to make the match 2-2. It looked to be heading for a draw with Kingskerswell's goalkeeper in fine form and making some superb saves, but a last minute long range strike sneaked past to snatch victory.

Thank you to all players involved!

Highweek 3 - 2 Kingskerswell

YEAR 3/4 CUP MATCH

On Tuesday, a team of Year 3 & 4 girls travelled to Gatehouse Primary to have their first ever girls' football match for that year group. The excitement was high and the match did not disappoint! Highweek started lively and all their determination paid off when we scored early to go 1-0 up. As energy levels began to dip, Gatehouse grew into the game and took their chances, eventually scoring 3 goals to win the fixture. Highweek had many great opportunities to level the tie, but it was not to be. Despite the score line, the children had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the experience. Well done to all the players involved for the effort you have shown!

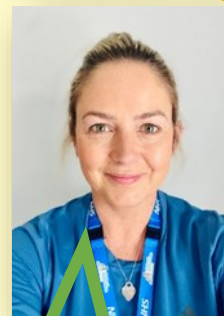


A big thank you to Gatehouse Primary School for a great game and good luck in the next round!

Gatehouse 3 - 1 Highweek

Ways to Wellbeing

A space for how to stay mentally and physically healthy



I'm Tia Bailey,
Supervisor - Mental
Health Support Team

This week let's talk about...

Sleep

Sleep is especially important for children and young people because it helps with mental, physical, social and emotional development. Sleep helps our brains to remember, memorise and analyse important information. These skills improve performance at school. Sleep can also affect our mood. Ways to improve children's sleep are:

- Have an evening routine
- Avoid late sugary snacks
- Turn off electronics
- Play before bedtime
- Keep the room dark and cool
- Read or listen to a story



How are you going to improve your sleep pattern tonight?

Also, remember your 5 ways to wellbeing: [Five ways to wellbeing - Mind](#)

Class	W/C 26th Feb	W/C 4th March
Taw	90.1%	80.6%
Mole	96.9%	94.2%
Mardle	93.1%	90.7%
Bovey	83.7%	91.1%
Tavy	95.6%	98.9%
Plym	92.5%	98.6%
Exe	97.1%	92.2%
Dart	92.1%	94.3%
Tamar	95.7%	95.2%
Torrige	99.3%	94.1%
Teign	95.5%	94.3%

ATTENDANCE

Torrige class had 99.3% attendance for the period of 26th - 1st March 2024.

Tavy class had 98.9% attendance for the period of 4th -8th March 2024.

Remember our whole school attendance target for the year we are working towards is 96.2%.

It is essential for children to attend as much school as possible if they are to get the most from their education and achieve their full potential.



Well done to our Friday Flyers.

Our Friday Flyers promote our work around developing Growth Mindset and a can do attitude.

Theme	Persist in the face of setbacks		Effort as the path to mastery	
Date	Weekending 8th March		Weekending Friday 15th March	
Bovey	Joseph Turner	Rey Underwood	Rose Green	Freya Hubbard
Dart	Ufedo Audu	Florence Smith	Jaydyn Mbulayi	Tommy Walton
Exe	Islay MacTaggart	Oscar Estlick	Ezekiel Benoy	Laiyla Peart
Mardle	Zeba Nazari	Lydia Bourne	Riley Atkinson	Niamh Stancombe
Plym	William Robinson	Christina Madley	Sylvie Yonkova	Mati Kiezun
Tamar	Joey Evans-Hingston	Blake Coleman	Shayla-Mai Daniels	Natalia Buchanan
Tavy	Arty Ralph	Logan Simmons	Madison Smith	Primrose Tremlett
Teign	Reuben Brock	Demi Christie	Esme Keskin	Lily Hannigan-Train
Torrige	Keeley Hughes	Jack Churchill	Eloise Lidster	Poppy Chapman

Well done to our Accelerated Readers



Friends of Highweek
EASTER BINGO
 Friday 22nd March in the main school hall.
 Doors open at 6pm for 6:30pm start.

Please join us for a fun packed evening!

Thursday 21st March



All pupils are invited to join us for an Easter Bunny Run in aid of Cancer Research

Please come to school dressed in Easter themed clothes/hats/accessories.

Sponsorship forms have been sent home or are available from the main school office

This event has been organised by 2 of our pupils in years 5 & 6.

CAKE & BAKE SALE

YOUNG LIVES vs CANCER

Some of our year 5 pupils will be holding a Cake & Bake sale on Monday 25th March at 3:30pm on the KS2 playground

All proceeds will go to **YOUNG LIVES vs CANCER**



Parents Evening



Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th
March 2024

To book please go to:
<https://highweek.schoolcloud.co.uk>

MARCH

Tuesday 19th - Vision Screening for pupils in Mole class.

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th - Parents evening. **Please note Exe class will not have a parents evening on Tuesday 19th.**

Wednesday 20th - Years 1 & 2 walking to Newton Abbot Museum
9am –12pm.

Thursday 21st - Parents evening. **Exe class only.**

Thursday 21st - Sponsored Easter Bunny Run.

Friday 22nd - PTFA Easter Bingo, doors open at 6pm ready for a 6:30pm start.

Monday 25th - Whole school Easter assembly with Reverend Gareth Regan.

Monday 25th - Cake & Bake sale on the KS2 playground at 3:30pm.

Tuesday 26th - EYFS Maths Café 2:30pm in the EYFS centre.

Wednesday 27th - Mole class visiting Butterfly & Otter Sanctuary.

Thursday 28th - School closes for the Easter break.

APRIL

Monday 15th - School re-opens at 8:50am.

Wednesday 17th - Year 3/4 swimming.

Friday 19th - Non-Uniform in aid of HITS Foodbank.

Wednesday 24th - Year 3/4 swimming.

MAY

Wednesday 1st - Year 3/4 swimming.

Wednesday 8th - Year 3/4 swimming.

Monday 13th - KS2 SATs week.

Wednesday 15th - Year 3/4 swimming.

Wednesday 22nd - Year 3/4 swimming.

Friday 24th - School closes for the May half term break.

