



Spring Term 2024
Friday 12th January

A MESSAGE FROM MS REDWOOD

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Learning

The children are well underway studying their new topics. Year 5 and 6 are studying the topic **Crime and Punishment** in history and will be exploring how this has evolved throughout time in Britain. To end this unit, they are lucky enough to be taking part in a crime and punishment workshop provided by AS Creatives. Do ask your children about this topic- they have learned some very interesting, albeit very gruesome facts!

Now we are into the Spring term, year 6 are developing their reading, SPaG (spelling punctuation & grammar) and maths skills in preparation for their KS2 end of year tests- SATs.

Year 3 and 4 have just started exploring volcanoes in geography and Hinduism in RE. In PE this term they have started gymnastics and yoga. New yoga mats are arriving shortly to support this topic.

Year 1 and 2 are exploring their next topic, 'Let's go to the Arctic'. Their book focus is 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers which is a story about a boy who helps a lost penguin return to the South Pole, discovering a special friendship along the way. Children will then be creating their own Arctic adventure! It is Bovey's turn for outdoor learning with Miss Yarde this term. We are very lucky to have Mr Matus and Mr Tucker with us for another two weeks, supporting our learning.

EYFS have been taking part in a range of learning experiences through this term's book focus, 'Bear sees colour' including colour mixing and studying rainbows. They have been making the most of the dry weather through their outdoor provision.

Maths Cafes

Following on from the success of our reading cafes, please do come and join your child/ren at this term's maths cafes. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please see dates overleaf.

Music

There are lots of exciting musical things happening at Highweek this term, kicking off with our Singing Club heading to Birmingham on Tuesday 23rd January to take part in Young Voices!

We have also taken delivery this week of some fantastic outdoor musical instruments, which are kindly on loan to us until Easter from Devon & Torbay Music Education Hub. These will be available to use every break time and lunch time and will be supported by Mrs Slade on a Monday lunchtime.

Across the school, our Year 5/6s are learning about sea shanties and will also be learning how to play the djembe after half term. Our year 3/4s are continuing to learn the recorder, building on their reading of pitch and rhythm notation from last term. Our year 1/2s are creating music inspired by train travel and will be

moving on to use the glockenspiels after half term. Our reception and nursery children will continue to explore music through a wide range of activities including singing and using percussion instruments.



Assembly

This week's whole school assembly was led by our colleagues from the mental health support team. This week's focus was on recognising our emotions and strategies to deal with them. We have also been looking at our focus school value of FRIENDSHIP. Please ask your children about this.

Outdoor Learning

We have had a number of issues regarding our pond resulting in a number of leaks. A big thank you to Mr Rogers who after much investigation has found a solution. The pond will be back, ready for this year's tadpoles as soon as possible.

Sports Update

Next Wednesday Kelsie Brown from NAC is coming in to run a girls KS2 football impact day. In two weeks a selected team will be taking part in a regional year 5/6 football tournament. In addition, the school football teams will continue to participate in a number of fixture this term.

Coming up soon - inter school badminton festival - further details to follow. A big thank you to Mr Waldron for organising these events.

Medical update

We have recently reviewed our whole school first aid and medical processes and updated how we administer medicines in school. Please ensure that you complete a medical form and hand in any medications to the school office.

As always, please do get in touch if you have any comments or concerns.

Ms Claire Redwood

ATTENDANCE

Class	W/C 3rd Jan
Taw	95.5%
Mole	91.4%
Mardle	86.9%
Bovey	94.4%
Tavy	90.2%
Plym	91.7%
Exe	94.6%
Dart	92.9%
Tamar	94.6%
Torrige	97.7%
Teign	91.4%



Torrige class had 97.7% attendance for the period of 3rd - 5th January 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.



We will be having a **non uniform day** on **Friday 26th January** in aid of **HITS** Foodbank.

Please send in any non perishable items to school with your child on this day. (please see list of recommended items)

Thank you for supporting these events, your generosity makes a huge difference to our local community.

BAKED BEANS
 BISCUITS
 CEREAL
 TEA/COFFEE
 CUSTARD (READY-MADE, TIN or CARTON)
 FISH (TINNED)
 FRUIT (TINNED)
 FRUIT JUICE
 MEAT OR MEAT MEALS
 MILK (UHT)
 NOODLES (INSTANT)
 PASTA OR RICE
 PASTA/COOK-IN SAUCE
 POTATOES (TINNED)
 POTATO (INSTANT MASH)
 RICE PUDDING
 SOUP (TINNED)
 SPAGHETTI or MACARONI CHEESE
 SUGAR
 TOMATOES
 VEGETABLES

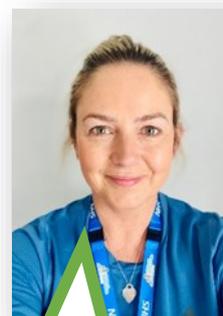
Ways to Wellbeing

A space for how to stay mentally and physically healthy

This week let's talk about...

New Year, New you

The start of a new year can help us to gain perspective, try new things and improve our lifestyles. Here are some helpful ways in which you can increase your positive physical and mental health.



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

- **Eat healthy**
- **Drink more water**
- **Do more exercise**
- **Find a new hobby**
- **Make a new friend**
- **Have a Spring clean**
- **Learn a new skill**



Which new thing will you try?

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

IMPORTANT PARENTAL COMMUNICATION UPDATE



Where possible all communications will take place through email and Schoolcomms. We are trying to become paper free which will benefit the environment and reduce costs with stamps, printing and paper.

Please ensure you have the Schoolcomms app downloaded and notifications are switched on.

Please check your email regularly and if you have any issues please let us know.

Join us for our 'Maths Cafe'

Years 5 & 6 Tuesday 27th February at 3pm in the main school hall.
Years 3 & 4 Wednesday 6th March at 3pm in the main school hall.
Years 1 & 2 Thursday 14th March at 3pm in the main school hall.
EYFS Thursday 26th March at 2:30pm in the EYFS building.

We look forward to seeing you!

 HIGHWEEK
Primary School



ORDERING SCHOOL UNIFORM

To purchase uniform please follow this link: 

When ordering uniform you will have the option to have your uniform:

- Delivered to school (this is once a month and Not in school holidays)
- Selected address – Royal Mail £4.50
- Selected address – DPD £7.80

Returns – The school will not be dealing with returns, these are dealt directly with the uniform supplier.



Well done to our



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Jase Stephens, Isabella Nita, Alexa Kopinski, Austin Carter & Alex Fairweather.

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Archie Exon, Mati Kiezun & Alex Avery.

750,000 words

Elise Keskin & Archie Exon.

1 million words

Archie Exon, Jonas Silevicius & Lennox Evans.

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Archie Exon.

2 million words

Archie Exon.

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

Embracing Challenge

Weekending Friday 12th January

Bovey	Cooper Paton	Riley Daniels
Dart	Archie Hopkins	Ben Barnes-Jones
Exe	Joel Atkinson	Jorgie-Mae Sharrock
Mardle	Nala-Rose Worton	Belle Bolton
Plym	Sylvie Yonkova	Tony Lee
Tamar	Natalia Buchanan	Lennox Evans
Tavy	Layla Forster	Ethan Herbert
Teign	Jessica Webster	Alfie Tooley
Torrige	Soraya Williams	Elise Keskin

JANUARY

Monday 15th - Dogs Trust will be visiting us for an assembly followed by workshops for Year 3/4 pupils throughout the day.

Tuesday 16th - Homework club commences for invited pupils 3:30pm until 4:15pm.

Wednesday 17th - SATs information for parents to attend at 3:30pm.

Tuesday 23rd - Y5/6 Pokemon Girls Football tournament.

Tuesday 23rd - Young Voices trip to Resorts World Arena, Birmingham.

Wednesday 24th - Bags 2 School, please see flyer on the last page.

Friday 26th - Non uniform day for HITS Foodbank.

FEBRUARY

Thursday 1st - Year 3/4 Football Match against Kingskerswell (Away) details to follow.

Friday 2nd - NSPCC Number Day, an inclusive maths-inspired fundraising day.

Monday 5th - Children's Mental Health Week.

Tuesday 6th - Safer Internet Day.

Tuesday 6th - Year 3/4 Football Match against Chudleigh (Home) details to follow.

Tuesday 6th - KS1 PTFA school disco 3:45pm - 5pm details to follow.

Wednesday 7th - E-Safety Day.

Thursday 8th - KS2 PTFA school disco 3:45pm - 5pm details to follow.

Friday 9th - NO TUCK SHOP.

Friday 9th - Year 5/6 Crime & Punishment Day.

Friday 9th - School closes for the February half term break.

Monday 19th - School re-opens at 8:50am.

Monday 19th - British Values Day.

Monday 19th - Parents Evening slots (due to be held on 19th & 20th March) will be available to book from 6pm. Emails will be sent during the day of how to book.

Tuesday 27th - Year 5/6 Maths Café 3pm in the main school hall. Parents invited.



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Highweek Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Wednesday 24th January 2024 by 9am



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