



Autumn Term 2023
Friday 6th October

A MESSAGE FROM MS REDWOOD

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Improvement and Home learning

This week we have been reviewing our home learning policy. After half term the school will be running a home learning club on Tuesdays after school, run by the teachers. Further details will be sent out soon.

We Won- Golden Grant £5000 Winner!

We would like to thank all our parents, carers, friends and family who voted for Highweek with the blue tokens in the local Tesco Stores. We are the proud winners of £5000 which will be used to improve the mental health facilities within our school for our children. We will keep you updated once we receive the funds and how we use the money within our school. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

PTFA Autumn Family Field Fiesta

A big thank you to everyone who supported this event- A total of £740 was raised.

Our next PTFA meeting takes place **Tuesday 10th October at 6.15pm in the EYFS building**- All welcome!

Football

On Wednesday, some of our children from Year 3/4 were invited to a special PE festival at Newton Abbot College. The children were mixed with others from different school and took part in a round robin of different activities. The children had a great time meeting new people and working with the PE advocates from Newton Abbot College.

It's been a busy week of Football at Highweek with two games played this week. Our first league was an exciting affair with Highweek leading 3-1 at half time, but eventually coming second best to a very talented Westcliff team. The final score being 6-4. Well done to Westcliff.



Our second game was a home cup-tie vs Kingskerswell. Again, it was another exciting match with Highweek leading 1-0 at half-time. Kingskerswell quickly equalised after the kick-off which led to a thrilling finish to the game. Highweek showed great resilience and determination to finish 3-1 and achieve our first win of the season! Second round here we come. Well done Highweek!

Parking

We appreciate that there is limited parking outside the school. However, please park considerately and safely. Please do not park on pavements or at the roundabout.

As always, if you have any concerns or you would like to come and talk to me about any school issues, please do not hesitate to see me on the gate in the mornings or arrange an appointment through the school office.

Ms Claire Redwood

Encouraging Good Attendance Parents' version

Attendance roles and responsibilities in school

We have an Attendance Administrator who:

- Tracks attendance
- Calls and writes to parents
- Considers incentives for good attendance

The Class Teachers:

- Keep accurate morning and afternoon registers.
- They follow up any absences they are concerned about with the attendance officer, the leadership or safeguarding team.

Head Teacher

- Monitors all the attendance.
- Is responsible for Pupil & School Attendance Data and meeting Local and National Attendance Targets.

Please note: Requests for holidays in term in time will be refused.

If No Improvement

- The school and the Attendance Improvement Officer will consider a formal meeting or alternative action.



What happens when my child's attendance falls below 93%?

Under 93% attendance

- Send Green Letter.
- Your child's teacher may ask to meet with you to discuss your child's absence.

- You may be asked for medical evidence for future absences.

Lateness

- If your child is consistently late, you will receive a late letter.
- If there is no improvement, you will be asked to meet with the Headteacher.

Under 90%

- You will receive an Amber Letter.
- The Headteacher will meet with you to discuss your child's absence and how the school can help. This may involve Early Help.

Ongoing concern

- You will receive a Red Letter.
- There will be a further meeting with the Headteacher..
- There will be a discussion with the Attendance Improvement Officer to consider next steps.

ATTENDANCE

Class	W/C 18th Sept	W/C 25th Sept
Taw	98.4%	91.4%
Mole	95.2%	91.8%
Mardle	91.9%	88.1%
Bovey	93.3%	94.4%
Tavy	97.6%	98.2%
Plym	95.4%	95.4%
Exe	94.3%	92.8%
Dart	95.5%	91.9%
Tamar	95.7%	96.8%
Torrige	97.9%	94.1%
Teign	99.3%	97.7%

Teign class had 99.3% attendance for the period of 18th - 22nd September 2023.

Tavy class had 98.2% attendance for the period of 25th - 29th September 2023.

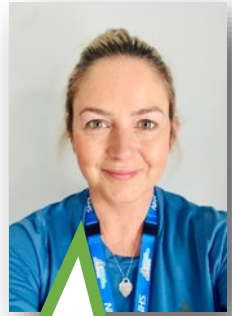
Remember our whole school attendance target for the year we are working towards is 96.2%.

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.



Ways to Wellbeing

A space for how to stay mentally and physically healthy



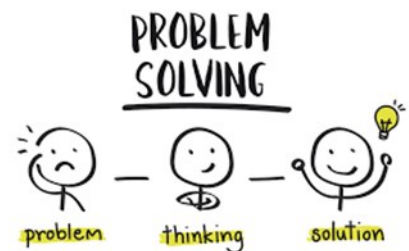
I'm Tia Austin,
EMHP. Mental Health
Support Team

This week let's talk about...

Problem solving

Problem solving is finding a path to reach a goal when the path is uncertain. Whenever we accomplish something without knowing how beforehand, we are solving a problem.

- Identify the problem. Just stating the problem out loud can make a big difference for kids who are feeling stuck.
- Develop at least five possible solutions. Brainstorm possible ways to solve the problem. ...
- Identify the pros and cons of each solution. ...
- Pick a solution. ...
- Test it out



A problem is a chance for you to do your best.

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

YOUNG LIVES VS CANCER CAKE SALE



A group of year 5 pupils will be holding a 'Cake n Bake' sale on **Monday 16th October at 3:30pm** on the **KS2 playground**.

This is to help raise funds for **Young Lives Vs Cancer**.

Please do come and support them!





OPEN EVENTS

Wednesday 11th October 2023 4pm - 6pm
Wednesday 18th October 2023 9:30am - 10:30am

Are you looking for a Nursery or Reception place?

Highweek Primary School's Early Years Centre is now taking children aged 2 years and over.

We offer an engaging and stimulating environment supported by passionate, nurturing and happy staff.

We pride ourselves on our fantastic parent partnerships, working with families to offer an inclusive and supportive network for the children in our care.

We would love to meet you and show you our passion for facilitating learning and how we offer rich, quality experiences.

Please call us on **01626 216300** or email admin@highweekprimary.co.uk to book your place.

Limited spaces available so please book early to avoid missing out.

Alternatively if you would like to book a separate tour of the school or require more information, please call: 01626 216300

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be collecting for **HITS** foodbank this year on Wednesday 18th October. This will coincide with our **Year 3 & 4** Harvest Festival celebrations which will take place at **All Saints Church in Highweek Village**. Please could parents arrive at the church at **10:15am for a 10:30am start**.

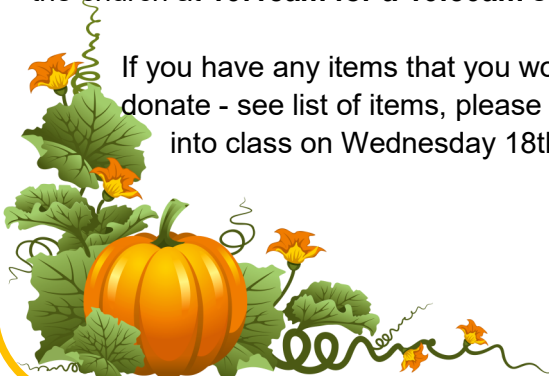
If you have any items that you would like to donate - see list of items, please send them into class on Wednesday 18th October.



HOMELESS IN TEIGNBRIDGE SUPPORT (HITS TEIGNBRIDGE-WIDE FOODBANK)

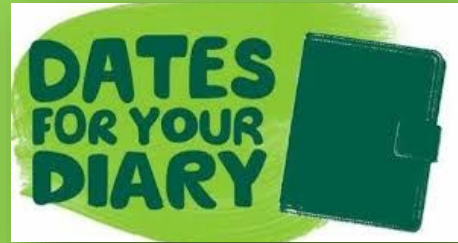
ITEMS CONTAINED IN A BASIC FOOD PACK:

BAKED BEANS	2 TINS
BISCUITS	1 PACKET
CEREAL	1 regular box
TEA/COFFEE	1 PKT 40/100G JAR
CUSTARD (READY-MADE, TIN or CARTON)	1 TIN OR CARTON
FISH (TINNED)	1 TIN
FRUIT (TINNED)	1 TIN
FRUIT JUICE	1 LITRE CARTON OR BOTTLE(S)
MEAT OR MEAT MEALS	2 TINS
MILK (UHT)	1 LITRE CARTON
NOODLES (INSTANT)	1 PACKET OR POT
PASTA OR RICE	500g BAG
PASTA/COOK-IN SAUCE	1 JAR
POTATOES (TINNED)	1 TIN
POTATO (INSTANT MASH)	1 PACK
RICE PUDDING	1 TIN
SOUP (TINNED)	2 TINS
SPAGHETTI or MACARONI CHEESE	1 TIN
SUGAR	SMALL BAG (500g)
TOMATOES	1 TIN or CARTON (approx. 400g)
VEGETABLES	2 TINS (DIFFERENT)



Well done to our
Accelerated Readers

100,000 words. Esme Keskin,
Lewis Seal & Skylar
Margrie.



OCTOBER

Black History Month

- Tuesday 10th - Year 5 & 6 Macbeth in the school hall.
- Wednesday 11th - Year 6 swimming.
- Wednesday 11th - EYFS Open event 4pm-6pm.
- Friday 13th - Year 1 & 2 visit to Exeter Cathedral.
- Tuesday 17th - Parents evening from 3:40pm.
- Wednesday 18th - Parents evening from 3:40pm.
- Wednesday 18th - Year 6 swimming.
- Wednesday 18th EYFS Open event 9:30am-10:30am.
- Wednesday 18th - Year 3/4 Harvest Festival at All Saints Church. *Parents invited.*
- Wednesday 18th - Year 5/6 trip to Newton Abbot museum.
- Thursday 19th - SPOZ poet visiting school.
- Friday 20th - School closes for the half term break.
- Monday 30th - School re-opens.

PTFA UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday 31st October 2023: KS1 Halloween Disco 3:45pm-5pm
- Thursday 2nd November 2023 KS2 Halloween Disco 3:45pm-5pm *please note this is a new date*
- Friday 8th December 2023 Christmas Fayre 3:30pm-6pm
- Tuesday 6th February 2024 KS1 Valentine Disco 3:45pm-5pm
- Thursday 8th February 2024 Valentine Disco 3:45pm-5pm



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



Theme	Effort as the path to mastery.		Learning from feedback.	
Date	Friday 29th September		Friday 6th October	
Bovey	Rose Green	Evelyn Wilkes	Elloisa Locke	Cody Richards-Bearne
Dart	Isabella Nita	Florence Smith	Tommy Walton	Alexia Rhodes
Exe	Caira Bourne	Maisie Williams	Ophelia Parker	Ezekiel Benoy
Mardle	Isabelle Lawson	George Davis	Serenity Perry-Feecham	Harvey Martin
Plym	Jessica Bendzala	Arek Holubinka	Christina Madley	Oliver Barr
Tamar	Isla Steer	George Macey	Shayla Daniels	Josie Worthington
Tavy	Ethan Evans	Millie Harrison	Primrose Tremlett	Madison Smith
Teign	Millie Brown	Leonard Coleman	Rebecca O'Connor	Nazia Nazari
Torridge	Thomas Barlow	Eloise Lidster	Josh Fare	Kobie Mead

PIANO/VOCAL LESSONS

We are delighted to share that Ilana Jacobs, an experienced vocal teacher, will now be offering 1:1 vocal and piano lessons on a Thursday afternoon. These lessons will take place during the school day and will be starting after half term.

- 20 minute vocal or piano lesson 1:1 = £11
- 30 minute vocal or piano lesson 1:1 = £16.50

(Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium will receive a 50% discount for the first term).

If you are interested in finding out more or arranging lessons for your child, please contact Ilana via email: ilana_jacobs@yahoo.co.uk Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.



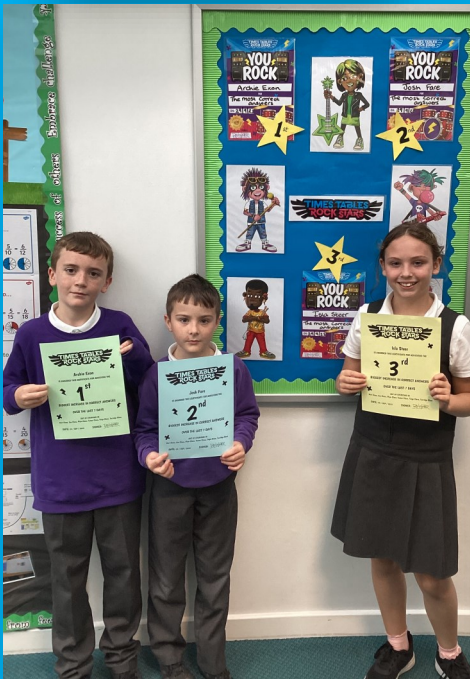
ACHIEVEMENTS



A huge well done to one of our year 6 pupils (pictured left) who was recently awarded the most improved player at their local cricket club.



Well done to William Robinson (above) who has been awarded swimmer of the month at his swimming club for showing great improvement and perseverance.



Congratulations to Archie Exon, Josh Fare and Isla Steer (above) for achieving the most correct answers in the whole of Key Stage 2 on Times Table Rockstars this week.

Also to Torridge class for scoring over 1000 points in their interclass tournament.



It has been another exciting week for KS2 on TTRS with lots of children beating their personal best for correct answers! This week for the most correct answers we have:

In 3rd place: Rebecca O'Connor
In 2nd place: Archie Exon
In 1st place: Bartosz Kiezun (pictured left)

Well done to all of the children who have been accessing TTRS at home!