



**We hope you all have a wonderful half term break.
We look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February.**

A MESSAGE FROM MS REDWOOD

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have ended this half term as we always do with our Friday celebration assembly. I would like to say a big thank you to all of you for supporting your children with Numbots, Rockstars and reading. The children love getting their certificates and hearing their teachers celebrate their learning.

Today I have walked around the school and seen some amazing learning taking place: Key Stage One have been presenting their learning about the Artic, year 3 and 4 have been creating volcanoes and year 5 and 6 have been investigating fractions using chocolate bars. The children in EYFS were having fun in the rain. It was lovely to see our two year olds kitted out in their waterproofs!

This week we celebrated SAFER INTERNET DAY.

Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with your child, whatever their age. This year's theme is all about change and influence online and we have created a range of pages to help you talk about these issues and ideas with your child, no matter how much time you have and in an age-appropriate way.

Safer Internet Day 2024 is celebrated on 6th February 2024, with thousands of people across the UK working together to champion youth voice and engage in conversations about how we can all work together to make the internet a great and safe place.

Help and advice for you as a parent or carer

Below we look to answer some of the key questions you may have:

About Safer Internet Day 2024

Read more about the theme of the day.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024>

Things change so fast online, it's hard to keep up with what my child is doing

Staying up to date with what children are doing online can feel like a challenge sometimes. Here are a few simple steps you can take to help bridge the gap.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/things-change-so-fast-online-its-hard-to-keep-up-with-what-my-child-is-doing-2>

My child keeps asking to play a game, or download an app that I don't know about, what can I do?

The easiest way to address this is to research the game or app before you download it, to see what it is and what it offers e.g., in-app purchases, or connection with others etc.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/my-child-keeps-asking-to-play-a-game>

My child is asking for a new device and I'm not sure they're ready for one

It's important to think carefully before getting any kind of device for your child. Not only can it be an expensive decision, it's also necessary to consider the 5 'Ws'.

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I'm not sure if the content my child is watching is a good influence on them, what can I do?

Children begin to be influenced by the content they watch as soon as they're old enough to go online.

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What does an influencer do and how can they affect children's behaviour?

Influencers are people who use their internet presence, celebrity status, or relationship with their audience to affect the behaviour of their followers.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/what-does-an-influencer-do-and-how-can-they-affect-childrens-behaviour>

My child is keen to share content and make a change online. How can I help them achieve this safely?

Lots of young people are turning to the internet to talk about issues they're passionate about, to help raise awareness, and promote social change.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/my-child-is-keen-to-share-content-and-make-a-change-online-how-can-i-help-them-achieve-this-safely>

How to make a report online

Information to help you, if you need to make a report on an app, game, or website.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/how-to-make-a-report-online>

Find out more about specific issues

If you want more information about specific online safety issues, there are a range of places that you can go.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/find-out-more-about-specific-issues>

Parents evenings

These will be taking place in March. Bookings will open the week we come back from half term.

Goodbye and Good luck!

This week we said goodbye to one of our EYFS team: Mrs Lisa Short. She has been a well-loved member of the team as well as an excellent early years practitioner. Mrs Short has decided to take a break from teaching to spend more time with her own family.

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

Ms Claire Redwood



ATTENDANCE

Class	W/C 22nd Jan	W/C 29th Jan
Taw	90.3%	94.6%
Mole	61.7%	91.1%
Mardle	90.7%	90%
Bovey	82.2%	97.8%
Tavy	94.4%	95.6%
Plym	91.3%	97.8%
Exe	93.6%	93.6%
Dart	94.5%	89.7%
Tamar	96.1%	90%
Torrige	91.7%	95.2%
Teign	92.9%	93.9%



Tamar class had 96.1% attendance for the period of 22nd - 26th January 2024.

Bovey & Plym class both had 97.8% attendance for the period of 29th January - 2nd February 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.

Join us for our 'Maths Cafe'

Years 5 & 6 Tuesday 27th February at 3pm in the main school hall.

Years 3 & 4 NEW DATE TO BE CONFIRMED.

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!

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Well done to the
following pupils who
have gained their
Silver Pen Licence
this week:

Macie Dawes

Felicity Godfrey

Isabella Nita

Eva Bradford

Caroline Johns

Ways to Wellbeing

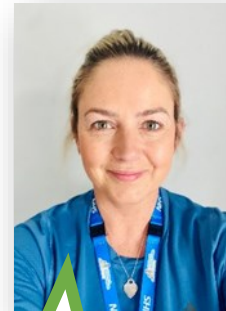
A space for how to stay mentally and physically healthy

This week let's talk about...

Specific labelled praise

To encourage more of the behaviours that we would like to see from those around us we can support them by giving specific labelled praise. Specific labelled praise happens when we recognise positive behaviour and name the positive behaviour that we are seeing. Examples can be found below:

- Well done for putting your shoes on
- You have really helped by tidying your bedroom
- You have had really kind hands today
- You have used your walking feet inside
- You cleaned your teeth as soon as I asked
- Thank you for doing your homework



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

How will you give praise this week?

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

UNIFORM SALE

We still have a very small amount of uniform in school for sale. If you require any items then we will be selling them off at a significantly reduced price after the February half term break.



These items will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Cash only.

We cannot reserve items.

Jumpers & £3.00

PE T-Shirts £2.50

PE Kits £6.75

Book Bags £3.00

PE Bags £2.50

We have received this very kind letter from HITS Foodbank for our recent non-uniform day. Thank you to all of our parents, carers, pupils and staff who brought in items for this very worthy cause.



Abbrook Farm, Strap Lane,
Kingsteignton. TQ12 3PS

Tel: 01626 906371

E: info@hitsfoodbank.co.uk

Web: www.hitsfoodbank.org

Claire Redwood.,
Headteacher,
Highweek Primary School,
Newton Abbot,
Devon.

4th February 2024

Dear Claire,

I would just like to say an enormous thank you on behalf of the team of volunteers and Trustees for the fantastic donation of goods collected at the children's recent non-uniform day.

It is the kindness and generosity of everyone that supports HITS and it is often those with the least that give the most. This allows us to operate providing support to the most vulnerable within our community, many of which are working families who are suffering food poverty and just can't afford to make ends meet.

Not surprisingly, this last year proved to be HITS busiest on record, with us supplying on average in excess of 225 food parcels per week. With everyone including our donors feeling the pinch donations both financially and in terms of the goods donated via our collection boxes in the supermarket have reduced quite dramatically so every single penny or tin of baked beans that we receive makes a real difference to the lives of the people we support.

In closing I would again like to say a huge thank you on behalf of the team here. Please pass on our thanks to all the children and staff involved in the collection for their support. Everything we do to try and help the people we support by putting food on their table wouldn't be possible without you.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Richard Waldron
Operations Manager

Well done to our Friday Flyers.

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

Theme	Find lessons and inspiration in the success of others		Learning from feedback	
Date	Weekending Friday 2nd February		Weekending Friday 9th February	
Bovey	Harmony Hambley	Sara Rouse	Kayden Breslan	Joseph Turner
Dart	Macie Dawes	Alexia Rhodes	Rylee Jordan	Harry Phillips
Exe	Tommy Underwood	Kane Walker	Bella Weeks	Oliver Riley
Mardle	Isabelle Lawson	Clay Ellison	Adejesutofunmi Oluwatayo	Maia Roome
Plym	Aimee Bolton	Tilly Milton	Jessica Bendzala	Arek Holubinka
Tamar	Jake Wiktorko	Jonas Silevicius	Joey Evans-Hingston	Lucas Reeve
Tavy	Samuel Heywood	Madison Smith	Connor Blackmore	Harry Tooley
Teign	Sayed Alqarooni	Leonard Coleman	Elizabeth Cookson	Alfie Brien
Torrige	Freya Bird	Paige Payton	Jase Stephens	May Williams

Letters will be sent home after half term.

YEAR 3, 4, 5 & 6 SCHOOL DISCO

FRIENDS OF HIGHWEEK HAVE ORGANISED A SCHOOL DISCO FOR OUR YEAR 3 - YEAR 6 PUPILS ON THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2024 3:45PM UNTIL 5PM IN THE MAIN SCHOOL HALL. TICKETS COST £2 PER CHILD AND MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE.

Well done to our Accelerated Readers

100,000 words	Albie Gillingwater, Florence Smith & Tyler Stephens.
250,000 words	Harris Storer & Paige Smith.
500,000 words	Eloise Lidster, Soraya Williams & Elizabeth Cookson.
1million words	Felix Miller-Sledge.

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**

WORLD BOOK DAY
7 MARCH 2024



Save the date!
World Book Day
7 March 2024



SPONSORED BY
NATIONAL BOOK tokens

ILLUSTRATED BY MIKA TROSKA

We will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 7th March.

All pupils are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite character from a book.

Dressing up or bringing books into school is a big part of World Book Day celebrations, and is something that children and families particularly enjoy.

We are inviting children to dress up this World Book Day as it's an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other.

FEBRUARY

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 with instructions of how to book.

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

Thursday 29th - KS2 PTFA school disco 3:45pm - 5pm

MARCH

Thursday 7th - World Book Day. Pupils can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book.

Wednesday 13th - Reception to year 6 Heights & Measurements.

Thursday 14th - Year 4 Residential to Dartmoor Residential Centre

Thursday 14th - Year 1/2 Maths Café 3pm in the main school hall. Parents invited.

Friday 15th - Year 4 pupils return from residential.

Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th - Parents evening. Both evenings 3:40pm - 6pm.

Thursday 21st - Sponsored Easter Bunny Run.

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.

Thursday 28th - School closes for the Easter break.

APRIL

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

Wednesday 17th - Year 3/4 swimming.

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.

JUNE

Monday 3rd - School re-opens for the Summer term.



Health & Safety

It has come to our attention that a number of parents are parking in the staff car park next to the year 3-4 gate. **IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES** must any parents park or drive into this area unless they have been given a disabled school parking permit.

There have been a number of incidents this week before and after school where parents have attempted to manoeuvre around children. This is dangerous and can not be allowed to continue.



Congratulations to Mrs Warburton who has gained her NPQ in Behaviour and Learning Culture! It has been an interesting year of learning and reflecting for her, and this will support the work we are doing in school. Well done, Mrs Warburton!



I RAN THE RUDOLPH RUN!

This certificate is presented to:

Highweek Primary School

for taking part in this year's Rudolph Run.

Thank you for running for Rowcroft Hospice and for helping to support local families.

You raised an amazing £1,396.80!

rowcroft hospice

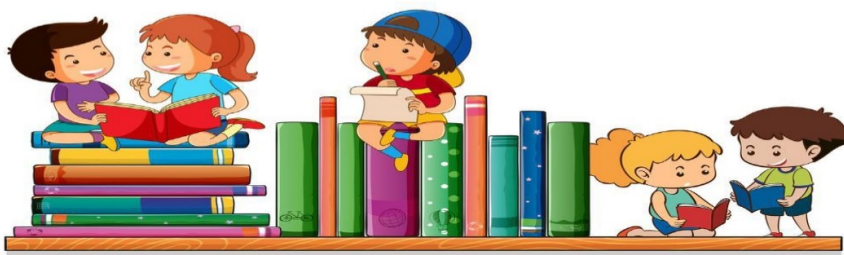
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Playzone After School Club February 24

Costs 3.30pm – 4pm £4.50

3.30pm -5pm £7.00

3.30pm – 6pm £8.50



3.30pm – 3.45pm Registration

3.45pm – 4pm snack

4pm – 5pm chosen activity

5pm – 5.45pm indoor play

5.45pm – 6pm tidy up

6pm Close.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 th Feb	Crackers & dips Movie Night	Crackers & dips Computers	Crackers & dips Free play	Crackers & dips Games	Crackers & dips Arts & crafts
12 th Feb	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday
19 th Feb	French sticks with filling Arts & crafts	French sticks with filling Movie Night	French sticks with filling Computers	French sticks with filling Free play	French sticks with filling Games
26 th Feb	Hotdogs Games	Hotdogs Arts & crafts	Hotdogs Movie Night	Hotdogs Computers	Hotdogs Free play

Outdoor activities will take place every night weather permitting.

Laying the foundations of lifelong learning