



Spring Term 2024
Friday 26th January

A MESSAGE FROM MS REDWOOD

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Improvement

It is not just the children learning at Highweek. Using the most up to date research and knowledge in educational best practice, each week all staff take part in a range of training sessions to ensure that teaching and learning at Highweek is of the highest standard. So far this term, we have had French lessons led by Mrs Mac and undertaken training on language development led by Devon's communication and Interaction team. Further planned training for this term includes: "The science of learning and how to put this into practice in the classroom", effective safeguarding and further French and language training.

Behaviour

You will probably have seen in the media reports of increased levels of violence and aggression in schools over the past few years. Incidents of violence and aggression as a result of pupils who are dysregulating has increased over the last few years, both anecdotally and from centrally recorded incidents.

What do we do at Highweek?

- We implement a relational Behaviour Policy in place that sets out proactively how we seek to do this. This policy is reviewed regularly by the governing board
- It is better to understand the triggers that might cause a pupil to dysregulate. We have plans in place to recognise such triggers to avoid or at least minimise the severity
- We undertake regular staff training in Relational and Restorative Practice
- We have a whole school approach to understanding emotions and behaviours: Zones of Regulation
- We aim to collaborate with parents to help foster restorative practice and aid understanding of what conflict resolution, empathy and social responsibility looks like in practice. Further information for parents regarding, "The Relational Approach" will be held in the summer term.

Music

This week, singing club travelled up to Birmingham to take part in *The Young Voices* concert, as part of a 3800 strong choir. They performed a number of medleys from well known musicals as well as themed combinations. The children represented the school brilliantly with their enthusiastic singing and excellent behaviour. We would like to thank all the family members who supported this event.

On Monday, one of our year 6 pupils demonstrated their hard work and talent by playing us into assembly on the electric piano. Please have a listen to one of his own compositions on our Facebook page.

Medical and Illness Reminder

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. Thank you to everyone for being extra vigilant regarding illness recently - we hope that the flu outbreak will pass quickly.

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

Ms Claire Redwood



This week, we say goodbye to our student teachers, Mr Tucker and Mr Matus, who have been working within KS1 for the past 10 weeks. During their time with us, they have fully immersed themselves into school life; taking part in sporting and PTFA events and teaching across the school. To celebrate their time with us, we are holding a staff verses pupil football match on Friday afternoon. We would all like to say a huge thank you and good luck for their future teaching careers!

Laying the foundations of lifelong learning

ATTENDANCE

Class	W/C 8th Jan	W/C 15th Jan
Taw	93.7%	90.7%
Mole	91.7%	82.5%
Mardle	92.1%	91.8%
Bovey	90%	96.1%
Tavy	98.2%	94.4%
Plym	91.9%	98.5%
Exe	95.7%	91.4%
Dart	95%	94.4%
Tamar	94.1%	85.9%
Torrige	95.5%	94.1%
Teign	96.6%	90%



Tavy class had 98.2% attendance for the period of 8th - 12th January 2024.

Plym class had 98.5% attendance for the period of 15th - 19th 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.

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!

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Term Dates

Spring Term 2024

Wednesday 3rd January –
Friday 9th February

Half Term (Monday 12th
- Friday 16th February)

Monday 19th February –
Thursday 28th March

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April –
Friday 24th May

Half Term (Monday 27th
May -Friday 31st May)

Monday 3rd June –
Friday 19th July

Ways to Wellbeing

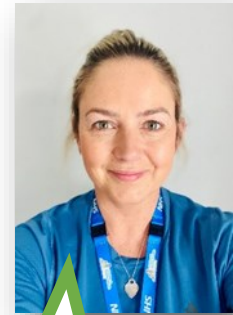
A space for how to stay mentally and physically healthy

This week let's talk about...

Physical Health

To maintain positive mental health, we need to maintain good physical health. Being active has many benefits including improved brain health, weight management, strengthen bones and muscles, and improve your ability to do everyday activities. You could do this by:

- **Go for a walk**
- **Visit a park or gym**
- **Play team sports**
- **Try a new activity**
- **Ride a bike**
- **Go swimming**
- **Drink water and eat healthy food**



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

How will you be active this week?

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

SPORTS EVENTS

Year 5 students enjoyed an afternoon of badminton hosted by Newton Abbot College. They participated in a round-robin style of various games teaching the children different skills. For many of the children, this was their first opportunity at trying badminton and they were really positive when learning these new skills. Thank you to Newton Abbot College for providing these opportunities.



A team of 5/6 Girls participated in a seven-a-side football tournament at Teignmouth Community School alongside ten other schools. They braved the tough weather conditions and enjoyed great success playing as a team. I would like to say how proud I am to see them working so hard with such tenacity and determination. Every player wanted to be on the ball and showed a fantastic growth mindset against some excellent opponents.



Well done to our Friday Flyers.

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

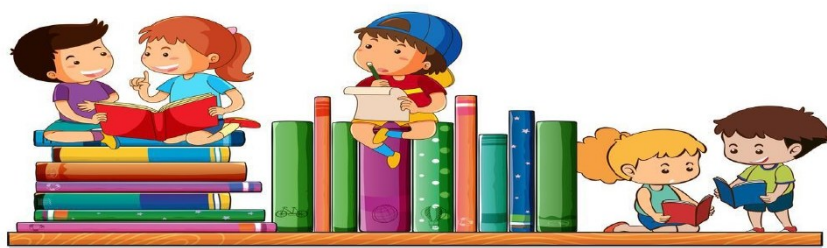
Theme	Persist in the face of setbacks		Effort as the path to mastery	
Date	Weekending Friday 19th January		Weekending Friday 26th January	
Bovey	Rhys Smith	Elloisa Locke	Jimmy Mead	James Fagan
Dart	Evie Appleby	Eva Bradford	Ella Parker	Ufedo Audu
Exe	Sive Williams	Alfie Mitchell	Nathan Jewell	Caira Bourne
Mardle	Charlotte Bishop	Amari Pengilley	George Davis	Andrew Buchanan
Plym	Megan Brown	Ethan Holdway	Ahmad Sultani	Talia Rhodes
Tamar	Alex Hunter	Blake Coleman	Taiylor Peart	Kacee Axon
Tavy	Harper Stevenson	Ryana Douglas	Tommy Wines	Oscar Freeston
Teign	Abi Davis	Trixie Trays	Kyle Rendell	Scarlet Feasby
Torridge	Abdulmumin Shaibu	Benjamin Williams	Archie Exon	Tyler Stephens

Playzone After School Club January 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.

	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>
1st Jan			Sandwiches Quiz night	Sandwiches Movie night	Sandwiches Computers
8th Jan	Pancakes Computers	Pancakes Board Games	Pancakes Party Games	Pancakes Quiz night	Pancakes Movie night
15th Jan	Toasties Movie Night	Toasties Computers	Toasties Board Games	Toasties Party Games	Toasties Quiz Night
22nd Jan	Pasta Quiz Night	Pasta Movie Night	Pasta Computers	Pasta Board Games	Pasta Party Games
29th Jan	Pancakes Party Games	Pancakes Quiz Night	Pancakes Movie night	Pancakes Computers	Pancakes Board Games



Well done to our Accelerated Readers



100,000 words

Trixie Trays , Arina Kot & Scarlet Feasby.

250,000 words

**Alex Fairweather,
Lily Hannigan-Train,
Jessica Webster &
Esme Keskin.**



Save the date!
World Book Day
7 March 2024



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ILLUSTRATED BY MIKA TROBE

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

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

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

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 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 details to follow. **Please note this is a new date.**

MARCH

Wednesday 6th - Year 3/4 Maths Café 3pm in the main school hall. Parents invited.

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 3:45pm - 6pm.

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

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 every Wednesday afternoon.

