

Summer Term 2024 Friday 5th July

Dear Parents/Carers.

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Thank you to all who have attended Sports Day last week. As we head to the end of term, we look forward to seeing more of you, at a number of events, over the next two weeks. A special mention goes to the year 5 and 6 production, *The Greatest Show*! I have just popped into rehearsals and it looks fantastic!

PTFA

We had a great turn out at the last meeting. I would like to say a big thank you to all who attended and to those individuals who are giving up their time to run the leavers' disco as well as those who have kindly donated to this event, for the benefit of all your children.

Next Academic year

School Improvement - Next year we will continue to focus on teaching and learning in all curriculum areas, based on evidence informed best practice. Miss Fran Lilley is our pedagogy and learning lead. Her research and staff training has already had a positive impact on learning across the school and we look forward to continuing staff development next term.

In the Autumn term our focus across the school will be on developing children's writing, including a four week focus on grammar and punctuation. Staff will also receive training on the history curriculum and best practice in EYFS.

Sports - next year we are changing our PE and sports provider to SAINTS SOUTH WEST. Further information about SAINTS SOUTH WEST can be found here: https://www.saintssouthwest.co.uk/education

We would like to thank Premier and in particular, Mr Tom Corbin, for their work with Highweek over the past few years.

Cooking - We are very excited that from September, we will be implementing a cooking programme across the school based in our new children's kitchen. A big thank you to Sainsburys Newton Abbot for their generous donations.



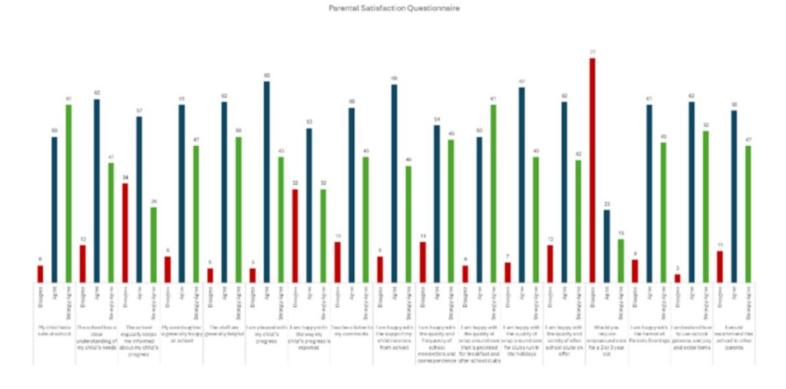


Clubs - Shortly you will receive further information about next term's clubs. After school clubs confirmed so far are: outdoor learning, football (girls only and mixed), cooking, gardening, tag rugby dance and singing.

Phonics results 2024 - A big congratulations to our Year 1 pupils. 90% of the children who have been with us for one month or longer passed the phonics screening check this term. This is well above last year's national average of 79%. With the Year 2 Phonics Screening retakes complete, our Year 2 pass rate was 94%. This is also above last years national average of 89%. Great work!

SURVEY

Please find below the results of our recent parental survey. An issue that was highlighted by some parents was the way in which we report your child's progress. This year, reports for children in years 1 to 6 will be a slightly different format. We welcome your comments on this, once you receive your child/children's report(s) next week.



For a clearer image of this graph please see separate attachment.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Ms Claire Redwood

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	
Date	Weekending Friday 28th June	
Bovey	Kayden Breslan	Joseph Turner
Dart	Sam Palmer	Alexia Rhodes
Exe	Ezekiel Benoy	Oscar Estlick
Mardle	Lydia Bourne	Clay Ellison
Plym	Mati Kiezun	Melissa Cooper
Tamar	Jake Wiktorko	Isla Steer
Tavy	Ryana Douglas	Harper Stevenson

Well done to our Accelerated Readers

Ashton Underwood

Oliver Leibrick

100,000 words Abdulmumin Shaibu & Archie Hopkins.

250,000 words Albie Hagger & Islay MacTaggart.

750,000 words Scarlet Feasby.

Sofia Ralph

Chrissa Abhilash

Teign

Torridge

2 million words Elise Keskin.