



A MESSAGE FROM MS REDWOOD

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back- I hope you all had a fantastic summer and are enjoying the lovely weather this week. I hope your children have enjoyed their first week back at school and have been telling you all about their new teachers and exciting learning.

What are we learning?

Our foundation stage children will be exploring and investigating around the topic of, ROAR!!!

In KS1, the topic will be "London's Calling!". The children will be exploring life in a city and looking at what physical and human features make different cities around the world. They hope to visit Exeter Cathedral later in the term. Literacy will be based around the 'Naughty Bus' story and the children will create their own adventure story for their bus.

In years 3 and 4, the children will be exploring the local area and looking at the differences between urban and rural areas through the topic of, "Urban Pioneers". As part of their rural study, they are hoping to arrange a visit to Dartmoor.

Year 5 and 6 are learning all about "The Terrible Tudors" and what the Tudors did for us. As part of this topic, in literacy, they are already diving into Shakespeare by studying, "Macbeth".

Further information regarding this term's learning can be found on our website from next week on class pages: <https://www.highweekprimary.co.uk/classes>

In assembly this week, we have been looking at our school relational behaviour policy, which can be found on our website. Part of our policy is that we follow the **Golden Rules**. Please spend some time talking through these with your children.

Highweek Primary School's Golden Rules



We are gentle. We are kind to others by word or action.



We are kind and helpful. We respect each other and other people's feelings.



We are honest and always tell the truth, however hard that might be.



We listen and follow instructions so that we can learn new things and stay safe.



We work hard, co-operate and challenge ourselves in our learning to make the best possible progress.



We take good care of things, looking after our own and others' equipment, taking care of our school and our environment.

School Uniform

As from next week, with the weather becoming cooler, we will expect children to wear normal school uniform.

Uniform requirements are as follows:

- Purple jumper / sweatshirt / cardigan with or without school logo (we have a limited amount of stock available on Schoolcomms with the school logo)
- Grey trousers / shorts / pinafore / 'A' line skirt
- White polo shirt / white shirt / white blouse
- Purple gingham dress
- P.E. Kit – Purple T-shirt, black shorts and PE Bag.
- Winter and sun hats and book bags.

We put a high priority on children getting plenty of exercise so are happy with children wearing PLAIN black trainers instead of shoes (no logos please). Children need a change of clothing for PE and Games. PE kit can be kept in school in a named bag hung on their peg.

All pupils should have a suitable waterproof outdoor coat for playtimes and outdoor learning.

To purchase uniform please follow this link:

<https://www.schoolweardirect.co.uk/product-category/find-my-school/highweek-primary-school/>

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.

We take pride in the way we present ourselves at Highweek Community Primary School, and all pupils are expected to comply with our uniform requirements. Please let us know if you have any difficulties providing appropriate uniform as we are more than willing to help out. We have a huge amount of lost property and donated items available.

Please note that there are a number of children wearing tight short skirts. These restrict physical activity and are not appropriate for school. Any child continuing to wear inappropriate uniform from next week will bring home a slip from the school and be expected to return the following day in the correct uniform.

Building work and updates

As you can see we have scaffolding around parts of our school at the moment so I would like to update you on what has been happening at our school.

Painting - We are currently having the exterior of our school painted to give it a fresh and inviting look upon arrival for our pupils. We are hoping for this to be completed very shortly.

Windows - Our school is very fortunate to have new windows installed throughout the school which will help keeping our school warm within the winter months and help with energy efficiency. This work will continue for another two weeks and then will be completed over the October half term.

EYFS - We have had building works over the summer to increase our building capacity ready for the arrivals of our new 2 year olds into Nursery. This is very exciting and the space is looking fantastic.

Sensory Room - We now have two sensory rooms at opposite ends of the school.

A big thank you to our caretaker, Mr Chris Rogers for his hard work over the holidays with all of the above.

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

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...

New Beginnings

Feeling nervous, scared or excited about starting something new is a normal reaction. Sometimes we can fear the unknown or worry about what might happen. Trying something new can be an adventure and an opportunity to have new experiences. We can help someone when they are trying something new by:

- Being supportive
- Asking questions
- Checking in regularly
- Creating goals
- Finding out more about their new experience
- Take brain breaks
- Encouraging them to be brave
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Try something new today.

If you never try, you will never know.

Also, remember your 5 ways to wellbeing:

[Five ways to wellbeing - Mind](#)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All after school club messages have been sent out. Please check your Schoolcomms/School Gateway accounts for confirmation of places. If you have not received a confirmation message then this would mean your child was not allocated a place.

All clubs including Football will commence next week. However, we do still have some spaces for: Year 1/2 Tri Golf on a Monday. Year 4/5 Ukulele (Monday lunchtime club). Year 3/4 Creative Writing on a Monday. Year 3/4/5/6 Music Composition (Tuesday lunchtime club) Year 3/4 Tag Rugby on a Tuesday. Year 5/6 Multi Sport on a Wednesday.

If your child would like to take part in any of these clubs please do let us know.

PTFA NEWS

PTFA UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 22nd September 2023: Family Event Day 3.30pm-6pm
- Thursday 19th October 2023 KS2 Halloween Disco 3.45pm-5pm
- Tuesday 31st October 2023: KS1 Halloween Disco 3.45pm-5pm
- Friday 8th December 2023 Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-6pm
- Tuesday 6th February 2024 KS1 Valentine Disco 3.45pm-5pm

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Josie Worthington from Tamar class who has recently gained her blue belt in Taekwondo.



We will be collecting for HITS foodbank this year on Wednesday 18th October. This will coincide with our annual Harvest Festival celebrations due to take place on the same day *(details for this event will follow)*

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)



You are invited...

to Premier Education's extracurricular activities!



Here's what's on near you...

Highweek Primary School Afterschool Club

Friday's: Football Year 3&4
Football Year 5&6

Cost: £25.00 for 6 sessions (£4.20 per session)
Time: 15:30 - 16:30 Age: from 8 - 11 year olds
Dates: Friday 15th September - Friday 20th October

To discover the activities available and to book today, visit premier-education.com