



Summer Term 2024

Friday 3rd May

Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy bank holiday weekend! - I hope the weather is kind to us all.

### **NSPCC SPEAK OUT AND STAY SAFE**

Last week all children in years 1 to 6 took part in the Speak out and Stay Safe programme.

- **Speak out Stay safe is a safeguarding programme for children aged 5- to 11-years-old. It is available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It helps children understand: abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse**
- **that abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe**
- **where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including our [Childline service](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout).**

[www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout)

### **School Improvement**

We are very proud that Highweek continues to be at the forefront of the latest teaching developments. Over the last two weeks, Miss Charlie Ridge and Miss Fran Lilley have shared with us the latest updates regarding teaching writing effectively and we continue to observe excellent practice across the school. I hope your children are impressing you with their grammatical knowledge and writing progress. If you would like to find out more, please see Miss Fran Lilley.

### **Careers curriculum**

We are delighted that our school has been selected to take part in an exciting pilot programme to improve careers education in primary schools across England.

The new primary school careers programme is being rolled out by The Careers & Enterprise Company (CEC). The scheme will run through to 2025, backed by investment from the Department for Education.

The programme comes as **studies show** children start to form ideas about their future as they start primary school. However, as early as the age of six, children can adopt limiting stereotypes based on gender, ethnicity and social background. By age nine, children can start to abandon their biggest ambitions.

The pilot is designed to increase the awareness primary-aged children have of the world of work, raising aspirations and reducing stereotypes.

The programme will bring learning alive by linking lessons to careers. It will also provide opportunities for pupils to meet inspiring employers so they can explore different jobs and understand the skills they'll need for the future.

The initiative will bring together primary schools in local areas and provide teachers with training delivered by Teach First – to support teachers to develop and deliver careers programmes.

**Robert Halfon, Minister for Skills, Apprenticeships & Higher Education said:**

“To deliver the future workforce that this country needs, it is essential that careers advice and work experience helps young people from all backgrounds to climb the ladder of opportunity.

“The changes we are making to boost our careers programme will raise ambitions from an early age for thousands of children in primary schools across the country, while providing opportunities to unlock talent, think about skills, engage with employers and discover different workplaces.”

**Oli de Botton, CEO of The Careers & Enterprise Company said:**

“We know children have big ambitions for their future from a young age. However, these hopes can sometimes be blunted by limiting stereotypes.

“Our primary school careers programme will help young people from disadvantaged communities explore the world of work in exciting and meaningful ways, raising aspirations and reducing barriers.

“The programme aims to inspire primary school children by connecting them with role models, showing them how different subjects relate to jobs and encourage them to continue to dream big.”

**Read more as featured in:**

**The Sun:** [Kids urged to pursue vocational careers under government plans for skilled workforce](#)

**Schools Week:** [2,200 primaries in poor areas to get careers help under £2.6m scheme](#)

**TES magazine:** [Primary teachers to get pupil careers training](#)

**New Appointment**

We are delighted to inform you that following a rigorous selection procedure, **Miss Fran Thomas** has been appointed as a full-time classteacher at Highweek from September 2024. Miss Thomas, who many of you already know, has extensive expertise in dance and drama education as is looking forward to developing dance across the curriculum and offering dance as part of our extensive after school club provision next term.

Ms Claire Redwood

## STUDIO REFIT

We are currently redesigning and refitting the ‘Studio’.

This will enhance our design and technology provision, allowing for more cooking opportunities to take place.

In addition we hope to facilitate a cooking club for parents and children. This space is also used for Breakfast and After School club and will enhance our wraparound care.



## SPORT EVENTS

We have had a very busy few weeks taking part in various sporting events.

Year 3 enjoyed the warm weather at Newton Abbot College last week with pupils from other schools. The children have enjoyed a carousel of activities teaching them different striking and fielding skills. They then put these skills into practise by playing a game of Dartmoor 3 Ball. What an amazing footballing start to our new term! Highweek enjoyed two friendly matches against Chudleigh Primary School.

The sun was shining and the football was flowing for a closely contested match. Although Chudleigh A dominated most of the possession and went two goals up, Highweek fought on and never gave up, scoring close to the end to put the fright into Chudleigh. Unfortunately, it was not to be as the score line finished:

**Highweek A 1 : 2 Chudleigh A**

The second game was equally exciting. This time Highweek B dominated the possession and had many chances on goal. Chudleigh's keeper was in fine form and kept a solid clean sheet. Chudleigh hit the post and a few opportunities of their own before eventually snatching victory with a scrambling effort that rolled over the line just before the final whistle.

**Highweek B 0 : 1 Chudleigh B**

Last Wednesday, children from Year 3 & 4 were invited to attend a netball tournament at Bradley Barton School. The children were really excited to play and had a tough starting game against Bradley Barton who quickly went 3:0 up. With amazing resilience, Highweek found their stride and constructed an amazing comeback, winning the game:

**Bradley Barton 3 : 4 Highweek**

Our next match was against St Michaels, who put up a strong resistance, stopping many of our scoring opportunities. Eventually, Highweek came together with some fantastic teamwork to win:

**Highweek 4 : 1 St Michaels**

We continued onto our 3<sup>rd</sup> game against Islington, who played with great energy, but Highweek were in strong form and ended up winning the game comfortably:

**Highweek 10 : 0 Islington**

Our final match was against Chudleigh, who had won two and drawn one of their games. Needing only a draw to win the tournament, we went in with high spirits, but unfortunately it was not to be. Chudleigh's energy was too much for our tiring players and Highweek struggled to get pass their blockade:

**Highweek 0 : 7 Chudleigh**

Despite the disappointment of losing the final match, the children were elated to have finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Well done Highweek!



## ATTENDANCE

Class	W/C 15th April	W/C 22nd April
Taw	94.2%	93.9%
Mole	97.3%	98.6%
Mardle	95%	93.9%
Bovey	98.8%	95.9%
Tavy	<b>100%</b>	<b>98.9%</b>
Plym	93.1%	98.8%
Exe	95.6%	98.1%
Dart	93.7%	93.3%
Tamar	89.7%	89.7%
Torrige	99.3%	97.7%
Teign	96.8%	96.8%

Tavy class had 100% attendance for the period of 15th - 19th April 2024.

Tavy class had 98.9% attendance for the period of 22nd– 26th April 2024.

**Well done Tavy class!!**

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.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MAY

**Tuesday 7th** - Year 4 Multiplication Times Check information meeting for parents at 3pm.

**Wednesday 8th** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Monday 13th** - KS2 SATs week.

**Wednesday 15th** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Friday 17th** - Year 6 end of SATs party. 1:30pm - 3:30pm

**Wednesday 22nd** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Friday 24th** - School closes for the May half term break.

### JUNE

**Monday 3rd** - School re-opens after the half term break.

**Tuesday 4th** - Year 6 Residential information evening. Parents are invited to join us at 3:30pm.

**Wednesday 5th** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Wednesday 5th** - Year 5/6 E-Safety Performance.

**Thursday 7th** - Year 6 transition workshop.

**Monday 10th** - Zones of Regulation Immersion Week.

**Wednesday 12th** - Year 3/4 swimming.

**Monday 17th** - Friday 21st - Scholastic Book Fair.



## 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 26th April		Weekending Friday 3rd May	
<b>Bovey</b>	Cody Richards-Bearne	Elloisa Locke	Sara Rouse	Ruby Brighton
<b>Dart</b>	Rylee Jordan	Hugo Palla	Macie Dawes	Caroline Johns
<b>Exe</b>	Ophelia Parker	Theo Fairweather	Scarlet Russell	Gregory Cooper
<b>Mardle</b>	Belle Bolton	India-Rose Holdway	Harper Auchterlonie	Frazer Simpson
<b>Plym</b>	Talia Rhodes	George Tooley	Lewis Seal	Freya Curran
<b>Tamar</b>	Bartosz Kiezun	Esme-Rose Lawson	Josie Worthington	Habibullah Nazari
<b>Tavy</b>	Elsi Palla	Harry Tooley	Madison Smith	Primrose Tremlett
<b>Teign</b>	Millie Brown	Lexi-Mae Hodgson-Baylis	Lucas Ryan	Jessica Webster
<b>Torrige</b>	Leo Hole	Soraya Williams	Archie Exon	Kobie Mead

## Well done to our Accelerated Readers



# Residential Information Evening

Parents/Carers of pupils who are attending the Year 6 Residential are invited to join us on Tuesday 4th June at 3:30pm.



## Playzone After School Club May 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>
6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Pancakes and fruit Games</b>	<b>Pancakes and fruit Free Play</b>	<b>Pancakes and fruit Crafts</b>	<b>Pancakes and fruit Computers</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Pasta Computers</b>	<b>Pasta Outdoor games</b>	<b>Pasta Games</b>	<b>Pasta Free Play</b>	<b>Pasta Crafts</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bagels/ Crumpets Crafts</b>	<b>Bagels/ Crumpets Computers</b>	<b>Bagels/ Crumpets Outdoor Games</b>	<b>Bagels/ Crumpets Games</b>	<b>Bagels/ Crumpets Free Play</b>

Outdoor activities will take place every night weather permitting.

# THANK YOU

## Highweek Community Primary & Nursery School

for raising an incredible £181.20 for Young Lives vs Cancer!

Because of you, we can help children and young people and their families find the strength to face whatever cancer throws at them.

**YOUNG LIVES  
VS CANCER**

4th Floor, Whitefriars,  
Lewins Mead, Bristol BS1 2NT  
0300 330 0803

Highweek Community Primary & Nursery School

Coronation Road  
NEWTON ABBOT  
Devon  
TQ12 1TX

**YOUNG LIVES  
VS CANCER**

24/04/2024

Your supporter number: 4581376

Dear all at Highweek Community Primary & Nursery School,

For children and young people, cancer treatment often means being miles from the comfort and familiarity of home. Many families are isolated from their support networks and find themselves questioning, at the scariest of times, where they are going to stay, or how to manage the long round-trips for treatment.

Your donation of £96 and ongoing support helps to fund our Homes from Home. Not only do our Homes give families somewhere private to rest when sleep feels impossible, but they also mean families can be together when they need each other most. Aaron was diagnosed with alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma in August 2019, during the summer holidays before he was due to start high school. Aaron's mum, Marianne, remembers staying at Ciaran's House in Edinburgh:

"Mandy and Sandra from Ciaran's House were amazing from the first contact we had with them. They seemed to know how to make difficult days a little easier... Being able to stay in Edinburgh near the hospital helped us so much. Once we had a room it meant my husband and younger son Elliot were also allowed to stay there and could visit Aaron in hospital. Granny also stayed every now and then too... It also meant that if Aaron was well enough he could escape the hospital ward knowing he had a safe, clean place to sit with his brother on the Xbox for an afternoon. The boys loved this time they spent together away from the hospital."

Approximately 1,200 families are given a place to stay in one of our 11 Homes from Home across the country every year. This wouldn't be possible without you. Thank you.

Best wishes,



**Melissa White**

Supporter Engagement Assistant

Tel: 0300 330 0803

Email: [fundraisingevents@younglivescancer.org.uk](mailto:fundraisingevents@younglivescancer.org.uk)

As a supporter you can update the types of communications you receive at any time by calling us on 0300 330 0803, emailing [supporter.services@younglivescancer.org.uk](mailto:supporter.services@younglivescancer.org.uk) or visiting our website [www.younglivescancer.org.uk](http://www.younglivescancer.org.uk)

[younglivescancer.org.uk](http://younglivescancer.org.uk)

Young Lives vs Cancer is an operating name of CLIC Sargent Cancer Care for Children. A registered charity in England and Wales (1107328) and in Scotland (SC039871). Also operating in Northern Ireland. A company limited by members guarantee (No. 272583). Registered office: No. 1 Farmers Yard, Assembly London, 77-85 Fulham Palace Road, London, W6 8JA. VAT no. 958587196.



# Ways to Wellbeing

w/c 29th April 2024



## Intro to your new EMHP

Hello, hi, howdy! My name is Charlotte and I am the new trainee EMHP for your school. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all – you might see me in assemblies or working 1:1 with some of your classmates. Please come say hello if you see me looking lost in the corridors!



## Getting to know me

Sometimes it can be tricky talking to new people – so here are 2 truths and a lie to get to know me! Which one do you think is a lie? Come tell me if you see me around!

- I have 2 very fluffy dogs
- I have never been horse riding
- I have lived in 3 countries

