

## A MESSAGE FROM MS REDWOOD

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Curriculum and learning

As mentioned previously, we are trying to update FACEBOOK more regularly to share what your children have been doing in class, as well as signposting information for parents. In our latest posts you can see a number of updates from years 3 and 4.

### Homelearning

I have had lots of positive reports from the staff regarding how your children are engaging in homework club. Thank you all for continuing to encourage your child/children to complete their homelearning in order to support them make progress in their learning.

### School improvement and staff training

This week the teachers attended a session led by our maths lead, Miss Emma Hopkins. Miss Hopkins shared with us the latest research regarding best practice in maths and reflected on your children's maths progress and how to identify next steps. We also had a go at solving this problem- do you now the answer?!



***A bat and a ball cost £1.10. The bat costs £1 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?***

Find the correct answer at the end of the newsletter.

### Anti-bullying week

Last week was anti-bullying week. The Mental Health Support Team led our whole school assembly.

#### ***What is bullying?***

***The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face to face or online.***

For further information, please see the link below:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying>

PLEASE DO SPEAK TO ONE OF US IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CHILD BEING BULLIED.

### HEALTHY EATING- snacks and packed lunches

Please see the attached information regarding guidelines for packed lunches and snacks.

We are seeing an increased number in inappropriate items for break time.

## SNACKS

The following snacks are encouraged at Highweek:

- Whole or sliced fruit
- Vegetable sticks like celery, carrot, pepper and cucumber. Some vegetables are naturally baton-shaped which can save you time preparing, for example sugar snap peas and baby corn.
- Bag of plain popcorn
- Breadsticks
- Rice or corn cakes
- a small sandwich or bagel with cheese, fish, hummus or vegetable filling



**Please DO NOT send your child in with crisps, chocolate items or sweets for snack time. These items will be removed and returned to your child at hometime.**

## Christmas Fayre

Please send donations in as soon as possible for our Christmas fayre. We would particularly appreciate donations for the **secret santa** stall. This year, no adults will be allowed to enter to allow children to choose their gift and wrap it in secret! The children are very excited about this stall.

**Suggested donations include:** unopened toiletries, children's or adults' unwanted gifts in excellent condition, books, boxes or chocolates or biscuits.

**Please only send in new or nearly new items for this stall.**

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming Christmas events over the next few weeks.

Ms Claire Redwood

## PIANO/VOCAL LESSONS

We are delighted to share that Ilana Jacobs, an experienced vocal teacher, will now be offering 1:1 vocal and piano lessons on a Thursday afternoon. These lessons will take place during the school day and will be starting after half term.

- 20 minute vocal or piano lesson 1:1 = £11
- 30 minute vocal or piano lesson 1:1 = £16.50

(Pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium will receive a 50% discount for the first term).



## SPORTS EVENTS

Highweek's league success continued at Gatehouse Primary Academy. The team travelled in high spirits after a great performance versus Bradley Barton the previous week.

Despite falling behind to an early well-worked Gatehouse goal, Highweek rallied and showed great resilience to go on to win the match 4-1. It was a great team performance with all the children working together. Well done to both Lucas Reeve and Ben Williams who both scored two goals each.



Six Year 4 children enjoyed their success in the regional Netball Bee Tournament Finals by managing to win 5 of the 7 games they played! They were proud to finish 3rd place, each receiving a bronze medal.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Don't forget that **all** after school activity clubs finish on the week of Monday 4th to Friday 8th December, due to having lots of activities taking place in school during the last week of term.

We would like to invite our Reception parents to a phonics information event.

This will take place on

**Thursday 7th December 4 - 4:45pm.**

Please come and join us in the EYFS building to learn all about how we deliver the teaching of reading through the Ruth Miskin phonics scheme- Read, Write Inc. Here we will demonstrate how phonics is taught, introduce you to some helpful resources and show you some useful ways you can support your child at home.

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER!!**

**Wednesday 13th December 2023  
is Christmas Lunch Day**

### Main

Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes & Gravy  
Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Slice

### Dessert

Festive Biscuit  
Fresh Fruit  
Yoghurt

This lunch must be ordered via your Parentpay account even if your child is entitled to Free School Meals by no later than Wednesday 29th November.

Please do not order a lunch after the closing date as it will not register.



## **NOVEMBER**

**Tuesday 28th** - KS2 at Coombeshead for Christmas Panto AM.

**Wednesday 29th** - Year 6 swimming.

**Wednesday 29th** - No Pens Day.

**Thursday 30th** - EYFS Reading Café: 2:30pm in the EYFS building.

Parents invited.

## **DECEMBER**

**Friday 1st** - Singing Club pupils attending Teachers Rock at Exeter Cathedral, pupils to arrive at the cathedral at 6pm.

**Tuesday 5th** - Mr Scrooge performance by Coombeshead Academy at 2:45pm.

**Wednesday 6th** - Years 3 & 4 to Buckfast Abbey.

**Wednesday 6th** - Year 6 swimming.

**Thursday 7th** - Small group of year 5 Lantern Making at The Avenue Church.

**Thursday 7th** - EYFS Early Reading & Phonics Workshop: 4 - 4:45pm.

Parents invited.

**Friday 8th** - PTFA Christmas Fayre: 3:45pm - 6pm.

**Monday 11th** - KS1 Nativity details to follow.

**Monday 11th** - Singing club performing Christmas songs at Tesco 2pm.

Please come and support us.

**Tuesday 12th** - KS1 Nativity details to follow.

**Tuesday 12th** - Singing club performing Christmas songs at Asda 2:15pm.

Please come and support us.

**Wednesday 13th** - Christmas Jumper Day.

**Wednesday 13th** - Christmas Dinner.

Please pre order by no later than Wednesday 29th November.

**Wednesday 13th** - Lantern Parade in Newton Abbot town centre.

**Wednesday 13th** - EYFS Christmas show Whoops-A-Daisy-Angel 2:30pm in the EYFS Building. Parents invited.

**Thursday 14th** - Year 5 & 6 Christmas singalong in the hall: 3pm.

Parents invited.

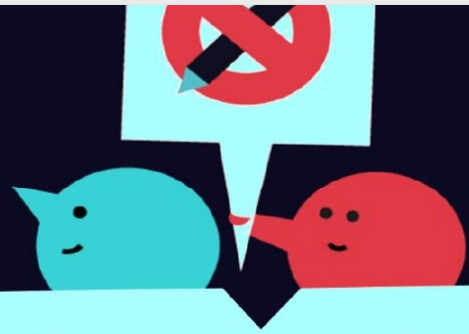
**Friday 15th** - Last day of Autumn Term.

## **JANUARY**

**Wednesday 3rd** - School re-opens at 8:50am.

# No Pens Day

Wednesday 29th November 2023



## We will be celebrating No Pens Day!

To support Speech and Language UK and learn about using our words to learn, we are going to have **no pens** for a whole day! This means we will only be learning and recording our learning with our words.

We will be doing things like:

*Show and tell*

*Drama and role-play*

*Asking lots of questions*

*Talking about our ideas*

*Pair and share*

*Debating*

## ATTENDANCE

Class	W/C 6th Nov	W/C 13th Nov
Taw	88.6%	85.4%
Mole	92.5%	96.7%
Mardle	95.4%	95.7%
Bovey	92.8%	88.3%
Tavy	<b>98.2%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Plym	92.9%	98.6%
Exe	97.1%	91.1%
Dart	97.1%	95.7%
Tamar	93.9%	93.9%
Torrige	96.9%	96.9%
Teign	93.4%	96.9%

Plym class had 98.2% attendance for the period of 6th - 10th November 2023.

Tavy class had 100% attendance for the period of 13th - 17th November 2023.

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.

### School Matters!



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

## Ways to Wellbeing

A space for how to stay mentally and physically healthy

This week let's talk about...

# Kindness



I'm Tia Austin,  
EMHP. Mental Health  
Support Team

Acts of kindness can make the world a happier place for everyone. They can boost feelings of confidence, being in control, happiness and optimism. They may also encourage others to repeat the good deeds they've experienced themselves – contributing to a more positive community.

### 10 WAYS TO BE KIND TO YOUR FAMILY

Write each other positive notes

Start a gratitude journal

Create a morning and night routine

Go for a family walk or bike ride

Start a family book club

Write thank you cards

Have a sing-a-long

Play a board game together

Eat a meal together each day

Call or visit relatives



## How can you be kind today?

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

Friends of



Highweek  
Primary School



# Christmas FAYRE

FACE PAINTING, GLITTER TATTOOS & HAIR  
BRAIDING

SECRET SANTA ROOM

CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

BURGER GRILL

REFRESHMENTS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

PIN THE NOSE ON THE REINDEER

JEWELLERY STALL

HALF PRICE UNIFORM

BOTTLE TOMBOLA

BOUNCY CASTLE (WEATHER PERMITTING)

CAKE STALL

STOCKS

HANDMADE CHRISTMAS ITEMS

CANDLES

AND MUCH MORE!!!

**JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FESTIVE FUN**

**FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

**3:45PM – 6PM**

## PTFA UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 8th December 2023 Christmas Fayre 3:45pm-6pm
- Tuesday 6th February 2024 KS1 Valentine Disco 3:45pm-5pm
- Thursday 8th February 2024 KS2 Valentine Disco 3:45pm-5pm

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## Well done to our Accelerated Readers

100,000 words

Jessica Bendzala, Amelia Sims, Paige Payton & Eloise Lidster.

250,000 words

Alex Avery, Taiylor Peart, Lewis Seal & Phoebe Wadham.

500,000 words

Jonas Silevicius & Elise Keskin.



## Well done to our Friday Flyers.

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

Theme	Effort as the path to mastery		Find lessons and inspiration in the success of others	
Date	Friday 17th November		Friday 24th November	
<b>Bovey</b>	Harley Newman	Sara Rouse	Khalid Shaibu	Evelyn Wilkes
<b>Dart</b>	Brody Williams	Cooper Knowles	Jaydyn Mbulayi	Alfred Smith
<b>Exe</b>	Joel Atkinson	Scarlet Russell	Ella Bell	Holly Exon
<b>Mardle</b>	Leo Steer	India-Rose Bunday	Maia Roome	Etta Allen
<b>Plym</b>	Mati Kiezun	Ignas Silevicius	Alisa Malishevskaya	Austin Carter
<b>Tamar</b>	Jago Rhodes	Jake Wiktorko	Bartosz Kiezun	Erika Nanfuka
<b>Tavy</b>	Isaac Allen	Harry Tooley	Logan Simmons	Arty Ralph
<b>Teign</b>	Sayed Alqarooni	Demi Christie	Elizabeth Cookson	Esme Keskin
<b>Torridge</b>	Leo Wines	Elise Keskin	Elsie-Jo Briercliffe	Harris Storer

Puzzle answer:

The puzzle is well-known because people often get it wrong, even though the arithmetic involved is very simple. The 'instant' answer that comes to mind is that the ball costs 10p. In fact, after a moment's reflection, the answer is clearly 5p. (And thus the bat costs £1.05.)