

Autumn Term 2021
Friday 12th November

Dear all,

I am delighted to be writing this as newly appointed permanent Headteacher. If we haven't met yet, please do come and say hello and introduce yourself. I am normally out at one of the gates in the mornings and after school.

Next week we will be supporting **Anti-bullying week** and this year's theme is **One kind word**. All children and adults are encouraged to wear odd socks on Monday as a reminder Anti-Bullying Week 2021 is happening from Monday 15th – Friday 19th November and has the theme 'One Kind Word'. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at the National Children's Bureau. In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity.

**Anti-Bullying
Week 2021**

On Friday, we will end the week by celebrating **Children in Need** and this year we are asking everyone to come wearing something bright and cheery.

I am really pleased to let you know that after Christmas, we will be relaunching, Come read with me, once every half term. One adult per family (younger siblings are also welcome) will be invited to come into school to share a book with their child. This will take place towards the end of the school day. The first sessions will take place week beginning 10th January- more details to follow. On the subject of reading, do you have any time to volunteer in school? We are on look out for more parents to support reading in school and/or help to develop our school library. If you think you could help, please let the office or Miss Lilley know.

Finally, the staff and some of our dedicated PTFA team, are currently very busy planning lots of exciting Christmas related experiences for your children – I hope you will find the attached planner useful.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Claire Redwood

School Improvement

This week Miss Marie Taylor shared with us the latest Ofsted research around the teaching of science. We looked at how much the teaching of science has progressed at Highweek. I am sure your children will be able to talk to you about their current topic. This week I have been in with year 5 who have been investigating friction and how an object moves across different surfaces. I was very impressed with their use of scientific vocabulary.

Part of the role of the school governors is to ensure that leaders' school plans are put into action. Today, two of our school governors have been talking to children about their learning across the curriculum. The children have shared with them how the teachers develop their skills and how their knowledge is built up over a unit of work.

For more information about Anti-Bullying week please follow this



**ONE
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Diary Dates



November

Monday 15th

- Parents evenings will commence. *Email sent via Schoolcomms of how to book online.*
- **Odd socks day.** Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Friday 19th

- **Children in Need.** Please come to school wearing something bright and cheery! *Suggested donation of £1.*



Tuesday 30th

- Reception, Year 1 & 2 school disco. 3:45- 5pm

December

Friday 3rd

- Year 3,4,5 & 6 school disco 6-7:15pm

Friday 6th

- EYFS Phonics Parents Workshop. *Details to follow.*

Friday 10th

- Christmas jumper day.

Wednesday 15th

- Christmas dinner day.

Friday 17th

- School closes for Christmas.

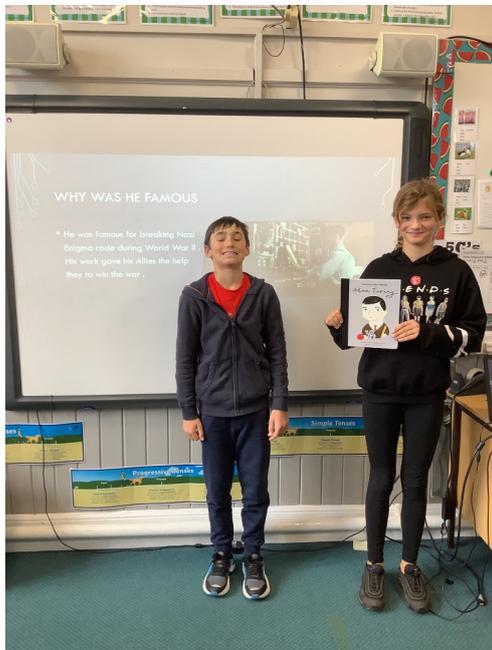
Year 6 have enjoyed researching significant people in ICT, including Alan Turing, and have created PowerPoint presentations about their lives and achievements. They have embraced their 'Bletchley Park' unit and look

Look at what we have been up to in school and on our school trips.

The children in Year 6 have been enjoying their Art this week. They have been doing a detailed study of Claude Monet's 'The Japanese Footbridge' by mixing their own colours to recreate it. They have loved using their new sketch books!



Year 3/4 had the most wonderful day visiting Dartmoor, A guide took them on an historical walk looking at all the bronze age settlements and walking over clapper bridges around Hound tor.



School Matters!



Class	W/C 18th Oct	W/C 1st Nov
Tamar	89.9%	91.3%
Teign	94.7%	93.2%
Torrige	88.7%	91.3%
Ashburn	90.5%	97%
Plym	91%	91.3%
Dart	93.6%	96.3%
Exe	98%	97.7%
Tavy	94.3%	92.9%
Bovey	89.5%	99.1%
Mardle	99.2%	98.3%
Carey	91.5%	93.7%
Mole	91.3%	98.6%
Taw	90.9%	96.5%

Mardle class both had **99.2%** attendance for the period of 18th - 22nd October 2021.

Bovey class had **99.1%** attendance for the period of 1st - 5th November 2021.

A huge well done to you all !!!!

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.



Have a routine from an early age - a check list may help when getting everything ready .

Well done to our Friday Flyers.

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

Theme	Embrace Challenge		Persist in the face of setbacks	
Date	Weekending Friday 5th November		Weekending Friday 12th November	
Ashburn	Jessica Webster	Blake Coleman	Taiylor Peart	Grace Barnard
Bovey	Ben Barnes-Jones	Albie Gillingwater	Ella Phillips	Bailey Riley
Carey	Maisie Cole	Hugo Joyce	Jorgie-Mae Sharrock	Oliver Barr
Dart	Dawson Herbert	Rhiann Estlick	Carly-Barlow Miller	Christian Vittery
Exe	Archie Exon	Mia-Leigh Perry-Feecham	Tyler Stephens	Samuel Joint
Mardle	Mila Gray	Samuel Palmer	Rylee Jordan	Scarlet Russell
Plym	Chelsie Sheppard	Demi Christie	Sofia Ralph	Leonard Coleman
Tamar	Samuel Avery	Georgia Waldron	Lily Grylls	Nikita Gorickij
Tavy	Oliver Regan	Caroline Johns	Tommy Walton	Alfred Smith
Teign	Pauline Holubinka	Roydon Smaridge	John Barnes-Jones	Harvey Windley-Taylor
Torrige	Alicia-Mae Peart	Keira Brown	Angel-Mai Manning	Olly Walton

let's celebrate!

Well done to Ophelia Parker from Carey class who has recently gained her level 3 in swimming.



Do you know any local businesses who would be willing to donate some quality prizes to our Christmas raffle this year?



For more details please call the school and ask to speak with Mrs Lowe.

We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Beverley who have kindly offered to pay for 1 years subscription for 'Wizz, Pop, Bang' which is a science magazine.

Recent sport events.

On the 2nd of November we went to Coombeshead Academy to do PE. First we played a game called Spider Tag, there were 4 people trying to tag us then we did some problem solving in teams.

We had a great afternoon!

Written by Dexter Beverly and Dominik Sevostjanov.



Parents evening will be commencing Monday 15th November. These will be face to face consultations. Emails have been sent to all parents through Schoolcomms of how to book your appointment via our online booking system.



Volunteers needed

Highweek are looking for reading volunteers! If you have a passion for reading and are interested in hearing pupils read at our school we would love to hear from you! All volunteers will need a DBS check and training will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact the school office and let them know your availability.



Well done to Rylee Lane from Torridge class who has gained his pen licence.

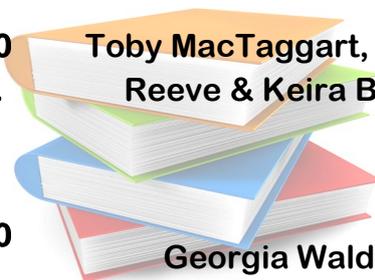
Well done to our Accelerated Readers

100,000 words.

Toby MacTaggart, Zachary Reeve & Keira Brown.

250,000 words.

Georgia Waldron



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