

Myself and the Highweek team would like to say a big welcome back to school after what we hope for you all was a fabulous summer break. It's been great to see the school full again and buzzing with the excitement of a new term.

The teachers have been working really hard on a revamped curriculum for this academic year to ensure that your children have the very best learning experience during their time at Highweek. Some of the changes you might notice are:

- more dedicated time to teaching individual subjects such as computing, history or French (years 3-6 only)
- children talking more about other curriculum areas and what they are working towards achieving
- two separate PE sessions a week (children will be expected to change for their P.E. lessons)

This term, we have a whole school poetry week w/c 4th October with a visit from Karl Nova and a whole school poetry exhibition on Friday 8th October.

In addition, we continue to remain dedicated to supporting the physical development of the children and supporting the welfare of all our families at Highweek. As you are aware, we are now running four free after school sports clubs. During lunchtimes, we have an intervention support group running daily and sports clubs running four days a week.

We hope that your children have had a successful first week. However, if you have any concerns or problems please do get in touch with any of the following:

#### Classteachers-

Any queries or issues around the class, learning and your first point of contact	Any queries or issues that can not be resolved after having spoken to the class-teacher	Family Support	Special Educational Needs	Safeguarding concerns about a child/family
<b>Classteacher</b>	<b>Key Stage Leads</b> Early Years: Mrs Jodie Jenkins Yrs 1-2: Miss Charlie Ridge Yrs 3-6: Mrs Jennie Carter	<b>Family Liaison Officer:</b> Mrs Eline Walker (whole school) <b>Early Help (Early Years)</b> Mrs Jacky Dawes (Early Years)	<b>SENCO:</b> Mrs Dawn Matthews	<b>Designated safeguarding Lead:</b> Ms Claire Redwood or <b>Deputy Designated safeguarding Leads:</b> Mrs Jane Bassett Mrs Dawn Matthews Mrs Eline Walker Mrs Jacky Dawes

Myself and Mrs Bassett are also available to speak to you. Please do contact us- we would much rather try and help and we can only do this we if we know about any concerns. Please see or give the office a ring if you would like to make an appointment.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ms Claire Redwood

## Our Reading Spine.

At Highweek Primary School, reading for pleasure is one of our priorities, so we have developed our own 'Reading Spine'. This is a core selection of high quality, fantastic texts for all children. Each year group, from Nursery to Year 6, has a variety of texts, which will have been read aloud to them in shared reading time by their teacher by the end of that year. This means that by the end of primary school, each child will have had the opportunity to listen to and enjoy a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts! They will have also been exposed and introduced to a range of inspirational authors, genres, literary content and vocabulary. We have carefully considered which texts to include in our reading spine; we have ensured that the books are the ones which us teachers love ourselves, and ones which convey an important message or theme. Each day, our children will have the opportunity to be read aloud to by their teacher. Please continue to do this at home as well. We encourage you to ask your children about the books which are being shared with them in class and have regular conversations about reading with your children to help inspire them to read for pleasure.

Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



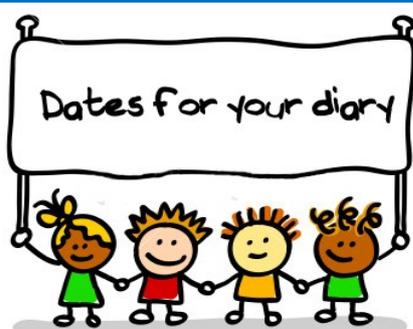
With so many new parents joining us please could we remind you all of the following:

- Please send your child in to school with a coat (clearly named).
- Please make sure that your child has a drinks bottle in school.
- Please only access the main reception via the front doors. Parents should not be in school at all.
- Please could all parents/carers make sure that we have up to date details. This could be a mobile phone number, address or change of name etc. This can be done through Schoolcomms.
- All absences must be reported through Schoolcomms.

For the most up to date advice and guidance for COVID 19 please follow these links.

[Taking your child to an early years setting: information for parents.](#)

[Taking your child to primary school: what you need to know.](#)



**Monday 13th September** - Torridge and Tamar class will start swimming. This will be every Monday so please make sure that your child has their swimming kit.

**Wednesday 15th September** - Dart and Teign class will start swimming. This will be every Tuesday so please make sure that your child has their swimming kit.

**Wednesday 22nd September** - School photographs details to follow.

**Monday 4th October** - School poetry week commences.

**Wednesday 6th October** - Poet Karl Nova will be visiting the school.

**Friday 8th October** - Whole school poetry exhibition.

**Tuesday 21st October** - Year 6 trip to Wildwood Escot.



A huge well done to Isla Edwards from Exe class who has recently gained her Proficiency Award for Level 5 Gymnastics.



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