

We hope you all have a lovely half term break.
We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1st November.

Dear parents & carers,

What a busy week it has been here at Highweek as we approach half term.

The year 6 pupils have had an action packed day at Escot to complete their topic on the Anglo-Saxons, it looked like a fun day was had by all! Thank you to the children who brought me back some very smokey bread to try!

Yesterday, year 3 and 4 walked up to Highweek church for a Harvest Festival. I was very disappointed not to have been able to join them. A big thank you to all the adults who supported this event and to Rev. Gareth Regan for leading the service.

Today we have been supporting SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD as an end to BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

More resources can be found at: theredcard.org/ourstory

Does your child enjoy music and singing? We are hoping to set up two school choirs as soon as possible. Please watch this space! In addition is your child in receipt of the pupil premium grant (free school meals)? Would they like to learn an instrument? We would like to offer them 50% off 10 weeks worth of lessons. Please contact the school for more information.

As always, if you have any concerns or feedback or just want to come in and introduce yourself, please call or email the school office: admin@highweekprimary.co.uk

Have a lovely half term.

I look forward to seeing the children, Monday 1st November.

Ms Claire Redwood
Acting Headteacher

School Improvement

Last week the teachers got together to look at marketing and how we give feedback to your children on their learning. This is something we will be focusing on for the rest of this term.

In year 1 and 2 we looked at the curriculum and what we need to improve on. Further up the school we have been focusing on the teaching of reading and writing and how this will look over the coming year.



Year 6 have produced some excellent preview learning for their Anglo-Saxon topic. It is proudly displayed in the corridor for everyone to enjoy!

'What a great morning a group of Y3/4 children had at the Netball Festival held at NAC. Getting out again, working with leaders, other schools and having fun learning new skills and games is what we have missed. We are looking forward to the many more events to come.'



Dear parents and carers,

It is with great sadness that I am writing to inform you that I won't be returning to my teaching position. I have had the most amazing time at Highweek and I feel honoured to have worked with such curious, kind and resilient children. I will miss you all, but look forward to what the future has in store for me and my family. Thank you so much for making my time at Highweek so enjoyable and memorable, I'm sure I'll see you soon!



Charley Gill

Diary Dates



November

Monday 1st

- School re-opens after half term break.
- Bovey & Carey exploring Exeter.

Tuesday 2nd

- Year 3 trip to Hound Tor.

Wednesday 3rd

- Year 4 trip to Hound Tor.

Thursday 4th

- Mardle & Tavy exploring Exeter.
- Bonfire night special menu. *Please order via your Parentpay account.*

Friday 5th

- Flu nasal immunisations.

Monday 15th

- Parents evenings will commence.
This will run for 2 weeks.
Details of how to book will be sent out after half term.

December

Friday 10th

- Christmas jumper day.

Wednesday 15th

- Christmas dinner day.

Friday 17th

- School closes for Christmas.

January

Wednesday 5th

- School re-opens.

Well done to Albie Gillingwater of Bovey class has received another Blue Peter badge. He worked hard to get two in two months. He made the Blue Peter 3 Power, Plastic and Plants pledge to become a 'climate hero' and earned another Blue Peter badge.

He did the recycling for two weeks, wrote about growing plants to attract wildlife and cut down screen time.



Bonfire Night

Thursday 4th November

SIZZLING PORK OR QUORN SAUSAGE HOT DOG

WHIZZING POTATO WEDGES

BONFIRE BEANS & POPPING PEAS

TOFFEE APPLE CRUMBLE

Chartwells

- Fireworks were invented more than 2000 years ago in China
- Bonfire night is a celebration of the failing of the Gunpowder plot in 1605 which was an attempt to kill King James 1 at the Houses of Parliament
- The word for firework in Japanese, 'hanabi', which actually means "fire-flower".

Year 6 trip to Wildwood Escot

Year 6 had a fantastic end to their topic on the Anglo-Saxons when they visited Wildwood Escot. They enjoyed exploring the Anglo-Saxon village, doing a foraging walk, visiting the native wild animals and even taking the challenge of going down the drop slide!





Tavy & Teign class both had **99.1%** attendance for the period of 4th - 8th October 2021.

Plym class had **96.2%** attendance for the period of 11th - 15th October 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.

Every day counts.....

We expect all children on roll to attend every day, when the school is in session, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. There is a clear link between achievement and attendance and you can keep up with date with your child's attendance via the School Gateway app. We work closely with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) and review attendance on a monthly basis, any pupils falling below our 96.2% target may receive a letter home highlighting this. We will continue to monitor their attendance and if there is no improvement we will invite parents into school to discuss how we are able to work actively together ensure a regular pattern is maintained. If you have any queries or concerns about your child's attendance please contact school, a copy of our attendance policy can be found on the school website.

Class	W/C 4th Oct	W/C 11th Oct
Tamar	85.2%	88.8%
Teign	99.1%	95.5%
Torrige	89.4%	80.7%
Ashburn	90.7%	95%
Plym	91%	96.2%
Dart	95.5%	87.6%
Exe	98.7%	95.3%
Tavy	99.1%	94.7%
Bovey	92.7%	89.9%
Mardle	86.2%	93.2%
Carey	89%	94.2%
Mole	86.1%	94.6%
Taw	92%	89.3%

Well done to our Friday Flyers.

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

Theme	Find lessons and inspiration in the success of others		Able to examine mistakes	
Date	Weekending Friday 15th October		Weekending Friday 22nd October	
Ashburn	Isla Steer	Poppy Chapman	Domink Sevostjanov	Rosie-Mae Spence
Bovey	Scarlett Lloyd	William Robinson	Ella Parker	Ethan Holdway
Carey	Miya-Rose Hervin-Coombes	Abel Smaridge	Holly Exon	Felicity Godfrey
Dart	Hanna Chornenka	Imogen Crooks-Lawal	Eleanor Regan	Stanley Hagger
Exe	Isla Edwards	Ellie Trudgill	Fiona Brown	Jase Stephens
Mardle	Freddie Collins	Mila Gray	Frayah Jowitt	Oakley Maghaireh
Plym	Esme Keskin	Trixie Trays	Kobie Mead	Abi Davis
Tamar	Joshua Rowlands	Martin Yonkov	Oscar Moore	Summer Edmundson
Tavy	Islay MacTaggart	Albie Hagger	James Davies	Amelia Sims
Teign	Lexie Boddington	Herbie Powlesland	Eli Brock	Lucas Small
Torrige	Rylee Lane	Toby MacTaggart	Evie Cameron-Davies	Alex Petrov

It's really exciting that we are establishing links with Coombeshead Academy for sports again, as well as being part of the South Dartmoor Partnership.

After half term Y4 will be visiting Coombeshead Academy on Tuesday 2nd November to take part in team/problem solving activities.

Later in the term Y5 will be working on a block of Gymnastics with Shelley Betty and accessing their fantastic facilities too.

In the summer term Y5 will be attending Sporting Spectacular at Forches Cross.

Some children will also be selected to attend an Aqua Fest too with other schools.

This is just to name a few of the sporting events happening this year. Keep looking out for more in the upcoming weeks/months.



Uniform Orders

All uniform orders will be processed once a week or once payment has cleared. If you pay by bank transfer or an online transaction this could take up to 7-10 days.

Items of uniform can no longer be purchased and given out immediately by the school office.

Drum & Percussion Lessons

Matt Butlin - Drum Tutor



Matthew Butlin, BA (Hons) Music
Professional musician & tutor

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Emmie Storer from Torridge class took part in a charity riding show last weekend at Finlake riding stables, it was a very busy weekend and she put in a lot of hard work caring for the horse she has loaned for the day.



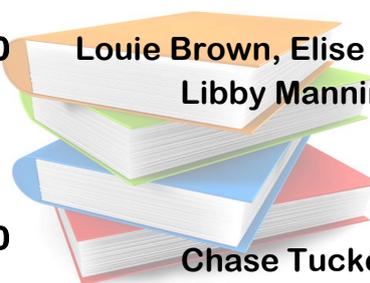
Well done to our Accelerated Readers

100,000 words.

Louie Brown, Elise Keskin & Libby Manning

750,000 words.

Chase Tuckett



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