

Dear Parents/Carers

It's been lovely to see everyone back at school. The children have been very busy with their new topics. Year 3 and 4 have been very excited about their volcano topic- I have even had a pupil costing out a school trip for us all to visit one!

This week's assembly has been about challenge: the challenge of a new year ahead and embracing challenge. My challenge this year is to learn all the children's names in the school. I am going to try and break this down by learning a class at a time. I am going to need a positive growth mindset. This is something that Highweek learners are known for. Find out more about how you can support your child to have a growth mindset here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>

SAFEGUARDING

Christmas gifts – greater access to technology

Many children will have received the gift of technology for Christmas. While we all recognise the enormous benefits across the range of devices children have access to, including at a younger and younger age, we also recognise and have concerns about access to harmful content, including pornography. A [recent story from the BBC](#) highlights a number of issues and information that are both alarming and insightful in equal measure.

Despite safety measures, children are highly likely to access on-line pornography by the age of 11. As parents, we need to understand that viewing such content is going to happen and the impact on what is then perceived as 'normal' in a relationship has huge implications as children develop their own relationships with each other.

Some resources to support you are:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

[Digital Parenting – Vodafone](#)

[South West Grid for Learning - SWGfL](#)

In our PSHE lessons next week, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse." In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

The lesson will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

As always, if you would like to speak to me, do come and introduce yourself at the start of the school day or contact the office who will arrange an appointment.

Claire Redwood

Headteacher

Friday 21st January 6–7pm
At Highweek Primary School

**Come along to walk laps of the magically lite
Starlight Trail. How many laps can you walk?**

Sands Charity registration number in England and Wales (299679)



**To raise money for Sands a leading charity supporting families
who experience miscarriage, stillbirth or cot death.**

Donate on line <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/eline-walker>

or

**Get a sponsor form from the office or email
ewalker@highweekprimary.co.uk**

or

Just come along and donate on the night.

Prize for the most laps walked.



**Zach and Lucas are helping organise this event in loving
memory of their sister Lottie as it would have been her
first birthday.**

**Jodie and her family not only want to raise money but
they want to raise awareness and provide an event that
feels safe to share, remember and celebrate the life of a
cherished baby.**

Dart class both had 97% attendance for the period of 13th - 17th December 2021.

Torrige class had 99.2% attendance for the period of 5th - 7th January 2022.

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.



Class	W/C 13th Dec	W/C 5th Jan
Tamar	94.1%	95.1%
Teign	89.4%	97.1%
Torrige	93.3%	99.2%
Ashburn	94%	97.6%
Plym	92.9%	90.4%
Dart	97%	91%
Exe	92.8%	98.9%
Tavy	83.6%	97.8%
Bovey	92.1%	97.7%
Mardle	89%	97.9%
Carey	84.2%	99.1%
Mole	89.5%	98.6%
Taw	74.2%	92.5%

Minutes late per day	Learning time lost in a year
5 minutes	3½ days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 ½ days
20 minutes	14 days
30 minutes	21 days

School Matters!



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		See effort as the path to mastery	
Date	Weekending Friday 7th January		Weekending Friday 14th January	
Ashburn	Bella Davis	Dexter Beverley	Rebeca Da Costa Erba	Frankie Watkins
Bovey	William Robinson	Ella Phillips	Nathan Jewell	Bella Weeks
Carey	Abel Smaridge	Sive Williams	Jorgie-Mae Sharrock	Miya-Rose Hervin-Coombes
Dart	Travis-Blake Lawson	Imogen Crooks-Lawal	Christian Vittery	Eleanor Regan
Exe	Alfie Driver	Phoebe Wadham	Joey Evans-Hingston	George Macey
Mardle	Freddie Collins	Sam Palmer	Laiyla Peart	Ella Robbins
Plym	Abi Davis	Sayed Alqarooni	Ben Williams	Ella Druce
Tamar	Maci-Taylor Hamm	Jack Keating	Ethan Sansom	Samuel Avery
Tavy	Caira Bourne	Jack Trudgill	Tony Lee	Ella Welch
Teign	Amelia Jewell	Darcie-Mai Bradley	Frankie Dinata	Herbie Powlesland
Torrige	Keira Brown	Alicia Peart	Riley Potter	Zachary Reeve

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.



Well done to Christian Vittery from Dart class who has gained his pen licence.



Well done to our Accelerated Readers

100,000 words.	Sofia Ireland & Mya Woodward.
250,000 words.	Sayed Alqarooni & Alicia Peart.
500,000 words.	Georgia Waldron.

Please could all parents/carers who send food items into school for their child's birthday provide a full list of ingredients. To find out more about Natasha's Law please visit

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/natashas-legacy-becomes-law>



BURGERS & DOGS

20/01/22

Please order via your Parentpay account.

Tasty Mains
Beef Burger
Veggie Hot Dog

Scrummy Sides
Chips

Sweetcorn
Baked Beans

Yummy Desserts
Chocolate Brownie

Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

Don't forget, school meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2!

To sign up for this tasty theme day menu, please speak to your school.

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



Last week Year 5 took part in an 'Evacuee Day' in which they have played the role of an evacuee from World War 2. They have learnt all about what life was like for an evacuee and created their very own gas mask boxes and identification labels.

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