

# Learn, Care, Grow together



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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Summer half term 2 has been a busy one so far at Highampton Primary School! This half term we have a focus on transition; on getting our new children ready for reception and our year 6s ready to move on to pastures new. Excitement is building for our outdoor production of *Hansel and Gretel* on July 9<sup>th</sup>. It is set to be a great event which the staff and children are very much looking forward to. Bookings will need to be made through the school office. With the warm, sunny weather set to continue, we need to make sure we are 'sun safe'. There are some sun safe tips and advice at the end of the newsletter for you to consider and share with your child. There are some special dates coming up this half term so do keep an eye on the diary dates to be sure not to miss out!

## Trust news

Our Trust and school leadership goes from strength to strength under our new structure and leadership from our Trust CEO, Dan Morrow. The support from our Executive team has come into play this week as well as throughout this busy term. Miss Paton, Mr Whittle and Mrs Underwood have all been on site to offer their support and strengthen our Trust family. I wish to thank them all for their hard work and engagement in Highampton Primary this week and in looking to the future for the benefit of all the children in our care.

**SOLIDARITY** in the way we are working together is evident as we stand together to overcome challenges, have high aspirations and celebrate achievements. DMAT (Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust) believes in building positive relationships, embracing and promoting difference. We are working together as one big family!

## Safeguarding

*Online gaming is on the rise* - the lockdowns have meant that children are likely spending more time online at home. Although online games can be a great way for children to keep busy and stay in touch with their friends, it is important that we teach them how to play safely. The main risks of playing online games are -

*Online bullying* - Children may be deliberately excluded from a game by their friends or criticised for how well they play. Other players may swear or use abusive language over voice chat and this can be upsetting for your child.

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*Trolling, griefing and scams* - Grievers are gamers who deliberately try to ruin the game for other players. This can be called 'trolling'. Players may also try to trick or scam young people into giving up 'skins' or other in-game items by offering them money or hacking their account.

*In game purchases* - Some games cost money to download or ask players to buy credits or items so they can keep playing. Many free games are designed to make the player want to continue but need payments to make this possible.

*Talking to people they don't know* - Many popular games have official channels with thousands of members. There's a risk of young people being groomed on these platforms.

For more information on advice and parenting tips please visit -

[Net Aware: Your guide to social networks, apps and games \(net-aware.org.uk\)](https://www.net-aware.org.uk/)

[Online Safety for Children - Tips & Guides | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety-for-children/)

## Worried about a child?

If you're worried about something a child or young person may have experienced online, you can contact the NSPCC helpline for free support and advice. Call us on [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000) or [contact us online](#).

Children can contact [Childline](#) any time to get support themselves.

**Get support**

## School news

### First Transition

It has been wonderful to welcome our new starters into school over the past weeks. They seem to be settling in extremely well, ready to start 'big school' in September. The sessions are carefully designed to give the children access to their space, to get to know new friends and also to build a relationship with their new adults too. I have certainly seen happy faces and confident little ones enjoying their new classrooms and outdoor spaces.

### Assessment week

We have now completed assessment week in school. These assessments are to inform teachers about the children's learning and achievement as well as any gaps in learning. Key areas of assessment include Phonics, Reading, Maths and Grammar.

HM Government announced earlier this year that there would be no requirement to report statutory assessments for this academic year (in Year 1 Phonics, Year 2 and Year 6), which is welcomed after the unsettled year we have all had. However, assessments are still useful in building a picture of a child's learning and achievement which will help the school review its progress and plan for the future.

A formal written report will be on its way to you by the end of term about your child's learning, behaviour and progress. Parents will be invited back into school early in the

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Autumn term for parent consultations. If you have any questions about the assessments we have done for the summer term, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher.

**BAG 2 SCHOOL**  
**FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS**  
In partnership with your school or organisation



Thank you to all who donated bags of unwanted items to raise money for our school. Total weight of the bags was around 260kg and this raised a total of £78. This is a fantastic fundraiser.

## Pupil news

**In Class 1** have had a very active week. They have been practising for sports day, listening very carefully to instructions and writing their own! We have had 4 little visitors this week, who made quite a splash! We have been learning about duck lifecycles! The children have harvested some of our early potatoes-quite a bumper crop!

**In Class 2** we have been making clocks in Maths to support our learning about time and engaging in a Maths scavenger hunt. This week we had a virtual session with the Victoria and Albert museum and were able to follow instructions to make prototype products out of recycled paper. In PE and sport, we have been practising our running on the track and rehearsals are under way for our outdoor performance of *Hansel & Grete*!

## Reminders

School uniform guidelines can be found on our website – school uniform helps your child to look smart and gives them a sense of identity. Towards the end of term, we have noticed that pupils are not always in full school uniform. Unless it is a PE day, please can you make sure your child is dressed as per the guidelines, in particular - Sensible dark shoes rather than trainers. School shorts (sensible) are permitted in the hot weather but sports shorts/ leggings are not school uniform.

## Recruitment

**Highampton Primary School will require a new Meal Time Assistant (MTA) from September 2021**

As an MTA you will be required to –

- be able to encourage pupils to eat and behave appropriately at lunch time
- be able to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of pupils whilst maintaining good order and discipline
- have a friendly, nurturing disposition
- be able to work in a flexible manner as part of a team
- have experience working with children
- be able to encourage and develop safe and purposeful creative play

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Please contact the school office - [admin@highamptonprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@highamptonprimary.org.uk) 01409 231 339 if you are interested. 1 hour per day, 5 days a week during term time.

Stay well, stay safe and let's all stay kind and thankful.

Kindest wishes,

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## Sun safety and dealing with sun burn checklist:

How to stay safe in the sun

- ✓ **Spend time in the shade especially when the sun is at its strongest - this is particularly important for children**
- ✓ **Keep babies under six months out of direct strong sunlight at all times**
- ✓ **Keep covered up with a wide-brimmed hat and loose-fitted clothing**
- ✓ **Wear sunglasses that have 100% UV protection**
- ✓ **Use sunscreen with at least a SPF of 30 and four-star UVA protection**
- ✓ **Apply sunscreen before you go out and reapply frequently while you're in the sun**
- ✓ **Drink lots of water**



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## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

### STAR OF THE WEEK (w/e 11<sup>th</sup> June)

Class1: **Lexi** for fantastic perseverance with her number and letter formation.

Class 2: **Summer** who is always ready to learn; she is considerate and always ready to help her friends.

Learner of the Week: **Isla** has made great choices in all areas of her learning. She has been sensible and been thinking carefully about how she reacts to situations. In RE she made some good reflections on the theme of the stories.

Ruby Heart: **Logan** for being thoughtful and helping to tidy up even things that he had not used; being a helpful friend.



### STAR OF THE WEEK (w/e 18<sup>th</sup> June)

Class 1: **Jaxon** Awarded for perseverance and being first on the carpet

Class 2: **Kit** Awarded For succeeding and progressing in swimming.

Learner of the Week: **Lily P** for facing new and different situations. "I did great phonics and have never been swimming before".

Ruby Heart: **Aiden** for small acts of kindness and supporting others in class. "If someone was upset, I would go over and help them."





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## GALLERY



Making clocks to learn the time.



Our School Photographer, Russell in action.



Water fun in the EYFS outside area



Class 1 in our school grounds



Year 6 Leavers 2021



Practising for Sports Day



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*Making fans in Craft Club*



*Harriet Davis our Drama Coach going through the rehearsal for Hansel & Gretel.*



*Ducklings at the centre of attention.*



*Class 1's bumper crop of potatoes*

## Dates for your Diary

1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> /22<sup>rd</sup> July

Swimming continues- Every Thursday pm

9<sup>th</sup> July

Outdoor Performance of Hansel & Gretel 2pm

10<sup>th</sup> July

First Aid Teaching for KS2 children

15/16<sup>th</sup> July

Residential Expedition

20<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day

23<sup>rd</sup> July

Y6 Leaver Service 11.00am

23<sup>rd</sup> July

Last Day of Term