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Newsletter

Learn, Care, Grow Together

Dear parent/ carer,

Highampton Primary has had a busy fortnight! We are delighted to welcome our visiting teachers, Mr Wes Pugh (PE), Mrs Vicki Jordan (French) and Mrs Harriet Davies (Drama). The children have enjoyed their extra provision delivered by subject specialists as well as some excellent learning across the curriculum with Mrs Rees and Miss Floyd.

Safeguarding notice

You may have noticed that we are now padlocking the main gate to ensure site security and to keep our children safe. A member of staff will open the gate at 8.45am in the morning and will lock it at 9am, in time for register. This should help us all to be more punctual, reduce lateness and most importantly, keep everyone safe.

All children and young people have the right to feel safe at Highampton Primary School and they are in the constant care of staff. We have a culture of safety where safeguarding and promoting children's welfare is embedded into everything we do. Please ask if you need any clarification.

Building resilience

Using our co-operative value of self-help, we aim to build resilience in our whole school community. In school, we will help the children at Highampton build resilience by -

- Encouraging them to express their emotions and to talk about anything that is worrying them
- Encouraging all children to ask for help with their learning when they need to
- Engaging with the children's interests and ideas
- Encouraging everyone to connect with trusted adults and peers

Curriculum Enrichment

The aim of our curriculum is for every child to have the skills to be successful, independent and motivated learners in readiness for the next stage of their education. Rooted in this aim is their social, moral, spiritual and cultural development, underpinned by our Trust co-operative values and school vision. We are lucky to have extra teaching provision by experts in their field of wider curriculum subjects this term -

PE - Mr Wes Pugh - Thursday afternoons - please ensure that your child has their PE kit

Drama - Mrs Harriet Davies - Friday morning all children

French - Mrs Vicki Jordan - Friday morning KS2



On 6th October we are looking forward to the arrival of story-fella **Clive Pig**. Clive is an international storyteller and children's author with over 40 years' experience of performing in schools and elsewhere to entertain, inspire and educate. He tells hundreds of tales that support education in classrooms. Next week, he will inspire KS1 on their learning relating to Seasons and Weather; KS2 will be delving deeper into the Romans.

On Friday 1st October we were lucky enough to welcome a string quartet as part of the Two Moors Festival through the Devon Music Hub. The children enjoyed a session of live music and learnt about string instruments and playing music together.

Creative partnership with DWT

Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust and Devon Wildlife Trust have started a new and exciting creative partnership this term, bringing together DMATs desire to take learning outside the classroom with DWTs experience of working with schools to bring the benefits of working in and learning about the natural world around us. As leader on Outdoor Learning across the 14 Primary schools within the Trust, I am working closely with the programme of learning with **DWT** centred around natural literacy, wellbeing and grounds development. We are also developing 'Wildlife Champions' who lead pupil voice and express their views on the natural world and have a say in grounds development. If you want to learn more about DWT visit their website at www.devonwildlifetrust.org

Sports day

Due to the pandemic, we had to postpone Sports Day in the Summer term. We now have increased PE teaching provision with Mr Wes Pugh, from Holsworthy Community College, delivering sessions to all children on a Thursday afternoon. We have set a date for Sports Day - **4th November** where Mr Pugh will facilitate a Sports afternoon for the children as they sadly missed out last term. Unfortunately, with Covid rates high in the area, staff and pupils only will attend. We hope you understand that we do not wish to take any unnecessary risk whilst wishing to give our pupils the experiences they deserve and have missed out on.

Toys into school

We are noticing more and more that children are taking toys from home into school. There are several reasons why this will need to stop. Toys from home could get lost or broken, in which case the children would become upset/ distracted. In the current climate, with the pandemic at the level it is at, we are increasing risk by bringing items in from home. Please can you check that your child does NOT have small toys in their pocket/ bag so that we do not have to waste time monitoring this and keeping their items aside. Thank you for your support.

Attendance

Pupil attendance is key to their academic, social and emotional success. We have seen a dip in the last week – our target is over 95%. This week's attendance is 82.4%.

Poor school attendance can become a significant problem – research shows us that poor attendance can lead to poor academic attainment and negative behavioural outcomes. Should your child feel unwell, Covid-related or otherwise, it is essential that you call the school office before 9am so that we have a record of this for our register. Please do communicate any difficulties with us as we need to keep a record of both illness and unauthorised absence. Let's hope our whole school attendance is on the up next time!

Wishing you all a peaceful and restorative weekend.

Kind regards,



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Week ending 17/09/21



Learner of the Week: Lexi for showing great effort in her writing and not giving up

Tarka Class: Albie for fabulous concentration and great writing

Ruby Class: Riley R: his presentation and effort in his book work has improved

Ruby Heart: Ruben: for trying to welcome our new pupils.

Achievement Outside School: Maisy won 3rd and 5th with her calf Star at Exeter Market.



Week ending 24/09/21



Learner of the Week: Hugo: always respectful of other peoples' learning.
Takes pride and puts in effort in all lessons

Tarka Class: Logan for independent learning and problem solving in maths

Ruby Class: Kit for challenging himself to stretch his learning in maths

by Class: Riley R: his presentation and effort in his book work has improved



Ruby Heart: Oli Hutton - for being caring all week to students and staff.
If he sees a need he supports it independently.



Achievement Outside School: Evie won a show jumping competition and jumped 40cm on her horse Catkin.

GALLERY



Tarka Class: Small World Play



Guided Reading in Tarka Class



French lesson in Ruby Class with Mrs Jordan

Our children enjoy a live recital by a string quarter from the TwoMoors Festival





Dates for your Diary

Thursdays:	PE with Mr Pugh
Fridays:	French with Mrs Jordon
	Drama with Show Up (Mrs Davis)
1 st OCTOBER:	STRING QUARTET VISIT
6 th OCTOBER:	CLIVE PIG
18 th OCTOBER:	SCHOOLS PHOTOS
25-29 th OCTOBER:	HALF TERM
3 rd NOVEMBER:	KS FIRST AID TRAINING
4 th NOVEMBER:	SPORTS DAY (CHILDREN ONLY)
8 TH NOVEMBER pm:	ALIBI THEATRE SCHOOL VISIT
8 TH NOVEMBER am:	FLU VACCINATIONS (CONFIRMED DATE)
29 TH NOVEMBER:	BIKEABILITY FOR YEAR 5
15 th DECEMBER:	KS2 TRIP TO NORTHCOTT THEATRE (Christmas Carol)
17 th DECEMBER:	LAST DAY OF TERM