



HIGHAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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I wrote a small article in the Highampton Messenger recently, titled 'the Future is Bright for Highampton Primary School'; and it most certainly is! I was delighted to announce to children, staff and the community this week that Mrs Deirdre Petersen will be the new Principal of the school starting after Easter. She will also be the Principal of Exbourne C of E Primary following the very successful dual-school leadership model of the other schools in our Moorland Group, part of the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust. Mrs Petersen has worked alongside me for the last four years as part of the leadership team, so she already has a good understanding of the school and its journey. The next step is to get to know everyone. Mrs Petersen will be spending the day with the children next Wednesday 31.03.21 at Highampton, so please give a warm welcome when you meet her at the gate. For parents and carers who are not able to meet her in person, we are offering a Teams meeting at 16:30 to introduce everyone to each other. If you would like to join, please contact Mrs Ford in the office to book yourself a place.

P Whittle, Executive Principal

OUR NEW PRINCIPAL – MRS DEIRDRE PETERSEN

I thought you might like to know a little more about me as incoming Principal at Highampton Primary School. I am currently leading as Head of School across Boasley Cross and Lydford Primaries, both rural communities in the heart of the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust. Family is of huge importance to me – my own family (I have 3 children), my extended family in Ireland and living around the world, our family of schools in the Trust. I am very much looking forward to working in the school communities of Highampton Community and Exbourne C of E Primaries; both schools are new settings for me. The life chances of our children and giving them the best that we can provide is at the heart of my leadership approach.

I will be at your school on Wednesday 31st March when I will work with staff, meet the children and be available to meet and greet parents/ carers at the end of the day on the gate. Looking forward to seeing you all next week and to stepping into the school community at Highampton.

Dates for the Diary

Term 2

PTFA: Donations for the prize hampers have been gratefully received and please look out for raffle tickets which were sent out with the children. We would like them back on Wednesday.

Last day of term is Thursday, 1st April and holidays start on Friday, 2nd April.

Term 3

First day back at school for all children is Monday, 19th April.

PE: We are very lucky that Ms Scullion will be with us for Term 3 as well as Term 2.

Residential 2021 – Dates to be confirmed

Swimming will start on Thursday 17th June

Tempest Photography Date to be confirmed

Sports Day, date to be confirmed

DONATION: Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Elliott of Sheepwash for donating some arts and crafts goodies just in time for Easter.

CLASS 2

The sky may be grey and the temperature cold but this didn't stop Class 2 working, in teams, to improve their footwork and passing skills. Miss Scullion and Miss Floyd have been combining their skills to deliver our PE sessions and they have been really impressed with the progress Class 2 is making. Keep up the good work.

Also, remember to inform Miss Floyd of any exercise that you complete at home for the Inter-federation Games. Highampton has been knocked off the top spot but, with our combined efforts, we can make this a temporary thing.





Class 2 with their terrariums learning about growth and the importance of climate.

Closed terraria create a unique environment for plant growth, as the transparent walls allow for both heat and light to enter the terrarium.

PARENT GOVERNOR

Do you feel you know the rhythm of life within your community? Are you inspired by the creativity and wonder of Children? Do you have a passion to see your local schools continue to serve in excellent and resourceful ways? If you've said yes any of the questions above, have you ever considered being a Governor? What is stopping you? We need people like you to step forward and to volunteer to be a parent governor. We value that local knowledge and experience is our most precious treasure in the local governance of schools. You may also bring other skills and knowledge which is a bonus too! We meet every half term in a blended approach (virtual and face/face) If you would like more information please feel free to contact Marilyn Livingstone (mlivingstone@dartmoormat.org.uk) or Bridget Down (bdown@dartmoormat.org.uk) if you would like to put your name forward, please email clerk.dflgb@dartmoormat.org.uk for a nomination form. Nominations close by the end of the day on Thursday 1st April 2021. Please see attached notice.

Class I

We have had a busy time in Class I this week. We have been making the most of the better weather. We have enjoyed fun learning about what plants need to grow and planting some potatoes and onions. The children worked together as a team taking turns planting and watering.



We investigated capacity and volume in the sunshine! We were using the terms full, half full, almost full and empty.





Jaxon said
'The cup is
full!'

Lexi checked children off her list, to make sure they were being sensible practising her writing skills.



As part of our topic on the Rainforest Class I have been learning how to use stop go animation. Our focus has been the Great Kapok Tree. We are going to make our own films of the story after creating backgrounds and characters. The children have been working very well together in teams taking turns and sharing ideas.





We have been enjoying PE with Miss Scullion. This week we were able to use the grass and part of our activities were to blast off into space. We have been working on our listening skills.



Our first Wheelie Wednesday was a huge success! Everyone practised their balancing, listening and biking skills. A big thank you to Mrs McCarthy for loaning us some balance bikes, helmets and a scooter! Remember to bring your bikes or scooters and a helmet every Wednesday!

