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newsletter

1st July 2022

Dear parents/ carers,

Our Year 4 and 5 residential trip to Great Potheridge House was a wonderful experience for both children and staff! Our Moorland hub children came back absolutely beaming from the trip and excited to share their outdoor learning experiences. Staff who accompanied the children were impressed by their resilience and their ability to make new friends across the Trust and try new things.



PUPIL VOICE

Max - *'The stack crate was amazing! It was really exciting because I made quite a lot of new friends from other schools, like Lydford. Everything was learning outside - we did canoeing, kayaking and I nearly went for a little dip ...! Is it the same place next year? If it is I'm definitely going!'*

Riley - *'I really enjoyed the kayaking ... we played a lot of games with other schools eg. A version of Simon Says.'*

Maisy - *'I'm still trying to recover! I liked the water sports - it was all a new experience. The staff were really kind ... I made lots of new friends, all the girls in my dorm room.'*

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Attendance news!

Attendance is everybody's business. As you may be aware, the government are clamping down on school attendance and lateness and our Trust have been developing a revised attendance strategy to help us work together to improve attendance across our schools. Regular and punctual attendance at school is essential for all pupils to progress well in their learning. Please work with us to raise the level of attendance across the school - we are aiming for over 96% each week and in a small school just one or two children missing a session or with persistent lateness can make a huge difference.

This week's attendance is



Reading books & records

Our **Read Write Inc** sessions are going extremely well in school - children are making progress quicker and are accessing the wonderful new resources. We are sending home reading books weekly on a Wednesday - they also need to come back to school for changing on a Wednesday. Every other day, **your child will need their reading book and reading record in school so that we can listen to readers and help them to practice their skills**. We have noticed that not all children have their reading material in school - this should be with them every day so that we can hear priority readers and ensure even greater progress. Many help for your support in this important matter.



Our **Rainbow Day** this week has also been a huge success in promoting equality, diversity and inclusion, as part of Pride month. We have been discussing in collective worship what is similar and different about us all and how, to prepare for later life, we need to show tolerance and acceptance to every human being. The children came into school looking fantastic in rainbow colours and this sea of colour really lifted all our spirits as we navigate towards the end of term.

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DMAT Festival of Hope

Next week is the Trust Festival of Hope - a set of events that will bring together teachers, students and community members to celebrate great things in Sport, Art and Music across our schools. We will demonstrate creativity, innovation and performance. The aim is to foster a sense of belonging among all students in our Trust by bringing schools together for a range of events. Sporting events such as athletics, rounders and cricket are happening across the schools as well as our Home Learning celebration and singing assembly on Friday 8th to finish a fantastic week.

We hope that lots of parents will be able to join us in school in the afternoon to view the wonderful home learning produced and then sample the beautiful singing our children would like to share, including our 'Hope' song.

Transition plans

As well as our enhanced transition plans for new Early Years children and for our Year 6s transitioning to secondary school, we have our own '**Transition Day' on 15th July** when our new staff will join their classes for September to get to know the children and teach them for the day. Mr Pearson will be joining us on the day and will be available for a 'Meet & Greet' session in the hall after school. Please do join us to meet Mr Pearson and welcome him to our school community.

A note from Mr Pearson:

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Nick Pearson and I will be teaching Class 2 from September. I am very excited to meet you and your children. I am in my 18th year of teaching with a specialism in PE having been an outdoor instructor for many years. Outside of teaching, I am a father of 2 children, with one child about to start at secondary school whilst the other is in Year 9. I also coach my son's rugby team. I am passionate about most sports but also drama, geography and the outdoors. I am thoroughly looking forward to starting at Highampton.

REMINDERS

- ✚ **Water bottles:** Please send your child in with WATER and not squash to drink - we are a healthy school.
- ✚ **Toys:** Please remember that your child is not permitted to take toys from home into school. Many thanks for your support in this matter.
- ✚ **Festival of Hope:** Events are added to the Diary Dates - please take note of which year groups are out on which days next week.

Wishing you all a wonderful, warm weekend hopefully with some sunshine!

With kindest wishes,



Mrs Deirdre A Petersen, Principal

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★ CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY ★

Week ending 17th June 2022



Learner of the week: Ruben for supporting other children in extra curricular activities such as Gardening Club and during swimming.



Tarka Class: Moss for showing resilience when missing a History lesson for our Devon Wildlife Trust Day.



Ruby Class: Brooklyn for recognising that she needed to reflect on her behaviour.



Ruby Heart: Isla - for just being amazing, caring and considerate to other.

Week ending 24th June 2022



Learner of the week: River for always being ready to learn, showing concentration and focus and using *Fred talk* to read and write.



Tarka Class: Logan for amazing Phonics and reading. He has read with fluency and uses *Fred talk* to help with Writing too.



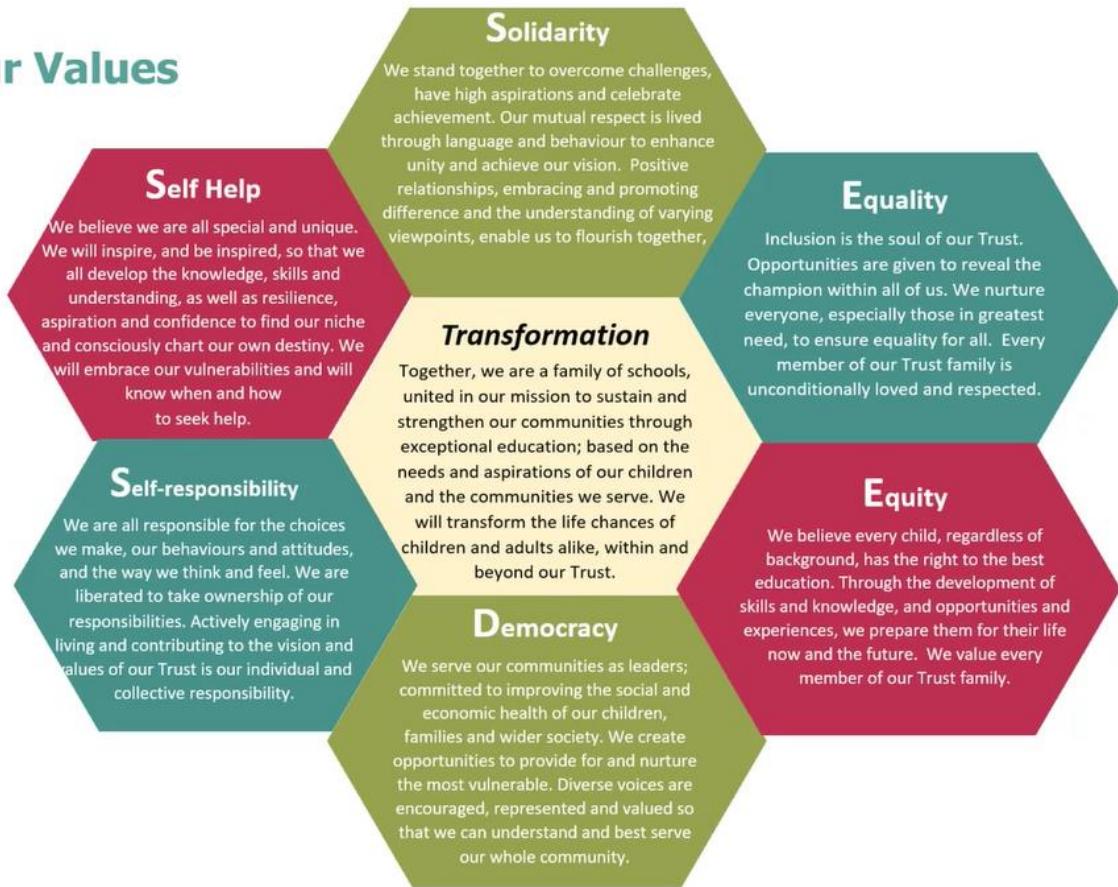
Ruby Class: Brooklyn for showing resilience and confidence in a variety of new situations



Ruby Heart: Maisy for giving amazing support to other children on the residential trip when they were feeling worried.

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Our Values



Dates for your diary

Tuesdays:

Wednesdays:

Thursdays AM:

Thursdays PM:

Fridays:

Devon Wildlife Trust, KS2

Wheelie Wednesdays, KS1

PE with Mr Pugh

Swimming starting 9th June, weekly

French (Mrs Jordan)/ Music (Mrs Jolliffe)

Monday 20th June – Wed 22nd June Year 4/5 Residential Trip

Monday 18th July – Wed 20th July Year 6 Residential Trip

Monday 4th July – Friday 8th July DMAT Festival of Hope

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	WHO
Tuesday 5 th July	Netball	Holsworthy College	Year 5/6
Wednesday 6 th July	Cricket	Hatherleigh	Y4
Thursday 7 th July	Athletics	Tavistock College	Y5/6
Friday 8 th July	Home Learning celebration and Singing assembly	Highampton Primary 2.30pm	All parents welcome!

Monday 11th July

Thursday 14th July

Friday 15th July

Year 5 Science Day at Holsworthy College

SPORTS DAY (morning – 11am start)

Transition Day – all pupils; *Meet and Greet* Mr Pearson

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GALLERY



On the water during residential