

Learn, Care, Grow together



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Welcome back everyone after a sunny half term! It has been wonderful to see happy and healthy children return to school ready to learn, care and grow together. Our continued focus on pupil wellbeing has seen children being open and honest about feelings, developing coping and resilience strategies and displaying thoughtfulness. Our weekly Celebration Assembly has been a highlight and pupils are becoming much more confident in talking about their achievements. Learning has been both in and out of the classroom, after school clubs are proving popular and there is much creativity to be seen across the school. Highampton is a wonderful place to be with its dedicated staff, wonderful children and not to mention those views across the moors!

School news

Residential news

We are looking forward to our residential for Years 5 and 6 this half term, 15 - 16 July 2021. You will now have received a letter and kit list with more information. **UPDATE - pupils from Exbourne C of E Primary are now joining us in Highampton for the overnight camp on 15th July.** This will ensure that both groups of children get a quality outdoor experience they deserve as well as creating opportunities to make new friends prior to transition to the College.

Highampton Primary activities -
15th July cycling + rock climbing + gorge scrambling
16th July low ropes + archery + orienteering

The activities above all require appropriate footwear, and the gorge/river scramble needs shoes which will get wet and that can protect the children's feet in the water. An old pair of trainers is ideal for this. The centre will supply wet suits, helmets and buoyancy aids, but they will need a towel for afterwards and a plastic bag to put their wet kit into. Please read the activity list to see specific clothing requests and take note of the kit list when packing with your child.

Menus should be with us soon for food choices - please let the school office know of any allergies so that we can cater to your child's needs. Many thanks.

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Pupil News

In Class 1: This week on Wheelie Wednesday the children drew a road with chalk and rode their bikes and scooters carefully. Lexi was a Policewoman! She kept stopping the traffic. Class 1 showed fabulous listening!

In Class 2: This week Y3&4 have been looking at telling the time in maths and Y5&6 have been looking at angles. We ended the week by working in teams and completing a maths scavenger hunt where the children had to apply a range of skills to complete the questions. The class have started looking at a new text called Archipelago- An Atlas of Imagined Islands. In our wider curriculum we have begun learning about inheritance and adaptation.

PUPIL VOICE

Amelia Earhart

Moss "First woman to fly a plane without help"

RileyR - "She flew and plane and disappeared"

School/ Community news

Our new website is now live! - we hope that you find our new and improved design much easier to navigate for all the information you need on our school. All feedback welcome.

PTFA news and update :

Plant and cake sale: huge thanks to all involved in the sale, helping, baking, spending and donating/growing plants to sell. We raised an amazing £298 towards the polytunnel fund for the children at school. This was partly due to some very generous donations from various lovely people within our village. The event was a great success and so nice to see people socialising and chatting together.

Up and coming possible dates depending on guidelines: Car treasure hunt Sunday 18th July .

Monies raised this year have been put towards swimming transport , a cooker , books and storage container. As always if you would like to get involved please contact Davina or a member of the PTFA .

Trust news

Governor recruitment

We are looking for governors to assist in the new local hub for the Moorland Schools within our Trust - both staff and parent governors.

The Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust has a single Local Stakeholder Board (LSB), or governing body, for the group of primary schools known as the Moorland Hub, which includes:

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- Boasley Cross Primary
- Bridestowe Primary
- Exbourne Church of England Primary
- Highampton Community Primary
- Lydford Primary
- Northlew & Ashbury Parochial Church of England Primary

The focus of the LSB is stakeholder voice, safeguarding and standards of education. If you are interested in becoming a member of the LSB use the 'CONTACT' button on our Trust website - [Moorland Hub LSB - Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust \(dartmoormat.org.uk\)](http://Moorland Hub LSB - Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust (dartmoormat.org.uk))

Reminders: Suncream & sun hats!

- Home reading: Research tells us that reading at home to complement learning is a key to success! We are investing in and sending home reading books and to help your child to progress in their reading. Reading for pleasure is always promoted and we do expect your child to read aloud to an adult AT LEAST 3 -5 times a week. This will make accessing learning in school so much more accessible. Thank you for your ongoing support with home reading.
- School uniform: Smart uniform is essential every day. On PE days for Class 2, please wear a school sweatshirt and trainers with leggings/ shorts/ track bottoms and trainers. Expectations include looking smart, sensible shoes and school jumpers. It makes such a difference when the children make the effort to look smart. Thank you for your support in this matter.
- Attendance: We strive to get all pupils into school every day and to motivate and engage them in all aspects of school life. If your child is unable to attend, it is important that you call into school before 9am to let us know. This week, our attendance is 95.6% for the whole school. Next week our target is 98%. Let's smash the target!

Community news

When restrictions allow, we would love to rebuild connections with the local and wider community as much as possible. We are always looking for ways to connect with the local community further, should Covid restrictions allow. As our Trust co-operative value of **DEMOCRACY** states –

We serve our communities as leaders; committed to improving the social and economic health of our children, families and wider society. We create opportunities to provide for and nurture the most vulnerable. Diverse voices are encouraged, represented and valued so that we can understand and best serve our whole community.

Please get in touch with the school office if you are aware of how we can connect with our community better or in new ways. A school in the heart of the village can be central to a thriving community. We are working together for the good of the children in our care. We look forward to hearing from you!

Please keep an eye on the diary dates as this is a busy half term with lots going on. We will try to communicate things as early as we can following our parent forum and to give plenty of notice.

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Wishing you all a wonderful mid-summer weekend!

Kindest regards,



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

STAR OF THE WEEK (w/e 21st May)

Class 1: **Logan** "I did music and maths too." Awarded for maths.

Class 2: **Naomi** "I have focussed on Maths and Literacy." Awarded for maturity in the face of adversity.

Learner of the Week: **Maisy** "Decimals?" Awarded for giving everything a go despite her injury

Ruby Heart: **Kiera** "I don't know." Awarded for helpfulness. Helped Dylan and lots of her other friends.



STAR OF THE WEEK (w/e 28th May)

Class 1 - **Albie**

Albie thought that he got this award for, "Good Maths".
He received this for his phonics and writing.

Class 2 - **Dylan**

Dylan thought that he got this award, "Because I'm coming to school".
He received this because he has been coming to school and his persistence.

Learner of the Week - **Kit**

Kit didn't know why he had received this award.
He received it for taking pride in his work and improving his presentation.

Ruby Heart -**Lily P**

Lily didn't know why she had received this award.
She received it for being caring and helpful to people.



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GALLERY



Craft Club KS1



Craft Club KS2



Watering the potatoes in Gardening Club



Practising athletics.



Transferring our remaining tadpoles, newts and



Wheelie Wednesday

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Dates for your Diary

11 th June	Many thanks to Russell Wilcox for taking our photos today
15 th June	Holsworthy College Transition Visit to Highampton School
17 th June	Swimming Starts for 6 weeks every Thursday pm
1 st July	Transition Meeting at Okehampton College
7 th July	Okehampton College Transition Day
9 th July	Outdoor Performance of Hansel & Gretel 2pm
10 th July	First Aid Teaching for KS2 children
15 th July	Okehampton College Transition Day
15/16 th July	Residential Expedition
20 th July	Sports Day
23 rd July	Last Day of Term