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Dear Parents/carers

Welcome to the new academic year 2021-22! I hope you have all had a restful and safe summer break. The first full week back at Highampton Primary has been an eventful one with children settling well and lots of good listening and learning. A very warm welcome to all of our new EYFS children and their families. I am really looking forward to getting to know the children as they settle into our school family.

PUPIL VOICE

Here's what the pupils say this week:

Max: "It's been amazing! I'm settled and my concentration is good. It's less loud in Ruby class."

Sophia: "It's gone very well. I feel I work better being in a mixed age class. I've got new friends and that makes me feel happier."

Logan: "Playing and work are going good."

Isla: "My Maths and Phonics are going really well. I tried my best, didn't complain and did my work well."

SCHOOL VALUES

This term we remind the children that our school values are so important – LEARN, CARE, GROW TOGETHER. We also talk about the Trust's Co-operative values and will focus on Self-Help this half term. We are all special and unique; we aspire to develop the knowledge, skills and understanding, as well as resilience and confidence to find our niche and chart our destiny. We will embrace our vulnerabilities and learn how and when to ask for help.

Please talk to your child at home about their experiences at school and how we can link these values to life outside school. Our school and Trust values underpin our work at Highampton Primary and help us all to develop into the best pupils, staff and school community that we can be.

COVID 19 UPDATE

I have examined the DfE Covid-19 guidance for schools and wish to give you the most up to date information available. With the removal of class 'bubbles' and the ability to play and interact once again, it has been joyful to watch friendships forge again and older pupils taking care of our youngest children too.

Public Health has announced an 'enhanced response area' due to the cases of Covid-19 in Devon being above the national average. Please refer to our updated risk assessment here [Directorate/Department \(highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk\)](https://highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk) and to the latest guidance from DCC here and the latest NHS guidance leaflets [COVID-19 vaccination: resources for children and young people - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

We want to keep the whole community as safe as possible so please do phone in if you are at all worried, if your child is feeling ill or if you yourself need support with the guidance and regulations. In school, we endeavour to maintain the hygiene measures such as –

1. Ensuring good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Thank you for supporting us in keeping everyone safe.

CURRICULUM

Our curriculum delivery is underway and you will see attached your child's termly overview, which outlines the areas of learning that will be covered in the Autumn term. Our curriculum is inclusive, inspiring and allows ALL types of learner, those with additional needs and our more able children to thrive. Everyone is encouraged to think about our school values and to try their best in every lesson. As well as what you will see on the curriculum overviews, we are looking forward to some extra special enriching activities this term to bring learning alive! We want every child to have access to experiences and opportunities that best meet their learning and developmental needs.

Please do ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions around curriculum and we will do our best to help you.

Have a restful weekend everyone,

Kind regards,



GALLERY



Tarka Class
building

Tarka Class
playing with
water and
sand



Concentrating on class work



In art, the children drew a self-portrait to showcase their current artistic abilities.



The sunny weather has allowed us to host some guided reading sessions outside



Ruby Class getting to know each other

Dates for your Diary

Thursdays:	PE with Mr Pugh
Fridays:	Drama with Show Up (Mrs Davis)
6 th OCTOBER:	CLIVE PIG
18 th OCTOBER:	SCHOOLS PHOTOS
25-29 th OCTOBER:	HALF TERM
3 rd NOVEMBER:	KS2 FIRST AID TRAINING
8 TH NOVEMBER:	ALIBI THEATRE SCHOOL VISIT
8 TH NOVEMBER:	FLU VACCINATIONS (PROVISIONAL DATE)
15 th DECEMBER:	KS2 TRIP TO NORTHCOTT THEATRE (Christmas Carol)
17 th DECEMBER:	LAST DAY OF TERM

Healthy Start Scheme – for eligible families with children under 4 and pregnant women

Get a Healthy Start! - scheme for eligible families with children under 4 and pregnant women

Devon Public Health are running a promotional initiative to raise awareness of the government's national [Healthy Start](#) scheme, which provides eligible pregnant women and families with children under 4 with financial support towards fruit & veg, pulses, cows' milk, and infant formula, as well as free vitamins. The Get a Healthy Start! promotion will provide the following, for **FREE** to eligible residents in the Devon County Council area: Box of seasonal **fresh fruit and vegetables**; booklet containing recipes, information on Healthy Start, and signposting; Healthy Start vitamins; fun 10 minute shake-up games for children; breastfeeding support information.

Boxes can be ordered directly by families themselves from devon.cc/getahealthystart and will be delivered in October. Eligibility will be assessed by the sign-up form. More information about the initiative, including eligibility and how to order can be found [here](#) or in the attached document. Orders are being taken until 24th September or until all boxes are allocated. Only 50% of eligible families currently receive Healthy Start.

FREE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BOXES

Get your family a healthy start this Autumn

FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE HEALTHY START SCHEME TODAY!



If you are pregnant or have children under 4, you may be eligible to receive financial support towards fruit & veg, cows' milk, pulses, formula, & free vitamins!

Think you may be eligible or already receive Healthy Start?

You may also be able to order a FREE FRUIT & VEG BOX!

It will be delivered directly to your door in October with nutritious and delicious recipes. You will also get a guide to all things Healthy Start, including important changes coming this autumn when the scheme goes digital, and how to make the most of the scheme.



Order from devon.cc/getahealthystart

