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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term! I would like to start by thanking you all whole-heartedly for giving me such a warm welcome to your school community this week. It has been so good to meet you at the gate and to spend time getting to know the children this week in class and in their amazing outdoor space. Learning, caring and growing together have been really evident in our school community this week through the warm welcome you have all given me and the actions of staff and pupils in school. I have been truly blown away by the exemplary behaviour of all the children and how excited they are to be back in school!

Trust news

Our Trust family of schools are working more closely together for the benefit of all children's futures. Staff are working collaboratively across schools to share resources and good practice, to access excellent professional development and much more. There are many positives to draw from each other and our rural primary schools are going to particularly benefit from this way of working co-operatively. Our co-operative values are attached with this newsletter. To filter our Trust values down to everyone in our school community, we will focus on the values of SOLIDARITY and INCLUSION this half term. In our broad and inclusive approach, we offer a home for all and we accept all for who they are, and who they are becoming. Togetherness and trust are at the heart of these values.

Staff news

As well as myself stepping into the new role as Principal at Highampton Primary, I also have the new role of Principal at Exbourne C of E Primary School. Working across 2 schools has many benefits although each community is unique. We will be collaborating with the staff at Exbourne regularly to share ideas and benefit from each others' strengths.

We are so lucky to have some subject specialists working with our children this term. Miss Caitlin Scullion will continue to facilitate high quality PE sessions with all pupils on a Tuesday afternoon, followed by an after-school club for KS2 in multi-skills. This week they were practicing their tennis skills and I can tell you they were fantastic! On Fridays, we are welcoming Mrs Helen Jolliffe, our Music specialist across the Primaries. Mrs Jolliffe will

bring her expertise to Highampton and in turn the teachers will pick up new teaching skills in this field.

In addition, on a Friday, Mrs Harriet Davis will be bringing SHOW UP to our school - a Drama company, working to improve self-esteem and wellbeing through creative practice. We will be working towards an outdoor summer production of Hansel and Gretel - more details to follow. Mrs Davis will be working, through drama, on pupil wellbeing, self-esteem and self-confidence as well as building vocabulary and text knowledge. If you would like to know more about Show Up Now - visit [Show Up Now - Curriculum based, weekly drama workshops for primary schools](#)



Pupil news

'Maths has been really fun - we've been trying out new things, like teaching year 3 and 4 how to subtract fractions.' Summer Y6

'I like school because we've got the big field to play on - I play rugby and football. The big willow dome is centuries old! It's amazing how long it has lived. I like to build dens and climb trees.' Ruben Y3

'Miss Floyd is proud of how I have improved and have come back after lockdown.' Naomi Y6

'I've enjoyed Music, the bamboo tamboos and the Great Fire of London topic!' Moss Y1

School/ Community news

We are currently working on a new look website - once it has been launched we will let you know. It is an exciting time to take a fresh look at our online platforms.

Reminders

- Please remember to book your child's school meals on School Gateway in advance. Many thanks.
- School uniform (smart) is essential every day; on PE days for Class 2, please wear a school sweatshirt and trainers with leggings/ shorts/ track bottoms and trainers.
- More details on home learning/ reading expectations will be sent home next week. Please do speak to your child's class teacher if you require anything further.

It only remains to say a huge thank you to our dedicated staff for all their hard work this week and I wish you all a sunny, restful weekend.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. Petersen'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

GALLERY



WATER PLAY IN CLASS 1



WHEELIE WEDNESDAY WITH CLASS 1



CONSTRUCTION PLAY



LEARNING MATHS IN CLASS 2



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WITH MS SCULLION



DRAMA IN CLASS 1 WITH MRS DAVIS

Dates for your Diary

3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday
4 th May	Parents Forum
31 st May - 4 th June	Half Term Break
7 th June	All children return to school
17 th June	Swimming Starts for 6 weeks
20 TH July	Sports Day
23 rd July	Last Day of Term