



Welcome back everyone to a new school year! The staff have been busy the last few weeks preparing the school site and planning engaging learning for the children. I must say, it was a real joy to have the children back after the Summer holiday, and for some, since lockdown began in March. The school looks and feels like a school again. The children have settled into routine very quickly and have enjoyed seeing their classmates again.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the children and families who are new to Highampton Primary. This Newsletter is shared with you fortnightly, however, if there is anything that you would like to discuss with us please catch a member of staff at the gate or ring the office to arrange a meeting.

Keeping Safe

Please may I reassure everyone that the safety and wellbeing of children, staff and families is our highest priority. Thank you for following the drop-off and collection procedures and encouraging the children to engage in the enhanced hygiene measures, such as regular hand washing and sanitising. Staff have been wearing face visors when working more closely with the children; these are the preferred PPE as children are able to see their mouths and facial expressions. If your child is showing any signs of being unwell, please ring and inform us before dropping them off at school. For further details of the measures put in place to keep everyone safe, please refer to the Return to School risk assessment attached to the website in the Latest News section.

PTFA

As a small school, we rely on the goodwill of parents and families to help provide some resources and help with the cost of trips etc. The PTFA do a fantastic job and we are greatly indebted to them. They are always looking for more help even in these Covid-hit times, so if you feel you would like to join the PTFA please contact Davinia Dimmock.

Congratulations to:

Sofia Bergman

Shannon Griffiths

Lauren Cann

Brooklyn Cann

Lilly Carey

Summer Carey

Moss McCarthy

Logan Reynolds

Kit Reynolds

Riley Bowden

Who all celebrated birthdays over the Summer or when the school was closed in Lockdown.



SCHOOL COMMUNICATION - We are here to help.

Please contact the school using admin@highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk (office email address) or telephone 01409 231339.

To book school lunches and pay for items, we use School Gateway. An email was sent out to new parents to introduce you to this online payment system, which you can also use on mobile phones.

Parent's lite is new to the school this year. It is a system that helps parents ensure that the school has the correct contact and other information about your child. You can update anything that you feel is not correct and change consent regarding photograph use etc. An invitation to join the scheme will be sent to new parents shortly. If current parents wish another invitation please let the office know.

Class Dojo - An educational online platform for teachers, pupils and parents to communicate directly. Ideal for helping with home learning during the lockdown.

How we are using Dojo:

Class 1

- Class rewards- Notifications of Dojo points earned
- To add photos to portfolios each day to show examples of what children have been doing
- Parents to record which book was read/shared with their child on the portfolios on Dojo, with a comment.

Class 2

- Class rewards- Notifications of Dojo points earned
- Set and receive home work (weekly spellings, termly project) - Parents to record which book was read and how many pages on the portfolios on Dojo, with a comment. I will also record when I have listened to the children.

Dates for the Diary

Parent Meetings

30th September and 1st October.

What is Smart Start? Children who arrive at school at 8.45am can engage in spellings and other learning as a 'warm-up' to formal learning during the day.

REMEMBER

Please let the school know – or use SIMS PARENT LITE - if you change your mobile number, email address, address etc. Also let us know if your child(ren) develop any medical conditions.

Parent Evenings

Wednesday 30th September & Thursday 1st October

A chance for parents to have a one-to-one meeting with your child's teacher and discuss how they have settled.

We feel that it is very important that all parents attend, so please ensure you sign up to a time on the sheet at the office. There are 15 minute slots from 3.30pm to 5.30pm on each day.