



Happy Christmas and a Good New Year to you all

It has been a busy and productive term and we are all looking forward to a relaxing Christmas. At Highampton School we are already making plans for the Spring term and get fit for 2021. Starting on Tuesday, 5th January we will be welcoming Ms Caitlyn Scallion to the school who will be taking PE lessons every Tuesday for Class 2. This means that the PE day will change from Monday to Tuesday. Children should still come already changed to school as Covid initiatives still apply. Please make sure that all children have appropriate footwear and kit for PE. If it is cold, black leggings may be worn under shorts or black sweatpants over their shorts, but in all cases a school sweatshirt or fleece must be worn. Please see the uniform policy item later in the newsletter. Starting on 6th January, we are introducing an exciting initiative for Class 1; Wheelie Wednesdays. Please see details for this in the newsletter. Have a safe and happy break.

BIKEABILITY - 7th & 8th December

Well done to all our pupils who successfully achieved their bikeability certificates:

Riley Reynolds
Keira Spinney
Riley Bowden
Brooklyn Cann
Evie May Reynolds
Maisy Cleave
Kit Reynolds
Ruben Dimmock
Max Hutton



Birthdays:

The following pupils will be celebrating their birthday in the next couple of weeks.

Congratulations to:

Kiera

Lexi

Albie

We hope you have a lovely day.

Happy Birthday!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

This year has been difficult for everyone so the School has not been enforcing our school uniform policy. However, we are all adapting brilliantly to our 'new normal' so we feel with the New Year, we want to see all our pupils keeping to our uniform and PE kit policy please. Our uniform and PE requirements are clearly detailed on the website under Parents/Uniform Information.

Uniform helps your child to look smart and encourages a sense of identity. Below is a table of uniform items. Uniform is ordered online through Brigade Clothing. Some second-hand uniform is available too.

Boys	Girls
Burgundy jumper with school logo	Burgundy jumper with school logo Burgundy cardigan with school logo
Optional burgundy fleece with logo	Optional burgundy fleece with logo
Grey or black trousers, smart grey or black shorts in warmer weather	Grey skirt , dress, or trousers Red and white check dress in the warmer weather
White polo shirt- school logo ones are available	White polo shirt- school logo ones are available
Sensible dark shoes rather than trainers	Sensible dark shoes rather than trainers
PE Kit : This is a white T-shirt, black shorts and plimsolls or trainers (black or white) to change into which should be labelled and kept in a named bag. Children should have their PE kit in school every day. Team kits are provided for matches as necessary	

Children should not wear nail polish or make -up and jewellery is limited to stud earrings and a watch.

Please provide a PE kit of :

- A white t -shirt
- Black shorts
- Black jogging bottoms for chilly weather
- Trainers (black or white) to change into
- A kit bag to keep it in school for use each day**



Introducing Wheelie Wednesdays for Class 1

Wheelie Wednesdays is a fun initiative to encourage children to become more physically active. On Wednesdays, children will be able to bring in a tricycle, bicycle or scooter (in good condition) with an appropriate helmet. This can be brought to school at drop off and the children will be able to use these during morning break time. This is a fun way for children to improve their balance skills and get fit and will be starting in the New Year.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING

16TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Remember to wear your Christmas Jumper or Santa hat for fun. There will be mince pies, gingerbread men, and a few extras in addition to the main lunch.



17TH DECEMBER: SANTA VISIT: Santa will be driving by with his sack of presents and we're hoping that he is going to stop at Highampton School!

18TH DECEMBER; WE'RE HAVING A PARTY! Children will enjoy festive crafts, quizzes and activities. They can bring in treats to share as long as they are sealed and brought in 72 hours prior.



CLASS 1

We have had a very busy time in Class 1 over the last few weeks. The children have loved dressing up and performing our nativity. It has been a tricky process as we have been unable to sing inside! The children have been amazing, wrapping up in their coats and singing their hearts out outside! We have had several technical issues-namely wind, rain and passing planes, so we have had to film the nativity in chunks and then edit it. We are planning to burn the video on to DVD for the children to take home. They will also design a festive cover!

A massive thank you to Linda and Lauren who brought us a couple of sheep and Lucy who lent us Lenny the very vocal pony! Also big thanks to Emma and family who lent us some hay bales and the sheep hurdles to stop the livestock from escaping! The children



absolutely loved the experience. The Pre-school children came up and sang in our stable- they will also feature in the DVD too.

This week we have also made our own salt dough Christmas decorations! We measured cups of salt, flour and water, made the dough, rolled it out and used cutters to make interesting shapes. We made some clay gingerbread men and reindeer!

Last week we focussed on 2d and 3d shapes in and around our environment.

Could we ask that students don't bring in any toys or items from home please? Covid restrictions are still in place and we have to reduce the risk as much as possible.

A big thank you for your continuing support, have a great Christmas! Mrs Rees

COVID-19 AT CHRISTMAS

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 in the first 6 days of the Christmas Holidays, you must let us know by emailing admin@highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk. We will need to seek advice from Public Health and we may need to ask children within the bubble to isolate, even though it is school holidays.

If you need advice or help urgently over the Christmas period, you can also contact Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust [Complaints Form - Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust \(dartmoormat.org.uk\)](https://www.dartmoormat.org.uk)

CLASS 2: In class 2, we have been focusing on increasing our familiarity with the times-table. The children have focused teaching of times- tables strategies, where they use a range of methods (including manipulatives) to help solve the times-tables facts.

For Christmas, the children have been learning about the meaning of advent. They have started a reverse advent calendar; bringing in food donations that will be taken to a local food bank.

Lots of fun was had recording our parts for the Christmas play, which we are very excited to soon share with you.

Curriculum calendars which detail the learning programme for students to study for the Spring Term will coming out to parents shortly.

Free School Meals Over Christmas:

Devon County Council (DCC) have now put in place arrangements to provide supermarket vouchers to families of children who receive free school meals, to help their families buy groceries over the Christmas holidays.

- From Tuesday 8th December, DCC will be sending a unique code per child to all families that are currently in receipt of Free School Meals. Each code can be used once on a website called 'Hawk Select' to redeem vouchers to the value of £30 per child (£15 per week for the two weeks of school holidays) for Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrison's, Asda, M&S Food and Waitrose.
- The website requires families to provide an email address for the vouchers to be sent to once they have chosen their preferred supermarket.
- When received, they can save the vouchers to their phone or tablet to use online (depending on the supermarket) or show at the checkout in store. Alternatively, they can print the vouchers off to give to the cashier.
- We are conscious that a few parents may not have access to the internet or a mobile device to receive and store the vouchers on, if this is the case, please contact the office, as they will be able to complete the process for you on the Hawk Select website and print off the vouchers.
- Parents will need to provide the office with their unique code in order for us to redeem the voucher on the Hawk Select website on their behalf.
- DCC education helpline is available on 0345 155 1019 for any questions about the distribution of the unique codes. There are also some useful FAQs on the Hawk Select website along with contact details for any technical support about using the codes and vouchers.

There is still time to register for your eligibility for free school meals and receive these vouchers. With financial circumstances continuing to change due to the impact of the second lockdown and tier 2 restrictions, some families may become eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) and entitled to vouchers during holidays or school meals during term time as well as a free set of uniform, free Morning and After School Clubs and free or subsidised trips.

Please check the criteria below and follow the link, all you will need is your date of birth and National Insurance Number.

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCCSCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

If you are successful, please forward any evidence you receive (or do a screenshot of the result) to admin@highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk

If you need help applying, please speak to a member of the admin team who will support you through the process.