



# HIGHAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

9/2020-2021

I hope that you all had a great Christmas and New Year break with your families. The year certainly has started dramatically with a return to a National Lockdown and schools closed to the majority of children. Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time.

For clarity it is useful to note that the Government guidance states:

Parents will not be penalised for their child's absence during this period. Children and young people are eligible to attend school or college if:

- They meet the definition for vulnerable children
- At least one parent or carer is a critical worker, and they can't keep their child at home.

Schools and colleges will not allow other pupils to attend at this time. If your child is not in one of these groups they will receive remote education.

**Critical worker children** Your child's school or college will speak to you to identify whether your child needs to attend. You should keep your child at home if you can. They may ask to see simple evidence to check whether you are a critical worker such as your work ID badge or a pay slip.

For further guidance for parents/carers including eligibility as a vulnerable child or definition of a critical worker, please follow the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Guidance for Covid in general: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-and-support)

Guidance for families and schools [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Education and childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-education-and-childcare)

Vulnerable children and Critical Worker guidance [Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-of-critical-workers-and-vulnerable-children-who-can-access-schools-or-educational-settings)

## Dates for the Diary

### Term 2

Parent/Teacher Meetings : We're asking parents to sign up for meetings this month. 21st January for Class 1 and 28th January for Class 2

PE: We welcome a specialist PE teacher, Ms Scullion who is part of the Dartmoor MAT family this term. Ms Scullion will be coming on Tuesdays, so PE days have to change. Could parents please note the different day and make sure students have the right kit please?

### Term 3



Music: A specialist music teacher (also part of the Dartmoor MAT family) will be visiting the school or providing remote learning.

Swimming: Depending on Covid restrictions, we intend to go swimming on Thursdays for the last 6 weeks of term.

## Devices and Home Learning

Children both within school and accessing learning from home are being taught the same content. If you are experiencing any issues with access to the internet or devices please let us know by emailing the school on [admin@highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@highampton-primary.devon.sch.uk)

## KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January we put three documents on Class Dojo (School Story) that might help children and parents keep safe online

- Remote Learning Tips for Parents
- Remote Learning Tips for Children

And a guide to uploading and using TEAMS. If you have any difficulty accessing these documents, please let us know.

Attached to this email is some general advice for parents from our SEN Co-ordinator Steve Williams.

## CLASS 2

Individual pictures of planets and space have been put together to provide a 'mini universe' in Class 2!

And Ruben reading to his dog.



Class 2 concentrating hard with our new chromebook computer devices. We had a few teething problems, but now its full steam ahead

## Free School Meals

The DMAT has arranged for the food voucher/gift cards to be allocated to all eligible children. For children at school, there are now hot meals provided by Devon Norse available.

## REMEMBER: SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform helps your child to look smart and encourages a sense of identity so please make sure your child(ren) wear the correct clothing. Uniform is ordered online through Brigade Clothing. Some second-hand uniform is available from the school.

## CLASS 1



Welcome back to another very different term! I hope that everyone had a lovely break at Christmas and I am sorry that we find ourselves in this Covid situation again. But we will make the best of the situation! I would like to thank all parents and relatives who are supporting the learning of children in Class 1. It is very strange not seeing you but I can catch up on Dojo and I love seeing your activities and fabulous home learning!

We have a small number of children working in school in Class 1 and we welcome Izabella who has joined us from Northlew during this lockdown she has made a brilliant start with her learning and she is setting a great example for the younger girls with her fabulous listening and concentration!

Lexi and Isla have made a great start to the term, they have been trying very hard with their phonics and writing. Lexi is writing her letters carefully and Isla is saying her words before she writes and then sounds them out as she writes.

Lexi carefully counted the dots on the cars and identified the number in the parking space and matched the dots to the numbers. Isla has used counting bears to help her to add by counting on.

We have been fortunate this week to have Miss Scullion join us to support our PE CPD. The girls had an amazing time, even though it was very wet - they ran round the playground as galloping zebras and golden eagles soaring!

Izabella worked carefully to make a number line to 40!

A big thank you again for all your support, please take care.

Mrs Rees