

W HIGHWEEK h Primary School

Spring Term 2020
Newsletter Number 3
Friday 14th February



February

Monday 24th February

- School re-opens at 8:50am.

Tuesday 25th February

- Pancake day.

Wednesday 26th February

- Class photographs.

Thursday 27th February

- Year 4 Curriculum Celebration.

March

Tuesday 3rd - Wednesday 4th March

- Parent interviews.

Thursday 5th March

- World Book Day.

Monday 9th - Friday 13th March

- Science week.

Friday 13th March

- Red Nose Day.

Monday 16th March

- KS2 afterschool Sats workshops.

Wednesday 18th March

- KS1 Sats workshops at 9am.

Friday 20th March

- Non uniform in exchange for Easter Eggs.

Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th March

- Music Week.

Thursday 26th March

- School closes at 3:30pm for Easter.

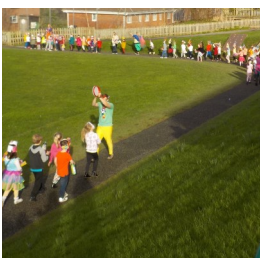


Last Wednesday 5th February, Year 5 & 6 immersed themselves into their topic about the polar regions with a special guest Molly the Polar Explorer.

The children enjoyed creating mini-igloos, conducting an ice insulating experiment, trying on snow-trekking kit and planning their own Arctic or Antarctic expedition with help from the expert.

What a fantastic Brazilian Day we had yesterday.

The KS1 pupils had 2 cooking sessions making Brazilian beijinhos de coco (coconut cakes), Brigadeiros (chocolate cake), and making Brazilian flags by stitching fabric together. After lunch we paraded around the track and parents joined in. We then went into the hall to share our learning and showed off our class dances.



In March we will say goodbye and good luck to one of our valued colleagues **Miss Cindy** who is moving to a role in a school in Torquay. We will miss her creative flare and caring attitude with all the children and thank her for all her hard work over the past 12 years. We wish her every success in her new job.





Year 4 had a fabulous time visiting the RAMM last week as part of their work Roman Britain. It was exciting to see the Roman artefacts that have been discovered in Exeter. "We were able to make so many connections with our learning in class and from our preview work. The topic really came alive for us when we were able to dress up in Roman clothes and handle replica Roman artefacts. It was a very successful day. The museum staff were really impressed with our interest and knowledge, and thanked us for asking great Questions".

The kindness continues in Exe Class! Lily Grylls gave us the most exciting surprise! She had spent her own time over the weekend, baking us the most delicious heart-shaped biscuits. We were so touched by her kindness that we have tried to find interesting ways to thank her, such as leaving her a surprise thank you card in her tray. It then inspired Lily Wayham and Sophie Brice to show their kindness with cupcakes and shortbread! We feel very thankful and lucky to have such thoughtful children in our community. Small random acts of kindness can have such a huge impact.



WORLD BOOK DAY

**Thursday 5th
March**

Our theme this year is
based around the Author
Kate DiCamillo

Each year group will choose a book by
the Author and are invited to come to
school dressed up, face painted or wear
a mask of the animal in the book.



Well done to our Friday Flyers.

Our Friday Flyers promote our work around developing Growth Mindset and a can do attitude.

Our Friday Flyers are announced in our achievement assembly on a Friday morning at 9am.

Theme	Learn from feedback		Find lessons and inspiration in the success of others	
Date	Week commencing 3rd February		Week commencing 10th February	
Ashburn	Roydon Smaridge	Amelia Jewell	Ella-Mai Fay	Oscar Williams
Bovey	Taiylor Peart	Sayed Alqarooni	Esme-Rose Lawson	Isla Edwards
Dart	Libby Michaels	Grace Gaffney	Keira Brown	Oliver De-Ville
Exe	Sophie Brice	Lily Grylls	Lucas Mead	Riley Dale
Mardle	May Williams	Ashton Underwood	Trixie Trays	Joey Evans-Hingston
Plym	Herbie Powlesland	Eleanor Regan	Chelsie Lungu	Iyla Taylor
Tamar	Isabelle Blackford-Ede	Matthew Bullock	Finlay Maynard	Chantelle De Vernon
Tavy	George Macey	Eloise Lidster	Elizabeth Cookson	Bartosz Kiezun
Teign	Jack Aitken	William Walden	Aleece Littlewood	Zalika Dikgole
Torridge	Lucas Nash	Holly Shepherd	Harrison Bailey	Elise Darby

Well done to our Accelerated Readers!!

100,000 words

Danny Stevenson, Grace Gaffney, Ruby Leach, Libby Westlake, Max Walton, Finlay Maynard, Erin Perry, Alisha Hewett, Klaudia Partyka and Eleanor Regan.

250,000 words

Pirez Lawrence, Lily Wayham, Summer Wellington, Mya Woodward and Alfred Powlesland.

500,000 words

Zoe Brazil, Chantelle De Vernon, Libby Manning and Neve Wortley.

750,000 words

Lexie Swift.

1 million words

Alice Edworthy.

Pancake Day

Tuesday 25th February

Dessert of the day will be:

**Pancakes with
Chocolate Sauce**

(For pupils receiving school dinners only)

The photographer will be in school to take class photographs on Wednesday 26th February.



Headlice

If lice or eggs are found in your child's hair please treat with either lotion or shampoo recommended by your local pharmacy in the first instance. Once treated pupils can return to school. They do not need to have a full days absence.

Brushing and combing hair at least twice a day will make it more difficult for lice to become established.



Please could we ask that all pupils refrain from coming into school with dyed/ coloured hair.





Exe class had 100% attendance for the period of 27th - 31st January 2020.

Tamar class had 99.3% attendance for the period of 3rd - 7th February 2020.

A huge well done to you all !!!!

Remember our whole school attendance target for the year.

We are working towards is **96.2%**.

It is essential for children to attend as much school as possible if they are to get the most from their education and achieve their full potential.

Every day counts.....

We expect all children on roll to attend every day, when the school is in session, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. There is a clear link between

achievement and attendance and you can keep up with date with your child's attendance via the School Gateway app. We work closely with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) and review attendance on a monthly basis, any pupils falling below our 96.2% target may receive a letter home highlighting this. We will continue to monitor their attendance and if there is no improvement we will invite parents into school to discuss how we are able to work actively together ensure a regular pattern is maintained. If you have any queries or concerns about your child's attendance please contact school, a copy of our attendance policy can be found on the school website.

Class	W/C 27th Jan	W/C 3rd Feb
Tamar	96.2%	99.3%
Teign	92.7%	94.7%
Torrige	96.7%	95.7%
Ashburn	93.2%	93.6%
Plym	89.2%	92.7%
Dart	92.4%	96.7%
Exe	100%	96.7%
Tavy	95%	95.7%
Mardle	93.3%	95.2%
Bovey	91.9%	96.5%
Meavy	97.3%	97.3%
Mole	94.8%	95.2%
Taw	92%	88.3%

Parent Interviews will be taking place on Tuesday 3rd March (13:30-18:00) & Wednesday 4th March (15:30-18:00).

Time slots are outside classrooms.

Year 5 & 6 and Mrs Benfield's time slots are available in the reception area.



Parent-Teacher Interviews

When we return after the Easter holidays we will be changing our catering providers and will be sending you more details shortly.

If your child has a dietary requirement or allergen could we please ask you to attend parent interviews on Tuesday 3rd March as you will need to complete new paperwork with our catering dietician.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lowe in the school office on 01626 216300.

WHSmith

We are excited to invite all children in KS2 to take part in the WH Smith Writing Challenge. Written entries should be based on either: a letter from space, a poem about a special place or a story about a boy and a dragon. Entries should be given into school before 23rd March. We look forward to reading your entries!

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