



A week to go...

We are really looking forward to welcoming back all the children once again. However good the lockdown learning has been, learning together in the classroom develops so many other skills as well.

We know that for many it has been a positive experience, but for others it has been more difficult. In the weeks before Easter we will be helping the children settle back in, assess their learning and understanding, support them in re-establishing positive relationships and ensuring they feel safe and happy back together.

To achieve this, all children will have sessions with Nic and Susan who are trained to support the children. After individual sessions some may have additional group sessions. Nic and Susan will not be timetabled in the classroom until after Easter to allow for this to happen.

We are going to focus on team building, problem solving, outdoor learning and wellbeing in the afternoons. Hopefully the weather will be kind and we will be able to make the most of the outdoor learning spaces that we have.

At lunchtimes we will go back to using the strengths of the staff we have, so that the children can all have wellbeing clubs supported by trusted adults.

We will move to drama and Macbeth sessions in KS2 at the end of the first week. In the second week we will be holding our second science week. We had planned this before but decided to wait until school opened again. Hopefully we can do many of the activities outside.

Before Easter we will have some language afternoons and our RE theme days. I am really excited to announce we are going to have a Uganda Day, where we will take to the field and perform the World dance Jerusalema Challenge.

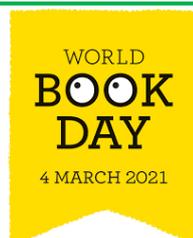
The mornings will continue as normal providing the structure that we know the children need and benefit from. Our focus on handwriting and presentation will continue and we have some great pen licence certificates, badges and pens to be earned. So many children have worked hard on their reading and we will be promoting Accelerated Reader once again. The class text approach has certainly seen some children making great progress and tackling books that they may have not tried before.

Next week we will publish new dates for some of our traditional summer activities and visits so that you can start to fill the diaries that have been empty due to lockdown.

As always, we want to motivate and develop our children so that they become enthusiastic and independent learners.

World Book Day

We will be having a dress up as a book character day on Thursday 4th March. Please don't feel you need to buy an outfit – there are many characters that just wear ordinary clothes. Your child can explain why they chose a particular character, on their class google meet on the day.



Menu Change – Thursday 4th March

Option 1: Steak Pasty

Option 2: Cheese and Onion Pasty

If your child does not eat pasties and has school dinners, they can pre-order a jacket potato the day before.

Back to school letter

I know you will have received this last week but we are resending in case you missed it. The only other thing that I think we missed was that we have one-way systems inside and outside the building.

School Grounds

I was contacted during lockdown because children had been playing together on the school grounds. Unfortunately, the grounds were also misused by some (hopefully not our pupils) at half term. At school when together the handwashing facilities are used, equipment is cleaned and tables are wiped. Children are supervised and Covid procedures are taken seriously and the rules that are in place are followed. During lockdown the children should not be meeting up in groups. We have given permission for families to visit the farm, for a parent to teach a child to ride a bike on the playground etc., however unsupervised children should not be on the grounds. Please explain the rules to your children again and make sure that they are not on the grounds at anytime, unless you are with them for a specific reason. The community police will be making regular visits. Thank you for your help.

Quality Mark

We had a busy afternoon with the virtual accreditation meeting last week. The assessor spoke to staff, governors and children, looked around the school and trawled through lots of evidence and paperwork. We are looking forward to receiving our report, but she was really impressed with what she heard and saw.

Easter Farm Rota

If you're able to come and feed and say hello to the animals on the school farm over the Easter holidays, please book in here:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code?code=223d8>

Music Lessons

Steve will be returning to school for woodwind lessons from Monday 15th March.

Typing Error (sorry)

Apologies to Lola O-R who has donated her birthday money to the 'Tonne of Tins' campaign and not the Hillside School in Uganda.

Information from the Department for Education about children returning to school:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

Accelerated Reader Weekly Round Up

Our whole school wordcount for this academic year to date is: 67,828,627

Whole school total books read to date: 7,345

Good Progress

Year 2 Mawgan T, Simeon R
Year 3 Katie P, Daisy HH
Year 4 Albie C, Rebecca J
Year 5 Ethan B, Florence W
Year 6 Kate B, Theo B

Top 5 wordcounts (last week)

Year 2 Charlie T
Year 3 Ashton B
Year 4 Ruby C
Year 5 Lola OR
Year 6 Lauren G

Class wordcount (year to date)

Year 2 4,315,142
Year 3 5,469,471
Year 4 16,478,976
Year 5 19,307,321
Year 6 22,166,156

¼ Million Emily F, Katie P, Gwen H, JJ H, Ethan B, Samuel M

½ Million Shepherd W, Tilly C, Ryan J, Joshua G, Lauren G

¾ Million Ashton B, Connor P, Molly T, Millie BC, Joseph O, Isaac H

1 Million Ben Co

3 Million Alfie B

100 Million Word Challenge

Every child in school from Year 2 can quiz on Accelerated Reader and help our word count reach the 100 million milestone.

Awards

Reception

Aiden G	Fantastic Phonics
Chloe B	Super progress
Freddie T	Amazing role model
Kezia W	Enthusiastic and confident learner
Leo C	Excellence in writing
Lyra C	Reader of the week

Year 1

Alfie N	Spelling Bee
Elodie C	Writer of the week
Evalyn M	Thinking skills
Evelyn G	Maths superstar
Evie	Independent learning
Georgina	Creativity
Harriet	Geography knowledge
Henry	Writer of the week
Monty	Inventive Maths problem solving
Tommy	Great singing
William	Great vocabulary

Year 2

Danny	Maths Progress
Edmund	Enthusiasm across the Curriculum
Emily	Helpfulness
Felix	Amazing Explanation Skills
Max C	Confidence in his Writing
Norah	Resilient Learning
Seren	Fantastic Learning Links

Year 3

All Yr 3	for coping with Mrs Curtis!
Alice G	Developing her ideas
Bonny B	Motivation
Ethan H	Amazing focus
Evie T	Learning attitude
Freddie M	Enthusiasm
Gracie	Drama enthusiasm
Kensa A	Learning attitude
Leyvyn	Drama enthusiasm
Millie S	Working hard
Nina M	Resilience
Raffy J	Macbeth knowledge

Year 4

Adam C	Effort and perseverance in English and maths this week
Albie C	Super hard work on his David Walliams biography
Dougie B	Super quick mental maths
Esme H	The most beautiful handwriting
Ethan F	Hard work in all areas of the curriculum
Florentia	Fantastic resilience in maths
Jake K	Enthusiastic earthquake simulation
Pippa I	Resilience and hard work in science
Riley B	Amazing maths
Ryan J	Superb effort in French this week

Year 5

Eddie	Enthusiasm for online learning
Effie	Working really hard in maths
Erin	Helping others and progressing in maths when studying fractions
Ewan	Showing a resilience in maths when it seemed challenging
Lacey	Great work during the live sessions
Libby	Super presentation in maths and handwriting
Samuel	Working well in Google Meets
Tom W	Super attitude when studying Shakespeare, especially Macbeth
William B	Showing resilience in maths

Year 6

Axel	Effort and improved independence
Charlie	Macbeth work
Eddie	French and languages - Eddie
Isaac	Courtesy
Joseph	ICT
Lauren	Reading
Melody	Representing the school
Shiloh	Including others
Zak	Handwriting and presentation

Dates for your Diary

Thu 4 Mar	World Book Day
Mon 8 Mar	All Back to School
w/b 8 Mar	PHSME and Wellbeing week
w/b 15 Mar	Science Week
Fri 19 Mar	Red Nose Day
Tue 30 Mar	Uganda Day
2 – 16 Apr	Easter Holidays
17-19 May	Bikeability L2 (Year 6)
31May-4Jun	Half Term
Tue 8 Jun	Yrs 3/4: Tamar Bridge visit
Wed 9 Jun	Yrs 2/5: Tamar Bridge Visit
Thu 17 Jun	Yr 5: Duchy College visit
Wed 23 Jun	Sports Day (afternoon)
Thu 24 Jun	Sports Day Reserve date
Fri 16 Jul	Speech Day
Thu 22 Jul	Yr 6: Leavers Play
Fri 23 Jul	Inset Day
	Summer Holidays