



Hazeldown Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term! It has been great to welcome the children back to school this week keen and enthusiastic to learn and ready to involve themselves in their learning journeys this half-term.

We welcome Miss Tobenhouse to the staff team as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. She will join Mrs Jenks in providing cover for teachers during their Planning, Preparation and Assessment time each week as well as covering Team Leaders whilst they take release time to support their teams. Mrs Martin, who has worked with us for a while in another role, has been successful in her application to the new role of Cover Supervisor. She will provide cover for planned absences, illness and other times when teachers require release from class. Creating this post will enable us to cut down on the amount of supply cover we need to bring in from agencies and support consistency of expectation and learning experiences by covering these times 'in house', with a consistent member of staff.

Unfortunately, Miss McManus continues to be unwell and will be away from work for the remainder of this term at the least. Mrs Miller and Miss Franks continue as teachers for Apple class this half term. They will be writing the children's reports and undertaking Parents' Evenings at the end of term.

School Funding

An additional letter and supporting factsheet are being sent out alongside this newsletter to highlight the issues schools are facing regarding finance. Despite governmental statements reported in the media, the picture regarding school funding is bleak and significant additional costs put upon schools are also having a considerable impact. We have ridden the storm well through previous years but are increasingly finding there are only so many efficiency cuts and reductions that can be made before more substantial changes need to be implemented. We are currently working to set our budget for the coming year(s) and will keep you informed as and when any changes need to be made.

Please take the time to read the funding letter – it is part of a combined approach by headteachers across Devon and other local authorities to raise the issue as widely as possible and ensure that stakeholders are aware of the issues we are facing. It is important to note that comparisons with other areas have had the London Weighting removed yet still provide a shocking picture. The schoolcuts.org website currently lists the projected financial reduction for Hazeldown as £84.2K by the year 2020.

Safeguarding

Just a reminder about the importance of safeguarding children both in and out of school. We have recently focused on the varied ways in which we keep the children safe in school in assembly and they were clear about online safety being important. We would ask you to remain vigilant regarding the access your child has to the internet at home and keep an eye on what they are doing online. One way of thinking of this is in the same way that you wouldn't allow your children to go off in a car with people you don't know, so we need to be careful about whom they are interacting with online. It is important to remember though, that whilst monitoring your children's online actions, maintaining communication and trust are vital – they need to be able to come to you if they are worried about something which has happened online like an unsolicited approach from someone or someone putting them in a vulnerable position. If things go wrong, they need to know they have someone to turn to who will listen and support.



Learning for Living

Questions or Concerns

With Reports coming out later this term, followed by Parents' Evenings, there will be opportunity to catch up on how your child is achieving in school. Please remember that, if you have any questions or concerns, we would rather you raised them with us as soon as possible. Class teachers are the first point of contact, followed by team leaders. Mr Goodenough, Mr Tribble or myself are also available if required.

Curriculum

The teaching team work extremely hard to implement a broad, exciting and engaging curriculum, in a style, which really enthuses the children. Please have a look at the website for more information about the work that is going on in school. The blog is a great way to explore what different classes are up to – let your relatives in far off lands know about it as a tool to see what the children are up to! The curriculum pages also hold information about what is covered and how it is delivered in the form of 'ibooks' so are well worth a look.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Ludford
Headteacher

HAZELDOWN SCHOOL
YOUR DESIGNATED CHILD
PROTECTION OFFICERS ARE:

		
STUART LUDFORD	LEE GOODENOUGH	CHRISTOPHER TRIBBLE
		
MAXINE HART	KIRSTY PRENTICE	

**AS DESIGNATED CHILD PROTECTION
OFFICERS WE HAVE A DUTY TO PASS ON
ANY CONCERNS
THE MULTI AGENCY SAFEGUARDING HUB (MASH)
CAN BE CONTACTED ON
0345 155 1071**


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WANTED

Year 1 and 2 would be grateful for any spare underwear and trousers to keep in the classroom in case they are needed.

Thank you

REMINDER



Please remember that when it is raining, it doesn't mean that children can come in through the front door – they should continue to use the normal doors they use every day.

Thank-you.

Let's Celebrate

- ★ Charlotte Barrett in Oak came second in a front crawl Swimming race at Lady's Mile Holiday Park
- ★ Isla Smith in Palm received two badges for taking part in singing games at Girls Brigade
- ★ Toby Martin in Palm received a Trophy for U7s player of the week with Teignmouth Rugby Club
- ★ Millie Wilton in Maple received a Trophy for great punches with Tiny Kwondos
- ★ Lily Mae Pettifer in Redwood received a Silver Plate for Best Student 2017 with Tae Kwon Do
- ★ Evan Lewis in Apple received a certificate for his White Belt/Orange Stripe with Tae Kwon Do
- ★ Saxon Harnett in Willow won the match ball in his new Rugby Group. Saxon is very proud.
- ★ Toby Hard in Bonsai - His team Saints South West Regional U10s, won 'Devon FA' Futsal competition and will go on to represent Devon at the regional finals in May
- ★ Freya White in Redwood has achieved her Purple Belt in Shotokan Karate and then competed in an International Competition in Essex. Freya also passed her Grade 1 Violin Exam and was awarded a Merit for her great performance
- ★ Cameron Jefferies in Redwood won a Trophy for Man of the Match with Watcombe Wanderers Football Club
- ★ Mina-Rae Pratt in Maple had a hair cut for Charity
- ★ Millie Barber in Maple passed her Stanley 2 Award for Swimming
- ★ Ella Osborne in Holly won 4 medals for Devon County ASA Swimming Under 12s - 3 Golds and 1 Silver. Also £25 for Top Girl
- ★ Freddie Ford in Fir received a Certificate of Participation with the Guard of Honour for Exeter City Football Club
- ★ Joselyn Ford in Cherry received a Certificate of Participation with the Guard of Honour for Exeter City Football Club
- ★ George Borham in Fir received a Certificate of Participation with the Guard of Honour for Exeter City Football Club
- ★ Isobel Borham in Palm received a Certificate of Participation with the Guard of Honour for Exeter City Football Club
- ★ Liam Norrish-Harrison in Redwood received a Trophy for Player of the Week with Teignmouth Rugby Club
- ★ Millie Addicott in Palm completed Stage 3 Swimming
- ★ Zach Bown in Maple received a medal and Certificate for Level 2 Tiny Kwondos
- ★ Honey Boyer in Willow completed Level 8 with Gymnastics
- ★ Esme Jones in Apple received a Certificate and Orange Belt with Yellow strip Level 3 with Tiny Kwondos
- ★ Caleb Cowles in Palm completed Level1 with Tiny Kwondos

★ **Congratulations to our achievers. Don't forget if you have something to celebrate please share it with us. Mrs Drew has taken over keeping our Achievers Board in the corridor up to date and she will take any photos for the board.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

World Book Day	Thursday 1st March 2018
Parents Evening	Tuesday 27th March 2018 3.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Parents Evening	Thursday 29th March 2018 3.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Last Day Spring Term 2018	Thursday 29th March 2018
First Day of Summer Term 2018	Tuesday 17th April 2018
Year 4 Residential to Heatree House	Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th April 2018
Bank Holiday	Monday 7th May 2018
Yr 5 Residential to Colehayes	Monday 21st May 2018 to Wednesday 23rd May 2018
Summer Half Term 2018	One week commencing Monday 28th May 2018
Year 3 Residential to Escot	Tuesday 26th June 2018 to Wednesday 27th June 2018
iCan too!, Princess Theatre Torquay	Friday 13th July 2018
Last Day of Summer Term 2018	Wednesday 25th July 2018
First Day of Autumn Term 2018	Tuesday 4th September 2018
Autumn Half Term 2018	One week commencing Monday 22nd Oct 2018
Last Day of Autumn Term 2018	Friday 21st December 2018
First Day of Spring Term 2019	Tuesday 8th January 2019
Spring Half Term 2019	One week commencing Monday 18th Feb 2019
Last Day of Spring Term 2019	Friday 5th April 2019
First Day of Summer Term 2019	Wednesday 24th April 2019
May Day	Monday 6th May 2019
Summer Half Term 2019	One week commencing 27th May 2019
Last Day of Summer Term 2019	Friday 19th July 2019