



Hazeldown Primary School

Maudlin Drive, Teignmouth TQ14 8SE
Tel 01626 772901
admin@hazeldown.devon.sch.uk
www.hazeldown.co.uk

Thursday 10th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a restful bank holiday break and enjoyed the sunshine! Now it is considerably warmer, we are focusing on ensuring that the children understand how to keep themselves safe in the sun, including drinking plenty of water. Don't forget that children can bring in sun hats and sunglasses and should be wearing sun cream as they do spend periods of time outside during the school day. Please make sure that hats and sunglasses are named – they are so much easier to return when they are mislaid!

School Funding

Unfortunately, school funding continues to shrink in real terms with ever increasing costs eating into our financial capacity. The school is currently in a position where we are now looking to re-structure staffing for September, which will mean a reduction in the number of support staff across the school and will necessitate us working in a slightly different way. The process is in the very early stages at the moment but has been discussed in school. We felt it important to keep you informed at this stage, even though we do not have final details at this point.

Internet Security

We have just changed log in and password details for all of the children who use Scratch, having reviewed our position following an incident where a child chose to log in with another child's details and send an inappropriate message from their account. Please remind your children how important it is to both keep their password information confidential and to act responsibly and with respect when online.

Attendance

We are currently seeing an increase in the number of requests to take holidays during term time, and a large number of children were taken out of school on Friday for a long bank holiday. We would like to remind you that the government are still very clear about the expectation to be in school and holidays are not a reason to take time out. We will consider requests for time out of school during term time and apply discretion to authorise this for exceptional circumstances fairly but the Local Authority will still issue penalty notices and/or take the case to court if required. Don't forget that an attendance figure of 96% may sound reasonable but is actually an absence figure of 4%, which needs to be reduced. This applies to both the whole school attendance figure and your own child's attendance. A lot of our work to maintain high attendance figures is aimed at instilling expectations and habits in the children for when they are at secondary school and in the workplace so the example set during their time in primary school is crucially important in supporting this.

Parent Voice

We have now decided that there is no need to run the Parent Voice group any more. We have put forward a couple of dates this year, with very little interest so, in line with the discussions had at the last couple of meetings, have taken the view that you are doing as we have requested and raising questions or concerns through class teachers, team leaders or other staff members. Please continue to do this and don't fall in to the mould of 'leaving things to see if they'll change' or waiting until there is the next formal opportunity. Staff would much rather hear from you at the earliest opportunity if you have a question.



Learning for Living

Questionnaire Feedback

We are really pleased with the outcome from the parent questionnaires. We had a high response rate – thank you for taking the time with this – and there are some positive outcomes as well as some areas for us to develop. The overview figures are listed below with ‘don’t know’ as a response included positively – particularly where the question is focused on aspects such as bullying this response is usually because the child has no experience of this:

97% of parents would recommend this school to another parent.

% of Parents who Agree or Strongly Agree, Including ‘Don’t Know’ as a positive

90-100% of Parents returned a positive response to the following questions:

My child is happy at this school. (95%)

My child feels safe at this school. (98%)

My child makes good progress at this school. (99%)

My child is well looked after at this school. (96%)

My child is taught well at this school. (99%)

This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved. (94%)

This school deals effectively with bullying. (92.5%)

The school is well led and managed. (95%)

The school responds well to any concerns I raise. (93.5)

I receive valuable information from the school about my child’s progress. (90.5)

80-90% of Parents returned a positive response to the following questions:

My child receives appropriate homework for their age. (81%)

There are often differing opinions from parents around homework – we will be re-visiting this area and looking closely at our practice over the coming weeks.

Parent Governor

Don’t forget, we have a parent governor vacancy for which the letter went out last week. If you are considering this and would like to know more, please get in touch for a chat with one of us or a current governor.

Breakfast and After School Club

Finally, we are looking for some additional staff members to support with either breakfast club or after school club as a small team of ‘bank staff’ to cover absence and busy periods. If you are interested or would like to find out more about this, please get in touch with Mrs Heal who runs the clubs.

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

OD-Safeguarding

REMINDER -

Please **do not let your children**, either school age or younger, **play on the Foundation Stage climbing equipment** before or after school. This is unsupervised at this time and is not for general use.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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

★ Jazmin Kristo-Nagy in Fir class passed Grade 1 Violin with higher distinction and Grade 2 Piano with distinction.

★ Lilla Kristo-Nagy in Cherry class passed Grade 1 Piano with distinction.

★ Zennen Graves in Cherry Class and Toby Martin in Palm class both received medals for taking part in a Rugby festival with Teignmouth Rugby Club.

★ Zennen Graves in Cherry class received two certificates for outstanding football.

★ Grace Dell in Holly class and Charlotte Dell in Fir class took part in a dance show with Pasha Kovalev and Footlights dance academy.

★ Ellie Morris in Cherry class received a certificate for thinking of others and being so considerate in Gymnastics.

★ Saxon Harnett in Willow class won the Captains armband at Rugby tots and also won the top trainer award at Exeter City Community football camp for listening, helping others and football skills.

★ WOW! Congratulations and well done to all 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.

★ Congratulations to Kirsty Prentice for completing the London Marathon for the amazing charity Phab Kids and also Kim Robinson for completing the Brighton Marathon.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Yr 6 SATs week	Monday 14th May 2018 to Friday 18th May 2018
PTA Disco	Friday 18th May 2018
Yr 5 Residential to Colehayes	Monday 21st May 2018 to Wednesday 23rd May 2018
Yr 6 Market—Enterprise Project	Tuesday 22nd May 2018—2.45 pm to 4 pm
Summer Half Term 2018	One week commencing Monday 28th May 2018
Sports Day	Wednesday 6th June 2018
Reserve Sports Day	Thursday 7th June 2018
Year 3 Residential to Escot	Tuesday 26th June 2018 to Wednesday 27th June 2018
PTA Summer Fayre	Friday 29th June 2018 - 3.15 pm - 6.00 p.m.
Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Thursday 12th July 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