



Hazeldown Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Autumn Term is racing by, with a variety of activities taking place. It was great to see everyone at Parents' Evenings – we hope you enjoyed looking through your children's books with them and left with an understanding of how well your child is doing in school, what they need to do next and how you can support them. Thank you to those of you who left comments regarding home-learning activities with our governors on the way out. These are being collated and will be discussed by governors and the leadership team shortly.

We wrapped up last week with our Act of Remembrance for Armistice Day and are grateful to those of you who sent your children in with money for the Poppy Appeal and this week.

This week we are taking part in Anti Bullying Week. The blue Anti Bullying Week wristband your child will have received on Monday may be worn in school as a reminder that bullying will not be tolerated and that we all have a responsibility to ensure that we are behaving appropriately towards others. The Social Bond we have at Hazeldown is crucial to this:

- * Everyone has the right to learn without disruption.
- * Everyone has the right to feel comfortable whilst at school.
- * Everyone has the right to not be hurt whilst at school.

We take care to ensure that this is key to our expectations. Children are very well supported in recognising their emotions and learning how to best articulate them, how to modify their behaviour choices if they are not appropriate and will receive a number of quiet and discrete reminders and opportunities to make changes to their behaviours if required. Ultimately, however, if children are breaking the social bond, they lose the right to be with their peers for a while, whilst being supported in making changes.

Being treated fairly is crucial to the children. We therefore talk to them at length about the importance of using the correct language to describe incidents where they may have been hurt or upset. The correct use of the word 'bullying' is key to this and should not be used to describe a 'one-off' disagreement or a few 'one-off' incidents that have occurred with a few different individuals. Similarly, we often use the example where a child tells an adult "John hit me with his bag" which paints a very different picture to the actual incident: "John put his rucksack on in the cloakroom, turned round and it hit me by accident".



Learning for Living

We also make sure that the children know they should be talking to their 'safe' adults either at school or at home if they are worried or concerned. We clearly state that they can bring a friend to support them with the conversation at school and can find any adult they choose, not just those who directly work with them. They are also reminded that they must tell us if something has happened as we can't deal with it if we are not aware. We also say that they should talk to you at home and you will contact us, if they feel more comfortable with that. We do, however, often find that when children talk to parents about an incident in school, they will tell their parents that they told us about an incident when they actually didn't. (Usually this is because when parents ask them this, they know they should have told us so just say that they did without realising you will be talking to us!)

There is a balance to be found between teaching children to be resilient, how to handle their relationships and how to deal with disagreements and 'falling outs' as they grow up and making sure they are feeling safe and comfortable in school. We are really proud of the strong relationships, the acceptance and respect and the positive behaviour choices our children demonstrate right across the school. There will always be falling out and disagreement between individuals. We teach the children to deal with these appropriately and for themselves where appropriate and act swiftly if there are other issues presenting. Our team of adults always go 'over and above' to support those children who may be having issues in school and we very much value your support with this.

The Christmas Fair is coming up in a few weeks time. The PTA will be seeking additional volunteers to run stalls for a period of time. This is crucial to the success of the fair and the funds raised so please sign up to offer some of your time. You can still enjoy the fair with your children as well by just giving an hour of your time to help on a stall. The Christmas Fair is always successful due to the hard work of the PTA, but does rely on additional help as well so please sign up sooner rather than later.

A huge thank-you to those of you who completed our pre-school/nursery questionnaire so promptly. We will be working from the data provided and talking further with DCC. We will let you know about the next stage of this process as and when we have more information available.

Don't forget, it is Children in Need Day on Friday. The children may come to school in non-uniform, preferably wearing something spotty. They may choose to dress up if they would like, but a Children in Need/spotty theme would be preferred. Please note that this is in return for a donation to Children in Need, which will be collected in the morning.

Yours sincerely,



Stuart Ludford,
Headteacher

Private Fostering

DCC are keen for us to pass on the following message regarding private fostering:

Are you looking after someone else's child? Is your child living with another family? If the answer to either question is yes, and the arrangement is for 28 days or more, this is known as Private Fostering. If a child or young person under 16 years old (or 18 if they have a disability) is looked after by someone who is not a close relative, then by law Devon County Council need to be informed. When notified, we will work with the child, parents and private foster carers to ensure the best possible arrangements are in place for the child.

To tell us about a private fostering arrangement or if you are unsure if your situation is private fostering, please contact 0345 155 1071 or email: privatefostering@devon.gov.uk.

JOB VACANCIES

Administrator

Term Time Only—35 Hours per week 8.30am—4.30pm. Grade C £8.90—£9.68 per hour

The governors of Hazeldown School are looking to appoint an Office Administrator to work within our busy admin team.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, organised and self-motivated individual to provide administrative support to the school. You will need to be organised, able to manage your own workload, be a team player and have good personable skills. You must have the ability to multi-task and be able to work in a fast paced and varied office environment.

A good standard of education, to include GCSE English and Maths Grade A – C, or equivalent qualification is essential and a knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel and experience in using a database are desirable.

This is an important post within a key team in the school, supporting Hazeldown in achieving excellent outcomes for children. You will need to be personable, an excellent communicator and able to present a positive first point of contact for the school both in person, on the telephone and by email.

Hazeldown School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure via the Disclosure Barring Service (DBS).

For further information please see Devon Jobs <https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/admin-secretarial-office-support-school-posts-administrator-hazeldown-school/61928.job> or contact Maxine Hart on 01626 772901

Caretaker

“Exciting opportunity with Complete Cleaning Services Limited for a caretaker to be based at Hazeldown school. The post will be 37 hours per week working to a split shift pattern. The successful applicant will need to hold a full clean driving licence, have building maintenance skills, will need to be proactive, flexible and enthusiastic in approach to the role.

The post is set at £8.83 per hour. There will be a 6 month probation period that will need to be worked.

For an application form or for any further information please contact stuart.left@tda.uk.net

Tel: 01803 208979



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...in the right direction

Devon County Council

Smart Watches



If your child has a smart watch, which will also take photographs and video, we would ask that you do not let them wear it for school for the same reasons as we have our mobile phone policy in place.

Thank-you.

Let's Celebrate

- ★ Summer Reading Challenge—Teignmouth Library would like to thank all the children that took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. Overall 300 children signed up to Teignmouth Library and over 200 completed the Challenge. Well done to all those children at Hazeldown who took part including Jude Baxter in Oak, Neve Baxter in Willow, Caitlin Roach in Maple and Harrison Dyke in Apple, Brooke Hunter in Cherry
- ★ Katie Lord in Willow completed Stage 4 Swimming Award
- ★ April Osborne in Willow completed Stage 3 Swimming Award
- ★ Lily-Mae Smith Wright in Willow received a Trophy for Dancing with Footlights Dance Academy
- ★ Caitlin Roach in Maple received a Certificate for great skills with Saints South West Football Club and also completed Stage 3 Swimming Award
- ★ Mason Moses in Apple completed 5 metre Swimming Award
- ★ Barney Prentice in Palm received a Trophy for Player of the Match with Teignmouth Rugby Club under 7s
- ★ Olly Tribble in Cherry received a Medal for taking part in a Race for Life and a Medal for Football with great skills
- ★ Freya White in Bonsai received a Medal for taking part in a Karate Competition
- ★ Zerren Oddie in Palm received a Certificate for Level 7 Gymnastics
- ★ George Borham in Monkey Puzzle received a Trophy for Man of the Match with Broadmeadow U11s Football Club
- ★ Isabell Horne in Palm received a Certificate for Achievement with Piano Young Beginner Prime A
- ★ Imani Jefferies in Oak received a Medal for taking part in Holy Grit Obstacle Course
- ★ Lexie Mills in Monkey Puzzle received a Certificate for passing Level 1 Modern Theatre Dance ISTD exam
- ★ Lexie also received a Gold Medal for overall display and 3 Bronze Medals for Beam work in Gymnastics
- ★ Oscar Walker in Maple received a Medal for playing Football with Saints South West
- ★ Lewis Holmes in Fir was awarded a Certificate for first game of Contact Rugby against Paignton and scoring 4 tries and Captain of 2 games
- ★ Max Brooks in Maple completed Stage 3 Swimming Award
- ★ Woody Hunter in Monkey Puzzle received a Certificate for being an Outdoor 'n' Explore Nature Explorer
- ★ Woody also receive a Certificate for learning how to pond dip and found lots of amazing life in the pond with Ranger Robin
- ★ Charlie Putt in Ebony received a Medal for Playing in the Boys 10 and under Singles with Dawlish Lawn Tennis Club
- ★ Jake Wellington in Ebony completed a Drum pattern by Usher and received a Certificate from Drumstation Jake also won Man of the Match playing against Withercombe for Teignmouth Rugby Club
- ★ Katie Freer in Ebony received a Trophy for Player of the Match with Dawlish United Football Club
- ★ Poppy Bibb in Maple achieved her 5 metre and 10 metre Swimming Awards
- ★ Max Kuran in Maple received two Trophies for Top Trainer with Exeter City Football Club
- ★ Jude Hemmens in Apple received a Medal for outstanding football with Saints South West Football Club and a Certificate for Live Life Adventurously with Go Ape in Exeter
- ★ Isobel Borham in Oak received a Certificate of Achievement for being a Nature Explorer with Outdoor 'n' Explore while on holiday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Hazeldown Christmas Fayre	Saturday 1st December 2018
Foundation Stage Dress Rehearsal	Monday 3rd December 2018
Foundation Stage Christmas Performance 9.30 a.m.	Tuesday 4th December 2018
Foundation Stage, Years 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 5th December 2018
Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Dinner	Thursday 6th December 2018
Foundation Stage Christmas Performance 2.00	Friday 7th December 2018
KS1 Dress Rehearsal	Tuesday 11th December 2018
KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30 a.m.	Thursday 13th December 2018
KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30 a.m. and 1.45	Friday 14th December 2018
KS2 Rehearsals in St Michael's Church	Wednesday 19th December 2018
KS2 Carol Service—St Michael's Church 1.30 p.m. & 7.00 p.m.	Thursday 20th December 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