



April Newsletter 2016

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have had a lovely Easter break with your children. The forecast was pretty awful however we did have a few sunny days so I hope that you were able to get out in the fresh air and have some fun! Please take time to read this newsletter as it includes some important information.

As ever if you have any concerns about your child or their learning please do arrange to meet with the teacher and if you would like to meet with me please do pop in to the office to make an appointment.

Mrs L. Scott

Parent Questionnaire

We are always trying to improve the way we do things at High Street. Our main concern is teaching your children to the very best of our ability. We would like you to complete the questionnaire so that we can see what we are doing well and what we need to do better. Please return the questionnaire to the office or your child's teacher by Monday the 18th of April. Thank you.

Tigers Party

The Tigers won last term's house point competition so the party will be on the afternoon of Friday the 29th of April. Please can your child come dressed in Mufti on that day.

Uniform and PE Kits

Could I ask you to support the Governors wishes that our children at High Street wear school uniform. Towards the end of last term some children were arriving at school wearing items that are not school uniform. There were too many trainers and glittery shoes and boots being worn, when buying school shoes please make sure that they are either black, brown or navy.

School uniform encourages children to be part of our school and by wearing school uniform they can be encouraged to take pride in their appearance. I am sure that you would want us to develop a sense of pride in your children and making sure the children look smart is one way we can do this.

School uniform is available in the Office – it is reasonably priced and of very good quality. If your child's belongings are named by you we can return items of lost clothing very quickly.

Website

Have you looked at the website lately? Did you know that it is new and updated? Have you visited your child's class page to see photos and videos of what they have been learning about? You can find out everything about our school on the site; from our Governors to how we teach English and Maths, to how we spend the Sports Funding and Pupil Premium Grants from the Government.

We also add helpful reminders to the front page so you can see at a glance things that are happening at school.

We will be using the website more and more to give you information so please do check it regularly so you are up to date with school life. The address is:
<http://www.highstreet.plymouth.sch.uk/website>

Fire Drills and Safety

Last term we had two very successful fire drills, one planned and one not planned. The children and the staff left the building in very good time so we are really happy with our procedures should we need to leave the buildings in an emergency. We have made an improvement to the fire escape by having extra railings fitted to the steps at the back of the school. This was done because it is a high exit point and we felt that by having the extra fittings the children would feel safer leaving from the Year 6 classroom and so they would be able to move quickly but safely down the stairs.

Polling Day and EU Referendum Days

The school will be used during these days so the school will be shut on those days. We will post a reminder about this on the school website.

Polling Day: **Thursday 5th of May**

EU Referendum Day: **Thursday 23rd of June**

The Governing Board

The school Governors do a fantastic job for the school and are always looking for ways to improve the school. This term the Governors have asked the children to tell them what things that they like and don't like about school and the things they would like to be improved. The student council reps for each class will then feedback to the Governing Board their findings.

I would also like to welcome officially Leah Nail to the post of Parent Governor and Bronwen Lacey as a Co-opted Governor. If you would like more information about the work of the Governing Board please do visit the Governors page on the school website.

Holidays in term time

Can I please remind you that I am unable to authorise holidays in term time due to the Plymouth Local Authority ruling on this. However to help those of you who wish to take advantage of cheaper holidays outside of term time I have blocked out two Non-Pupil Days at the end of this term so the last day of term is **Wednesday 25th May**. The children are back to school on **Monday the 6th of June**



Sports Relief Day

Thank you to all of you that supported our Sports Relief Day last term. The children really enjoyed the day and we raised a fantastic £112.64 which will go a long way to helping children around the world so thank you!

The Queen's Birthday Celebrations at High Street Primary School

On Friday the 10th of June we will be celebrating the Queens 90th Birthday. We are currently making plans to make the day really special and we will give you more news of this when we have more details.



Year 5 Camping Trip

Year 5 parents/carers would have had letters regarding the camping trip on 11th- 13th July. There is a meeting being held at school on Friday 22nd April at 3pm to provide you with further information regarding the trip.