



The High Street News 11/09/15

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to High Street Primary School! The children have all settled very well and I am delighted to say that we have had a very positive first week back. Please read this newsletter carefully as it contains important information for you about the next few weeks. Important date for next week is **Wednesday 16th as it is our Meet the Teacher afternoon from 3.30pm to 6pm** when you will have the opportunity to come into class and informally meet your child's teacher and see their learning so far. There will be another Parents evening before Christmas. As ever if you would like to speak to myself or the teachers please make an appointment at the office.

Mrs L. Scott

FREE UNIFORM

The governors of High Street agreed that it would be a very good idea to provide each child with two items of school uniform – either cardigans or sweatshirts- absolutely free to every child in the school. The response has been very good with only a few unclaimed cardigans or sweatshirts left. Please do come into the Office to collect your free items and sign our Home School Agreement. I am delighted with how the children look in their new uniform and the feedback from parents so far has been very positive. We are hoping that now everyone has the correct uniform there will be no reason for items to go missing. Also items are labelled so we will be able to return lost clothing immediately. It is important for the children to learn to take pride in their appearance and wearing the school uniform is one way of teaching them to do this. Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform and they are wearing appropriate footwear to school. It is also really helpful if your child's clothes are labelled with their name to avoid items of uniform being lost or being taken home but another child by mistake.

Great News! We are a Foundation School

I am really pleased that the Governors decided that High Street Primary School should become a Foundation School. This also means that we are now officially members of the South West Plymouth Education Trust (SWPET) along with College Road, Drake, Marlborough, Pilgrim, Mount Wise and Morice Town Primary schools. This means we are a Co-operative Trust school working within the Co-operative Trust values. We look forward to working with the pupils and staff of these schools to benefit our children here at High Street. I will be asking you all to sign another piece of paper to register all parents and pupils as part of the Co-operative Trust soon so please help me by returning the form as soon as possible. Thank you!

Breakfast Club and After school clubs

Breakfast Club starts at 8:00am at the cost of 50p. Everyone is welcome if you would like your child to attend, please just come along – everyone is welcome to take advantage of this great way to start your child's day with a healthy breakfast. After school club will start on Monday. Please see the reverse of this letter for details.

Teachers and Classes

I would like to welcome our new teachers, Miss Bishop and Miss Goddard to our team. Also new to the school this term is Mrs Keeler our new Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator. New in years one and five are Miss Miskin and Mrs Couling our new teaching assistants. I know they have had a really good first week in school.

Welcome also goes to our new school Cook, Mrs. Boyne who is committed to making sure your children have a delicious meal at lunchtime.

A warm welcome to all the new children starting classes from other schools, we are delighted you are with us and look forward to seeing you settle in and start your learning the 'High Street' way.

Finally, we would all like to say 'welcome and good luck' to our brand new Reception children who will be starting school this week. We hope they are all excited and happy to be starting as Primary school children.

Good News! - Universal Free School Meals continue

All of Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a Free School Meal (FSM) this includes **ALL** children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please make sure you have completed a Universal Free School Meals Application Form to confirm that your child's entitlement.

Attendance, Time keeping and the new start to the day

It is your legal responsibility to make sure your child is in school **EVERY** day and is **ALWAYS** on time for the beginning of the school day. To help make the day start well all pupils will be welcome in class from **8.45am**. Children will not line up in the playground. Once you have delivered your child to school please do not wait on the car park.

We all want the best for the children at High Street and being in school, ready to learn at the right time and in the right place is the best way to make sure your child is able to cope more easily with school routines and their learning. Too much time missed at the beginning of the school day stops others learning and means your child is missing out on a happy hassle-free start to the day.

If your child is unwell please inform us by 10.00am on the first day of absence – our telephone number 225649. It is our policy to follow up any unexplained absences immediately. We monitor attendance closely and where necessary work with parents to support them in improving their child's attendance at school.

All unexplained or unauthorised absences (including holidays) count towards the process that may lead to a fine issued by the Education Welfare Officer and just as before, I am not able to authorise any absence at all within term time. This includes holidays, doctors' appointments and dentist check-ups, trips into the City centre or beyond or looking after brothers and sisters. Please help us by sticking to the attendance rules given to us by the Local Authority. As ever, we will fully investigate any absence and if necessary we will contact the Education Welfare Officer to investigate families who do not stick to the rules.

Class Teachers for this Year

Nursery	Mrs Easterbrook
Foundation	Miss Boraston
Year 1	Mr Goodwin
Year 2	Ms Dunstan
Year 3	Miss Bishop
Year 4	Mr Mann
Year 5	Miss Goddard
Year 6	Mr Pengelly

Term Dates

Meet the Teacher for Parents Wednesday 16th September
3.30pm – 6pm

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 18th September

Harvest Festival 1st October

Half Term Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Anti-Bullying Week 2nd – 6th November