



Honiton Primary School
28th April 2017

Notes from the Head

We have had a superb start to the summer term. Since coming back to school we have had a number of visitors, many of whom have been fortunate enough to be shown around the school by our rights respecting ambassadors. These children are also the ones that you will see first thing in the morning, welcoming you to school. All the visitors commented on the mature and informative school tour they received. They were impressed by the ambassadors' confidence, knowledge and manners when conducting their tour. They also commented on the good manners and excellent behaviour across the school. Well done HPS ambassadors and all the HPS pupils.

This week in assembly I introduced the new theme for this term - tolerance. The children showed real insight into the meaning of tolerance and the different ways in which people can show tolerance through their behaviour. They included references to examples where they have witnessed intolerance and talked about how they can show tolerance at school, home and in their community. Please talk to your child about this important topic.

Rights Respecting

This term's whole school rights respecting theme is '**Tolerance**'. What does it mean to be a tolerant person? How can you show tolerance in your everyday life? And why is it important to understand and respect different individuals and groups? These are just some of the ideas we shall be exploring as a school over the coming weeks. We hope you could talk about it at home also.

UNICEF Day for Change is coming!...this year's theme is '**Nutrition**'. Keep an eye out over the next few weeks for more information regarding this annual event at HPS.

Competition Time

Art work needed to brighten the walls of Mrs Brown's and Miss Rousseau/Mrs Nicholas' offices.

We are running a competition for **ALL** children from Foundation – Year 6.

We would like you to produce a piece of art work around the theme of **SUMMER**.

Your piece of art must be on a piece of **A4** paper and must have your name and class clearly written on the back.

All entries must be given to your class teacher by **Friday 12th May**.

The winning entries will be announced on **Monday 15th May**.

We look forward to seeing your entries and having our offices brightened by your masterpieces.

Happy creating,

Mrs Brown, Miss Rousseau and Mrs Nicholas.

PTFA News

Thank you to everyone who attended the Bingo, and for all the lovely donations, we raised £446 which goes towards PTFA funds.

Sports News

What a busy start to a jam-packed term of sport!

Y4 Mini Tennis Festival:

Wednesday 26th April 2017

Just like the real game of Tennis, where long rallies and different types of shots can be played to score points against your opponents, Mini Tennis provides the opportunity to play competitively. This was the first time for this event to be added to the cluster calendar, yet Joseph N, Mickey, Hannah & Leah proved that they could embrace the challenge of something new and ended their competition in 6th place. Well done J Throughout the afternoon, everyone's Tennis skills improved; and for Alfie S, Thomas C, Erin E & Hollie C they made the most of the extra coaching given and proudly finished in 4th place, just missing out on the medals! Great teamwork everyone ☺

Y6 Tag Rugby EAST DEVON FINALS – Kings School Playing Fields

Wednesday 26th April

This was it! The day when all the extra training and practice was hopefully going to pay off.

Tom B, Ethan, Josh M, Tom E, Thomas N, Josh W, Catie, Amber S and Alexis were full of energy and adrenaline as the journey across to Kings was made; and strategies and tactics were discussed in detail (interspersed with car karaoke, of course!)

Once warmed up, the pool games began. A 2-2 draw against Uffculme, and two wins, 6-2 (All Saints) and 7-5 (Bassett's Farm), saw the team top their group; taking them in to the second phase quarter-final match, where they faced Otterton. A 7-5 win meant that the squad had reached the semi-finals! We awaited the result of match 3 from the quarter finals in eager anticipation ... to find that the semi-final was going to be a local derby against Upottery! Nevertheless, the team went out determined and played some amazing tag rugby. Gaps were found for the try line – four times! However, Upottery crossed their try line five times! Good luck to them at the Devon School Games in June.

However, our team had to raise their heads for one last game; the 3rd and 4th playoff against Brixington – who had just a little more energy and won the game 3-1. The team had to settle for a very commendable 4th place.

I cannot praise each and every player enough – they proved that they are full of talent, they demonstrated terrific teamwork, they supported one another admirably and they held themselves together with grace and dignity at times when they faced some very tough decisions. I couldn't be more proud – and you should be of yourselves too! ☺

And I am delighted to say that these behaviours did not go unnoticed. The Spirit of the Games award, for respect & teamwork was presented to Josh W at the end of the afternoon – a truly well deserved award. Fantastic Josh, well done ☺

Finally, a HUGE 'thank you' must go to all of the wonderful parents who drove, supported and patiently waited for our return. Thank you also for helping me to keep my murmurings to a minimum too ;-)

If you would like to see some amazing action shots from these highly contested games, head to our Facebook page where Ben Lee has added a link, where all photos are free to download. They really are worth a look! Thank you Ben ☺

Y6 Rounders Cluster Tournament – 1 of 2

Thursday 27th April

Despite being the summer term, the weather was a bit chilly and breezy for the first meeting of the local schools for their annual Rounders Tournament.

Luca, Fin F, Jacob, Max, Amber W, Millie, Josh G, Aleck, Joseph, Tom B, Violet and Courtney had been practising hard for these games and were able to now put their training in to practice.

Some big hitting saw points going on the board in their first game against Littleton, which they won; 4 ½ - 3.

We know from the match against Upottery that any high balls are going to be caught; as unfortunately this happened too many times for our liking! And we will continue to practise the quick decision making process that needs to occur when fielding in order to try to run out our opponents at the stumps.

So, with that in mind, let's build on the afternoon, train hard and go again in 3 weeks' time – you can do this! ☺

Diary Dates

Please remember that you can see our term dates on our school website:

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Mon 1 May		Bank Holiday
Mon 8 May		KS2 SATS Week
Wed 16 May		UNICEF Day for Change
19-22 May		Year 6 Residential to Barton Hall
Fri 26 May	9:15am	Yrs 1, 2 & 3 Hidden Talent Awards
Fri 26 May	9:45am	Yrs 4, 5 & 6 Hidden Talent Awards
Fri 26 May	3:15pm	School closes for Half Term
Mon 5 June	8:50am	School reopens
Fri 16 June		Non Uniform Day for Summer Fair
Fri 23 June		PTFA Summer Fair
Fri 30 June	10:00am	Yrs 1 & 2 Sports Morning followed by picnic lunch
Fri 30 June	1:15pm	FU Sports Afternoon
Thurs 6 July		Reports to Parents
Fri 7 July		Reserve date for Yrs 1&2 Sports Morning/FU Afternoon
Mon 10 July	10:00am	Yrs 3 & 4 Sports Morning
Mon 10 July	1:15pm	Yrs 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon
Thurs 13 July	3:30-4:30pm	Meet the Teacher Meeting
Mon 17 July		Reserve date for Yrs 3-6 Sports Morning/Afternoon

The children's week

Foundation:

After last weekend's F1 admission morning, we now only have limited spaces left for 3 year olds in September 2017. If you know of friends and family who might like a place then please let them know before it's too late! Forms can be completed at the school office.

Yr 1:

We had a fantastic few days last week planning our Paradise Garden, we used different skills to print and line draw our own garden. We've also been digging up our new vegetable plot ready to plant our vegetables when they have germinated in the classroom.

A new super hero is in town, yes Michael Recycle has landed in Year 1 to help us with our recycling, writing and DT skills. We've been amazed by his super powers and plan to make and write about our own eco warrior soon. So remember, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

In Maths we are continuing to work on our number bonds to 10 and how we can apply these skills to larger numbers. For example if $6+4=10$ then $16+4=20$ etc.

In Science we have been looking for signs of Spring, please do talk to your child about the changing seasons and the weather changes.

Hopefully, you will all have received our emailed trip letter. We hope your child can attend. It is going to be great fun and very informative to our history work after the half term break.

Please continue to use Sumdog (password in yellow home reading books), we've seen some fantastic results.

Yr 2:

Year 2 have been enjoying the book entitled 'The paradise Garden' where we learned about a young boy who escaped his troubles and found comfort and happiness in a peaceful landscape. Inspired by his experiences we have been busy planning and preparing our own piece of land in our shared HPS garden. We have designed our plot and found out all about what we can grow there, and how to care for it when those first green shoots appear. In other news, Harmony Heritage appears to have arrived in Australia and wasted no time in asking us to find out all about the Great Barrier Reef! We will keep you posted on the information texts we hope to produce on the many and varied species found there. In maths we are becoming obsessed with fractions! We already know about the vinculum, the numerator and the denominator. I wonder if you'd rather have $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{2}{4}$ of a chocolate cake? And could you explain your answer? We can!

Year 2 are also becoming experts at spelling and thank you to all parents who are helping them to become even better!

Yr 3:

Last week we used our imaginations when creating our own paradise gardens. We are all very excited to be nurturing our very own class gardens and look forward to seeing how it will develop. In Maths the majority of Year 3 are beginning to learn and investigate using fractions. Our timestables are SO important to help with this learning so please keep practising at home! We haven't got too much longer to be masters of the 3's, 4's and 8's!

In Storytelling we are going on a Paddington adventure, we've explored what he's like as a character and have used our story mountain for Paddington Does a Spot of Decorating. We can't wait to start writing our own adventures!

Yr 4:

Welcome back! We hope you had a great Easter Break. Some lucky Year 4 children began this term with their second trip to the Thelma Hulbert Gallery where they dug up the photographic slides they had previously buried, created notebooks using their cyanotype paper and also made some badges! In our first week, we enjoyed reading *The Paradise Garden* - we discussed times when we feel unhappy and have come up with some efficient strategies to help us manage our feelings. In maths, we have been using money and we would love to help you work out your shopping bill total and how much change you will get! Ask us for some help!

Yr 5:

Wow! It has been an extremely busy time back at school since our Easter break. We spent last week exploring *The Paradise Garden* book by Colin Thompson and used this as inspiration to create some beautifully written descriptive paragraphs about our own place of tranquillity and paradise. Come and see our writing up on display in our corridor. We had so much fun using our maths skills to create gardens of a set area on Minecraft on the iPads. We had 60m to work with and had to keep track of how expensive our gardens were by costing out walls, fences, flowers, water features and trees. The end results were pretty impressive too! Our other time was spent digging out our new plots which will be filled with vegetables, herbs and flowers. We were blessed with the weather and all got stuck in to breaking up soil, digging in compost and finding worms! During this book week we spent lots of time being mindful; colouring, meditating and experimenting with lines and patterns in our art work.

Yr 6:

It's been a very busy first two weeks back for our wonderful year 6 children.

We have started a new storytelling sequence based on *My Secret War Diary*. The book is a diary from the point of view of a girl named Flossie. In her diary she talks about all the main events in the Second World War and how she feels as it's going on. The children have been engaging really well with the text, a great start to the term!

We have also been working very hard on SATs revision and practice papers. As a team, we are all very proud of how well the children have come back to school determined to do the very best they can. Thank you for all your support at home, it's incredibly valuable.

You should have received information about the Barton Hall kit list. Check your child's bag if you haven't yet seen it. Year 6 children going to HCC in September will also have received a letter outlining transition days, please let us know if you have not been given one of these.