



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Learner of the Week

FSN Nicola Toy
FSBB Cameron Stevens
1S whole class
1P Nathan Gale
2G Mia Beverton
2D Billy Morgan
3E J Beales & L Adams
3P Lelan Pike
4J Kezia Mullins
4S Edi Peard
5P Keira Barnes
5B Josie Long
6P Danny Tonkin
6H Thomas Skinner

Multiplication Tests

3E 65%
3P 91%
4J 35%
4S 25%
5P 56%
5B 48%
6H 72%

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSN Imogen Smith
FSBB Tiana Mortimer
1S Kajus Verpetinskas
1P Eli Preston
2G Lottie Wilkins
2D Marty Colman
3E Naomi Evans
3P Kieran Webber
4J Phoebe Green
4S Ruby Skinner
5P Cameron-James Smith
5B Briana Wallace
6P Lexie Isaac
6H Jodie Vincent

Best Attendance

1S - 99.7%

Monday 12 December 2016

Friends of HPS

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Christmas Street Market - Thanks once again to all who helped out at the recent Christmas Fair and to everyone who came. We raised a little over £1100.

News

Christmas Jumpers - on Friday 16 December we are supporting the 'Save the Children' charity by paying 50p/£1 to wear a Christmas jumper. Children will still need to wear the rest of their school uniform.

School Dinners - Nina, our school cook, did an amazing job and cooked Christmas dinner for over 320 children last week! Can we please remind parents that unless your child receives free school meals, dinners cost £2.20 each day and should be paid for in advance. We are currently owed £219.80 by parents.

N-CAT Questionnaires - last week we sent out surveys to children in Years 3-6 from the University of Reading regarding child anxiety. Please could we ask parents to read through the colour leaflet and fill in the forms. The university are keen for as many families as possible to take part in this research and are looking for children who are confident as well those who might be anxious. For each questionnaire returned the school will receive £1.

Forms should be returned to the office by Friday 16 December please.

Charity Head Shave - As you know, Lou Dedames recently shaved her hair off for Macmillan cancer. She has raised a little over £1500!

Charity Christmas Cards - a reminder that we have some packs of cards for sale at the office, designed by children from Heathcoat Primary and sold for the local housing charity, CHAT. Packs of 10 cards cost £2.50.

Carol Singers - Our Heathcoat singers were out and about in town last week, entertaining the public of all ages with their super Christmas singing! The KS2 members of the singing club went to Greenway Gardens Care Home on Wednesday morning and sang to a packed room of pensioners. It was Year 5's turn the following day, when they entertained shoppers in Tesco's foyer with a selection of Christmas songs and carols. Mrs Evans and Mrs Addy were very proud of all the children who were involved in these events and are looking forward to taking Year 6 carol singing next Thursday afternoon at 2pm in Morrisons.



This newsletter will be available on the school website under the 'News' section

Diary Dates

Foundation Nativity -
13 December 9.30am
& 2pm

Carol Service - 14 December
1.45pm

Term Dates

Last Day of Term
Friday 16 December

First Day of Spring
Term
Tues 3 January 2017

Spring Half Term
Monday 13 February -
Friday 17 February

Last Day of Term
Friday 31 March

Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 18 April

First Day of Summer
Term
Wednesday 19 April

May Bank Holiday
Monday 1 May

Summer Half Term
Monday 29 May -
Friday 2 June

Last Day of Summer
Term
Friday 21 July



Message from Mrs Keller

Well it is hard to believe that it is the end of term already and that Christmas is less than two weeks away. This term has been a great one but also rather a challenging one. The ongoing work on the roof has been a major inconvenience and I would like to say a huge thank you to the children for being so grown up and sensible during all of this. There have been times when rain water has literally been pouring through the ceiling, but the children have remained calm and worked around it which is quite an achievement. We have all been learning how to manage our distractions!

The New Year will hopefully bring with it a more settled environment for the children to work in, but there will be some other exciting things taking place. As you are aware, after some really positive feedback from the school community, the Governors have decided to go ahead and federate with Rackenford Primary School and with Tiverton High. As a result, there will be a few changes happening immediately and then, as time goes on, further links between the schools will grow.

The most obvious change will be that Miss Higginson will become the Head of School at HPS. In practical terms this means that she will be the day-to-day leader of the school and will be the person to go to if there are concerns about your child that can't be dealt with by their teacher or Team Leader. I will still be in school very regularly but as Head of the Primaries I will be sharing my time between the two sites. I am really keen to remain as involved as possible in the school community, but because I won't be at HPS everyday it makes more sense that issues be dealt with by Miss Higginson with my support.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you for the ongoing support that you give us at HPS. Our relationship with the wider school community is really important to us and we wish you all a very happy Christmas and a fantastic New Year.

SATs Question - Find the correct determiner for each sentence. Use each determiner only once. (1 mark)

Determiner: a the an

At the zoo we saw ___ owl.

There was also ___ cute baby penguin.

I thought it was ___ best day ever.

Answer to last week's question -

$63 - 10 - 10 = 43$

Wow Slips -

Summer Brooks - was a resilient rhino and tried really hard with her homework and writing. Even when she got really frustrated, she didn't give up.

Cameron-James Smith - was a resilient rhino. He put fantastic effort into the carol singing at Tesco, even though he was nervous and out of his comfort zone. We are really proud of you, well done.