



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Learner of the Week

FSN Angel Mellor
FSBB Lily Veen
1S whole class
1P Henri Bulley
2G Cameron Ross
2D Niara Tout & Hannah Patch
3E Thomas Davey
3P Chloe How
4J Reuben Jackson
4S Tilly Matthews
5P Levi Green
5B Zara Land
6P Jodie Dilks
6H Keira Bawden

Multiplication Tests

3E	45%
3P	52%
4J	50%
4S	40%
5B	62%
6P	64%
6H	64%

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSN Imogen Smith
FSBB Alice Longbottom
1S Ruby George
1P Alfie Charles
2G Gwenny Clow
2D Anna Simpson
3E Emily Green
3P Finley Baker
4J Kezia Mullins
4S Ruby Skinner
5P Jacob Mitchell
5B Hollie Richardson
6P Courtney Pike
6H Amy Moore

Best Attendance

4J - 98.5%

Monday 20 February 2017

Friends of HPS

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Yummy Friday - on Friday 24 February we are holding our Yummy Friday again. This time it is the turn of Year 1 to provide the cakes and biscuits (all nut free please). These can be brought in at morning registration and left with the office staff. Our last Yummy Friday raised over £70 - can we match that this time?

Next Meeting - our next meeting will be tomorrow, Tuesday 21 February at 1.30pm. We welcome anyone who would like to come along and join us.

News

Reception Visit to Sarah's Kitchen - The children have thoroughly enjoyed and embraced their topic 'Traditional Tales', where they have learnt a range of traditional stories, including 'The Gingerbread Man'. They went to a local bakery, Sarah's Kitchen in West Exe, where they bought their very own gingerbread men. The teachers also bought gingerbread men, however the following day they went missing and the children had to put their detective skills into practise to find them! After lots of amazing poster making and enquiries made by the children, interviewing staff and the older children across the school, the missing gingerbread men were found fast asleep in Miss Higginson's office! The children were delighted when Miss Higginson returned them to class; we believe they had quite an adventure. We would like to thank Sarah's Kitchen for allowing us to visit. They were very accommodating and the gingerbread men were really delicious.

Reminders - a brief message to remind parents that we expect all children to be in the correct school uniform with a full PE kit in school all week. Please ensure that your child brings a healthy snack on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (no nuts please) and water bottles should be brought in each day as well.

Vacancy - Rackenford Primary have a vacancy for a temporary full time Teaching Assistant required to start asap until the end of the Summer Term 2017 to work with a child on a one to one basis. Experience of working with children with high level SEN needs is preferable. GCSE Grade C and above in Maths and Literacy essential. Applicants must be supportive, reliable and adaptable in order to meet the daily needs of the school. The hourly rate is £7.58. Please visit the school's website at www.rackenford-primary.devon.sch.uk for an application form and further details. Applications should be sent to the Headteacher or emailed to admin@rackenford-primary.devon.sch.uk. The closing date is noon on 24 February 2017. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicants will be subject to a DBS check prior to employment.



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

Diary Dates

1P Tiverton Museum -
22 February

1S Tiverton Museum -
23 February

Friends Disco - 23 Feb

Yummy Friday - 24 Feb

Year 6 'The Twits'
Theatre Trip - 28 Feb

4S Heathcoat Factory
Trip - 28 February

Year 3 Tiverton Town
Trail - 28 February

Year 5 Observatory
Trip - 7 March

Term Dates

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 Miss Higginson

Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable half term. I was lucky enough to go Finland for the week!

As you are aware our school vision is 'Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!' This vision runs through everything that we do at Heathcoat Primary School from teaching and learning, the curriculum, behaviour and attendance.

Attending school on time and regularly is an important part of children achieving their best and making good or better progress. Research has found that children who attend school regularly and on time, achieve better in end of key stage assessments, such as the end of EYFS, Year 1 phonics screening, end of KS1 and end of KS2. This then continues when they go to high school.

Did you know that if your child has 90% attendance, this means they have missed the equivalent of half a day every week? In one year they will have missed the equivalent of 4 whole weeks! If this pattern continues for the next 5 years they will miss the equivalent of about half a school year. Children's attendance needs to be 95% or above to ensure that they make the most of their education and are provided with the best life chances. Is your child's attendance above 95%?

If your child is in school before 9am then they are on time. If they arrive after 9am then they will receive a late mark. If your child is regularly late then they are missing the start of lessons and learning.

As a school we place a high level of importance on ensuring that all children attend school on time and regularly. This term we will be focussing on improving the attendance of all pupils, encouraging children to come to school and rewarding children with good attendance. Below is a photo of children who have 100% attendance since September. At the end of term we will be giving certificates to those children with 100% attendance this term and since September.

Each week in the newsletter we publish the name of the class with the best attendance for the previous week. This will be celebrated in assembly and they will be given a certificate for the classroom. That class will also be able to have 10 minutes extra golden time. At the end of term each child in the class with the best attendance for the half term will receive an Easter Egg!



We would really like your support in helping us improve the attendance of the children at Heathcoat Primary School.

I look forward to seeing every child in school, on time this term!

SATs Question - Key Stage 2 Maths paper for one mark

$$0.9 \div 10 =$$

Answer to last week's question - see below for where the comma should be placed
Limping slightly, the old man walked to the end of the road.