



# Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Tuesday 3 January 2017

## Learner of the Week

1S whole class  
1P whole class  
2G Soraya Brooks  
2D Hannah Patch  
3E whole class  
3P whole class  
4J Martyna Stankiewicz  
4S Ruby Skinner  
5P Olivia Harrison  
5B Billie Tinniswood

## Multiplication Tests

3E 65%  
4J 76%  
5P 50%  
5B 80%

## Lunchtime Behaviour

FSN Cailen Rhodes  
FSBB Frankie Jonck  
1S Myles Parker  
1P Brooke Clapp  
2G Cosworth  
McGavigan-Hern  
2D Aidan Lobb  
3E James Beales  
3P Abi-Rose Phippen  
4J George Parker  
4S Edward Marshall  
5P Tyler Beal  
5B Caitlin Phillips  
6P Star Fewings  
6H Anna Paine

## Best Attendance

4J - 99.6%

## Friends of HPS

Next Meeting - the next meeting of the Friends group is tomorrow, Wednesday 4 January at 2pm. All are welcome.

## News

Applications for Reception 2017 - the deadline for applications is fast approaching on 15 January. If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you will need to make a formal application for a school place for Reception in September 2017. Parents will have received a letter from Devon County Council with a unique reference number. This number can be used to apply online. If parents do not have access to a computer, they should contact DCC and ask for a paper application form. Their number is 0345 155 1019. Application forms must be sent off by the deadline, as forms received after this date will not be dealt with until all the other applicants have been allocated a place, so you may miss out on your first preference school. If you are not sure about the process or have any questions, please come to the school office and speak to Mrs Carne.

Late Arrivals at School - please can we remind parents that if your child arrives after 8.50am in the morning, you need to bring them to the office to sign in and order their school dinner. This also means that we know your child is on site, should the fire alarm go off.

Sports Clubs - All clubs will start

tomorrow and continue for the whole of this term until the Easter holidays start at the end of March.

Dance and Ballet Club - we still have spaces for these after school clubs which start next week. If your child is interested, please come to the office for a letter and more information.

Year 4 Swimming Lessons - these will start on Friday 6 January and continue until 31 March. Children should bring a named costume and towel each Friday.

Carol Singing - Last year the children in Years 5 and 6 entertained shoppers at Tesco and Morrisons with a selection of Christmas songs and carols. The children sang enthusiastically and raised an amazing £103.03 for Hospiscare.



Tiverton Swords Fencing Club - are you interested in learning to fence? There is a new six week course for beginners starting on Wednesday 11 January here at Heathcoat Primary. All kit is provided and it costs £48. To find out more see the website [www.tivertonswords.co.uk](http://www.tivertonswords.co.uk) and to book a place please contact [jasonpball@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jasonpball@yahoo.co.uk) or call 07719 225 965.

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

### Diary Dates

Year 4 Swimming Lessons - 6 January

Year 3/4 Bikeability - week commencing 30 January

### Term Dates

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

Happy New Year to you all and I hope that you had a really lovely Christmas. Ours was fantastic but also fairly exhausting. Charlie was absolutely mesmerised by all the lights and sparkles. He had a wonderful time being doted on by the numerous friends and relatives that we were able to catch up with and our house now resembles Toys R Us!

As you know, this term is the first of the new Federation between HPS, Tiverton High and Rackenford Primary and I wanted to let you know how my time is initially going to be split between the two primary schools. Every Monday and Tuesday I will be at Heathcoat and these are my consistent days in school. I will spend each Wednesday at Rackenford and Thursdays and Fridays will split between the two sites and also used as designated Head time for the completion of paperwork such as action plans and school budgets. If you would like to see me at any point, please ask the ladies in the office to make an appointment for you. If it is an urgent matter, Miss Higginson and your child's Team Leader are in school on a daily basis and should be contacted first.



#### Message from Miss Higginson

Welcome back to the start of the new term and a very happy new year to you all. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays and are ready for another busy term! As always there are many things planned between now and Easter such as parent day, parents evening and reports to name a few!

We look forward to welcoming new pupils into the Nursery over the next few weeks and I know that Miss Daniel and Ms Hughes are looking forward to getting to know them.

I am looking forward to my new role as Head of School and working closely with the staff at HPS as well as Rackenford and THS, along with Mrs Keller to develop the school further on its journey to becoming an outstanding primary.

As always if you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or the Team Leader for that year group (Miss Neale - Reception and Nursery, Miss Davis - Year 1 and 2, Miss Pearson - Year 3 and 4 and Mrs Budden - Year 5 and 6). As previously, my door is always open to answer any questions.

SATs Question - taken from a Key Stage 2 paper for 1 mark

Circle two numbers that add together to equal 0.25

0.05    0.23    0.2    0.5

Answer to last week's question - the correct determiner for each sentence is in red:

At the zoo we saw **an** owl.

There was also **a** cute baby penguin.

I thought it was **the** best day ever.