



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Monday 13 March 2017

Learner of the Week

1P Jessie Short
2G Holly Penberthy
2D Zach Howard
3E Amber Shakespeare
3P Dylan Edwards
4J Lucas Gooding
4S George Sanders
5P Olivia Harrison
5B Faiza Rice
6P Sophie Mullins
6H Leon Bush

Multiplication Tests

3E 52%
3P 90%
4J 92%
4S 29%
5P 44%
5B 64%
6P 73%
6H 66%

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSN Angel Mellor
FSBB Lily Veen
1S Alfie Wright
1P Lucas Parkhouse
2G Sophie Jones
2D Zach Howard
3E Toby Jones
3P Gracee Sadercock
4J Joseph Lane
4S Elyza Baker
5P Rhys Floyde
5B Oliver Davey
6P Courtney Pike
6H Bonnie Owen

Best Attendance

3E - 100%

Friends of HPS

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Bingo - The Friends are holding a bingo evening on Friday 24 March at 6.30pm at Heathcoat Primary with cash prizes, a raffle and refreshments. All are welcome.

News

Parents Evening - letters have been sent out today for parents to request an appointment time to meet with their child's class teacher. A member of staff from Tiverton High will be available on Tuesday, if parents would like to ask about transition to secondary school. Please write all your children on one form and return with the eldest child. Parents of nursery children are invited to an informal open evening on 29 March from 3 - 4.30pm. You will be able to ask questions, look through your child's learning journey and admire your child's work on display in the nursery.

French - we have subscribed to a fantastic languages website called 'Babel Zone'. There are lots of stories, songs and games that your child can access online in order to develop their French and have fun at the same time! If your child enjoys using this website, then it would be great if you could let us know by filling in a WOW slip. The website address is: www.lcfclubs.com/babelzonenew/
Username: heathcoat
Password: tiverton

Roman Day - On Thursday 9 March children in Year 4 were transported back to the times of the Celts and Romans. They took part in a number of activities including archery, throwing spears and even got to

act out a Roman battle! "I really enjoyed smelling the perfume and learning about what they ate," Libby Clow. "My favourite part of the day is most probably putting on the armour because I learnt how they put it on!" Jayden Hunt. "My favourite part was dressing up because we got to see



everyone's costumes and how the Celts dressed, it was AWESOME!" Lucas Gooding.

Review of 'The Twits' - on Tuesday 28 February Year 6

went to the Northcott Theatre in Exeter to watch a production of 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. The show began with a Mexican wave and a crate falling to pieces to reveal the Twits' caravan. In the foyer, previously made models from our workshop were displayed in glass cabinets. The show was interactive and hilarious and the special effects were amazing. The musicians/monkeys told the story and were also the birds. Overall, it was a very fun experience and Year 6 loved it. By Esther Webber and Conor Warren.

Exmoor Challenge - well done to those children who are participating in the training walks. They are doing really well.

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

Diary Dates

Online Workshop for parents - 21 March

Year 3 Exmouth Trip - 22 March

Red Nose Day - 24 March

Year 1-6 Reports out - 24 March

Yummy Friday (Year 2) - 24 March

Parents Evening - 27 & 28 March

Nursery Parents Open Evening - 29 March

Parent Day - 30 March

Exmoor Challenge Walk - 1 April

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

It is starting to feel more like spring as we race towards the end of term!

I am currently reading the children's annual reports which celebrate all the learning that has taken place and their achievements since September. The reports will also identify your child's next step which the teachers and children will work towards between Easter and the end of the summer term. Having read many of these reports, I have noticed that teachers are frequently mentioning how important it is to read regularly at home.

Reading is a vital skill which not only allows them to access the English curriculum, but also many of the other subjects we teach in school. I am aware that we all lead busy lives, but if you could read with your child for 10 minutes every day it would really support them to make greater progress. Reading regularly helps children to practise and consolidate their skills. Talking to them about the book also helps to develop their comprehension skills. I love reading and will always try to read before going to sleep, although what normally happens is that I fall asleep with the book still in my hands!

There will be an opportunity to talk about your child's report and look at their books at the parent evenings on Monday 27 March and Tuesday 28 March.

We have our parent day on Thursday 30 March and we look forward to welcoming you all into school to work with your child to design a mode of transport for a hard-boiled egg!

Don't forget the online safety workshop for parents next Tuesday 21 March at 3.30pm. Please return your reply slips.

Finally, a huge thank you for supporting our drive to raise the number of children who attend school for over 95% of time. We have already seen an improvement!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or the team leader. As ever, my door is always open if you have any questions.

SATs Question - From a Key Stage 2 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling paper for 1 mark.

Which sentence shows that you are **most likely** to be away next week?

I could be away next week.

I might be away next week.

I shall be away next week.

I may be away next week.

Answer to last week's question - $151 + 464 = 615$

Gymnastic Competition - Four fabulous gymnasts travelled to Stoke-on-Trent last weekend to perform at the Milano Schools National Final. Meryl Coffey, Millie Gubby, Alfie Andrews and Rhys Floyde made up the team representing Heathcoat and the South West of England. All four gymnasts performed brilliantly and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. The boys were particularly commended as they have only been training for 6 weeks!

Meryl achieved eleventh place overall on the vault and Millie came second on the floor for the mixed team individuals.

