



# Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Monday 27 March 2017

## Learner of the Week

1S Braydon Rice  
1P Lucas Parkhouse  
2G whole class  
2D whole class  
3E Emily Green  
3P whole class  
4J Evie Peacock  
4S Evie Pearce  
5P Cody Douglas  
5B Billie Tinniswood  
6P Hana Edworthy  
6H Imogen Kitson

## Multiplication Tests

3E 75%  
3P 72%  
4J 49%  
4S 25%  
5P 52%  
5B 67%  
6P 60%  
6H 73%

## Lunchtime Behaviour

FSN Cailen Rhodes  
FSBB Lilyana Meffe  
1S Georgia Kurniak  
1P Desmond Hill  
2G Cameron Ross  
2D Noah Alexander-Frye  
3E Ethan Wood  
3P Millie Newton  
4J Darcie Alexander-Frye  
4S Feo Groover  
5P Merryn Ellis  
5B Amy Oswald  
6P Meryl Coffey  
6H Gemma Dilks

## Best Attendance

3E & 4S - 100%

## Friends of HPS

### Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Next Meeting - will be on Thursday 20 April at 2pm. All are welcome.

Bingo and Yummy Friday - thank you to everyone who supported these events last week. The Bingo made a little over £200 and the cake sale took £113.33. Our next Yummy Friday will be on Friday 28 April with Year 3 providing the cakes and biscuits.

## News

Swimming Lessons - A reminder to parents that Year 4 have their last swimming lesson on Friday 31 March. After Easter, Year 5 will be starting their lessons on Friday 21 April and will continue until Friday 26 May.

Parent Day - Don't forget it is parent day on Thursday. Children will need to bring in a hard boiled egg for their group and any resources that they might need.

Widemouth Bay - the next instalment of £50 is due in on Friday 31 March please.

Family Easter workshop - Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter biscuit decorating workshop. 110 children and adults had great fun icing, adding decorations and eating delicious biscuits as well as chatting to their families and friends. A big thank to Charlotte Gibbins for making all the biscuits. Charlotte has her own cake making business called 'Charlotte's Cake

Creations' based in Tiverton. We plan to hold two more workshops including an art workshop and a family picnic. Dates to be confirmed!

Parent Feedback on CEOP Training - On Tuesday after school, I attended an Online Safety Workshop with Gary Gates. As a mum of two children I was curious about how safe the apps our children, and I, use actually are. It was a big eye opener!! I have already made changes for myself as an adult - so much I didn't know! I will be keeping a close eye on my children as they grow and become more internet aware to keep them safe. A great workshop at HPS while my children were looked after with a film in a classroom. Thank You.

Red Nose Day - Thank you to everyone who donated money to send off for Red Nose Day. We raised £249.58.



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

### Diary Dates

Parents Evening - 27 & 28 March

Nursery Parents Open Evening - 29 March

Parent Day - 30 March

Exmoor Challenge Walk - 1 April and 20 April

Drumming Workshop - 26 April

Dental Survey - 28 April

Class Photos - 4 May

### 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 Mrs Keller, Head of Primaries

Well this term has seemed to go even more quickly than before and I am certain that a huge amount has been achieved during that time. As you know, we federated with the High school and Rackenford Primary back in January and since then the schools have been working really closely together. Some of the Year 6 children have benefitted from preparing for the Exmoor Challenge with some of the children and staff at Rackenford and I am pleased to say that they have all gotten on fantastically well. We are hoping to be able to provide children in other year groups with opportunities to work across the two schools as we move into the new term.

The teachers have now all been to visit Rackenford and they have been working alongside the staff there to improve planning and resourcing for our wider curriculum subjects. One of the exciting projects that both schools are going to start after the Easter holidays is the use of IRIS. IRIS is a computerised system for recording teaching and learning activities in the classroom. It enables teachers to video parts of their lessons so that they can reflect upon their own teaching or look more carefully at how groups are tackling challenges in the classroom.

IRIS is a completely secure platform and only the teacher themselves will be able to access their footage. Teachers will be able to share clips with each other but those clips will not be accessible to anyone outside of the organisation, meaning that the identities and images of the children and adults in school are completely safe. Research has shown that by watching practice in this way, teachers are really able to self-improve which is obviously great news for the quality of teaching and learning experienced by the children across the school.

If you have any questions or concerns about IRIS, or anything else, then please do get in touch with either Miss Higginson or myself. I wish you the very best for a happy and chocolate-filled Easter holiday and would like to thank you for your ongoing support for our school.

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

Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.  
There are Roman ruins near our village they are being excavated next week.

Answer to last week's question - If a packet of oats contains 1.5kg and Maria uses 50g each day, the packet will last for 30 days.

$$1500g \div 50g = 30$$

Attendance - As you know we have been looking closely at attendance recently, our whole school percentage and the number of occasions when a pupil arrives late. We receive regular visits from the Education Welfare Officer who also monitors our attendance and looks at what we are doing to ensure all pupils are attending regularly and meeting the target of at least 95%. As you have now received your child's report with their attendance from the last 18 months you will be able to see if your child is on course with 95-100% or if they are perhaps falling into the area where we may start to become concerned. We are obviously aware that sometimes children are ill and so have to be off school, but once their percentage starts to fall, this will have an effect on their learning.