



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Learner of the Week

FSN Oaklee Horrell
FSBB Robert Short
1S Phoebe Groover
1P Brooke Clapp
2G Ruby White
2D Dylan Moore
3E Brandon Charles
3P Lennox Boddy
4J Paige Clarke
4S Emma Broom
5P Daniel Hawkins
5B Sophie Baker
6P Sophie Mullins
6H Keira Bawden

Multiplication Tests

3E	45%
3P	47%
4J	50%
4S	0%
5P	57%
5B	60%
6P	78%
6H	74%

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSN Nicola Toy
FSBB Kayamai James
1S Emily Baker
1P Rebecca Baker
2G Soraya Brooks
2D Lily Southcott
3E Toby Jones
3P Evelyn Simpson
4J Evie Broom
4S Aurora Fewings
5P Brooklyn Pike
5B Sophie Baker
6P Star Fewings
6H Archie Parkins

Best Attendance

2G - 100%

Monday 14 November 2016

News

Parking - we had an incident on Friday with the coach not able to easily get into the school car park. Could we please remind parents to park considerately and certainly not on the yellow lines. Again, may we remind parents that they are able to park at the Community Centre and walk through West Exe Park to and from school.

School Corridors - now that the internal scaffolding is down, we can return to normal movement through the building. Please can we ask parents to bring their children to the correct outside cloakroom door and leave them to enter the building by themselves. **There should be no parents inside the school corridors at all.** We would like to encourage children to become more independent and avoid disrupting the children who are working in the corridor spaces.

Applications for a Reception School Place - If you have a child currently in Nursery, 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 receive a letter in the next few days 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 15 January 2017. If you send your form after this date, your

application 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.

Drum Lessons - the drum teacher is not available to take the lesson this week.

Christmas Family Workshop - Due to the success of the family workshop before half term, we will have a Christmas family workshop where parents can work in family groups to make decorations on Wednesday 30 November.

Year 4 Football Team - On 8 November our football team competed in a tournament against Rackenford, Bickleigh and Bampton Primary Schools. Heathcoat won all of their matches and ended the tournament in the top spot. Charlie Collard weighed in with the most goals, while Joseph Lane made the 'pass of the tournament'. Special mention also goes to George Sanders, who helped out Bampton as they had one less player than they needed. Well done everyone.

Tiverton High Production - the 'Schools Will Rock You' production will be on at the high school from 5-8 December at 7pm. Tickets are available from Busy Bee in town and cost £8 for adults (£7 for children/concessions). This is a specially adapted version for schools, of the West End production, with the music of Queen and written by Ben Elton.

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

Diary Dates

Parents Evening - 14 & 15 November

Year 5/6 Football Tournament - 15 November

Phonics Workshop for KS1 Parents - 21 Nov

Year 1 PE Workshop at THS - 22 November

Term Dates

Non Pupil Day
Friday 18 November

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 Miss Higginson, Deputy Head

As you are aware, we are teaching Building Learning Power to the children from Nursery to Year 6 in order that they develop their life-long learning skills. Building Learning Power (BLP) was developed by Guy Claxton and consists of 4 key learning dispositions – resilience, resourcefulness, reflectiveness and reciprocity. Each of these areas is made up of a number of learning behaviours.

Resilience: absorption (being absorbed in learning), managing distractions, noticing and perseverance.

Resourcefulness: questioning, making links, imagining, reasoning and capitalising.

Reflectiveness: planning, revising, distilling and meta-learning (knowing how you learn).

Reciprocity: interdependence (knowing when to learn with others or by yourself), collaboration, empathy, listening and imitation.

As a school we will be focusing on one of the learning behaviours for a number of weeks. The teachers will provide skills sessions where activities are planned to teach the skills of this behaviour and then children will be given opportunities to practice this behaviour during lessons in a range of subjects across the week.

For the next few weeks the teachers will be helping the pupils develop their listening skills. These are some of the activities the children may be doing during the coming weeks:

- * What makes a good listener? Discussing and making posters
- * Making class rules to being a good listener
- * Describing pictures for their partner to draw, listening carefully to make accurate representations
- * Learning how to be an active listener e.g. looking at people when talking etc...
- * Listening games e.g. When granny went to market, Chinese whispers.....
- * Yes/no questions and memory games
- * Altering the volume of your voice and seeing if children can still follow instructions
- * Sounds in the environment

We look forward to receiving wow slips over the next few weeks and these could focus on listening. If you would like to know how your child is doing with developing their listening skills, or if you would like some activities to do at home, please talk to your child's class teacher at parents evening this week.

SATs Question -

Circle the object in the sentence below (1 mark)

My friend bought a cake from the bakery.

Answer to last week's question - $8 \times 5 = 40$

Wow Slips -

Findlay Crawford - was a reflective raven recently as he remembered and recited lots of facts he had learned in class about Guy Fawkes at the dinner table to the whole family. Well remembered Fin!