



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Learner of the Week

1S Harley Sams
1P Nathan Gale
2G Mia Beverton
2D Billy Morgan
3E Luca Evans
3P Finley Baker
4J Aurora Fewings
4S Ronnie Tinniswood
5P Cameron-James
Smith
5B Jake Short
6P Katie Legge
6H Peter Parker

Multiplication Tests

3E	32%
3P	74%
4J	62%
5P	52%
5B	70%
6P	81%
6H	87%

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSN Isabel Wallis
FSBB Alice Lonbottom
1S Lewis Hunter
1P Taiyla Butler
2G Evelyn Wallace
2D Niara Tout
3E Lauren Tonkin
3P Shelby Taylor
4J Martyna Stankiewicz
4S Edi Peard
5P Brooke Southcott
5B Samuel Williams
6P Conor Warren
6H Skye Jordan

Best Attendance

3E - 98.3%

Monday 28 November 2016

Friends of HPS

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Christmas Street Market - The Friends will be holding their annual Christmas Fair on Friday 2 December at 3.15pm. The children will be busy making all sorts of Christmassy items for sale. We will also have face painting, glitter tattoos, bric-a-brac, cake stall, tombola and of course a very special visitor! Any donations for the bric-a-brac, raffle and tombola would be appreciated this week and any cakes or biscuits (all nut free please) can be brought in on Friday morning. We will be selling raffle tickets every morning this week for £1 under the new canopy outside Years 1 and 2. On Friday children can come to school in non-uniform and bring 50p/£1 donation which will all go towards the total raised. We hope that you will all support this event, as the money made is spent on trips, coaches and fun things for the children here at Heathcoat Primary.

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Carol Service - On Wednesday 14 December from 1.45pm at St Paul's church, the children from Reception up to Year 6 will be taking part in our carol service. We welcome all parents and carers to join us at the church to get into the festive spirit. There will be mince pies available to purchase at the end of the service. Your child will be walked back to the school with their class teacher, but can be collected from school as soon as they are ready to go.

Dance Club - as the Christmas Fair is on

2 December we have had to cancel this club. The teacher will put on an extra session on Friday 16 December.

Absence - please could we remind parents to phone the school in the morning when their children are not in, so that we can enter the correct code in the register. If the school is not informed we send out letters asking for the reason and if we still don't get a response, then we have to record the absence as unauthorised. This can ultimately lead to other agencies becoming involved and/or a fine.

Year 5 'School's will Rock You' Visit - on Friday 2 December the children in Year 5 are going up to Tiverton High to watch the dress rehearsal. Please could your child come to school with a packed lunch unless they receive free school meals and you have already sent in the slip to order a school lunch.

Payments - please could we remind parents that all payments for school dinners, extra nursery sessions, breakfast club, dance clubs and school trips should be paid for in advance and not fall into arrears.

School Nurse - Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's health and how they can be supported in school, please contact the School Nurse, Lucy Barry, on 01392 381460. A School Nurse Community Clinic is run every Wednesday afternoon at Oaklands Court in Tiverton. If you would like to book an appointment at the clinic to meet with the School Nurse please ring 01392 384119.

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

Diary Dates

Friends AGM - 28 November at 2.30pm

Family Christmas Workshop - 30 Nov

Year 6 Museum Trip - 5 or 6 December

School Christmas Dinner - 7 December

KS1 Carols & Cocoa - 8 December 9.30am & 2.30pm

Foundation Nativity - 13 December 9.30am & 2pm

Carol Service - 14 December 1.45pm

Term Dates

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



Message from Mrs Keller

On Saturday, Charlie and I had the very great pleasure of accompanying children from HPS on not one, but two big events of the year. In the morning we went along to the Primary Maths Challenge which is held annually at Wellington School. Nearly 200 children took part and we were represented by Esther Webber, Gemma and Jodie Dilks. The girls worked extremely hard and I am so proud of the effort that they made with what was a very difficult maths paper.

On Saturday evening, Charlie and I were joined by nearly 90 HPS children and members of their family for the lantern parade through the centre of Tiverton. Each family had at least one lantern that was made in school and I was pleased to see that several children had also made additional lanterns at home to carry through the streets. We were certainly one of the most well represented schools and it was really lovely to also see so many of our families watching the processions as well.



Finally I would like to say a huge thank you for all of the support that has been growing after I sent out the 'yellow letter' last week. As you will recall, the letter identified several issues facing school's funding across Devon and asked for parents to contact councillors and other representatives to make the effects of these issues known. I am really pleased that so many of you have already made contact with those in positions of power. Ultimately, we just want to do all that we can to help the children at HPS reach their potential.

SATs Question - Which sentence uses the colon correctly? (1 mark)

1. I bought several beach toys a bucket: a spade a ball and a kite.
2. I bought several beach toys a: bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite.
3. I bought several beach toys: a bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite.
4. I bought several: beach toys, a bucket, a spade, a ball and a kite.

Answer to last week's question - These are equivalent fractions. Half of 8 is 4 so half of 12 is 6. Half again is 2 and 3 respectively. Whatever is done to the digit at the top of the fraction, is also done to the digit at the bottom (divide by 2).

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{12} = \frac{4}{6}$$

Wow slips - we have not received any wow slips from home recently. Please remember that if your child shows one of the four Building Learning Powers; resilience, resourcefulness, reflectiveness and reciprocity, to fill out a wow slip and share it with us. Wow slips are available from the document stand outside the school office hatch.