



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Learner of the Week

FSN Ted Horrell
FSBB Lily Coulson
1S Myles Parker &
Maisie Patchett
1P whole class
2G whole class
2D whole class
3E Emily Green
3P Cameron Booth
4J whole class
4S Elivia Arthurs
5P Lydia Seager
5B Riley Farley & James
Williams
6P Megan Lester
6H Anna Paine

Multiplication Tests

4J	15%
4S	21%
5P	35%
5B	38%
6P	68%
6H	73%

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSN Ted Horrell
FSBB Amelia Tolly
1S Jayden Taylor
1P Brooke Clapp
2G Cameron Ross
2D Kady Phillips
3E Luca Evans
3P Chloe Gribble
4J Elliot Wallace
4S George Wilmott
5P Ruby Leathem
5B Josie Long
6P Lexie Isaac
6H Anna Paine

Best Attendance

6H - 100%

Monday 7 November 2016

Friends of HPS

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Next Meeting - the Friends will be holding their AGM on Monday 28 November in the Blue Hall at 2.30pm. All parents and carers are more than welcome to attend.

News

Year 3 Children and School Photos - as the children in Year 3 go swimming on a Friday morning we will need to take their photograph before they leave on the coach. Therefore if your child is in this year group, please could you bring them in from 8.30am and take them straight to the blue hall. If you wanted a family group photo as well as an individual one then it is probably a good idea to have that done at the same time before your child gets wet hair from swimming.

PLEASE NOTE for parents who are bringing in children for group photos between 8-9am, the Year 3 children will need to take priority in the queue.

Free School Meals - Although children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all receive a free school meal every day, if parents claim certain benefits, then the school is able to access additional funding. Please could we encourage all parents who claim the following to come to the office to fill out a short form:

- Income support
- Some jobseekers allowances
- Employment & support allowance
- State pension credit
- Child tax credit without working tax credit

- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you are not sure whether you qualify or you would like more information, please come to the office and ask.

Road Safety - we have had a number of concerned parents mention how children have stepped out or cycled out into the road without looking. Please talk to your child about being safe near cars. As always, could we encourage parents to make use of the car park at Heathcoat Community Centre at the start and end of the day as the short walk through the park is much nicer and safer for children.

Singing Club - Mrs Evans, Mrs Addy and Ms Hughes will be starting the club again on Wednesday 9 November at lunchtimes, beginning at 12.30pm. Just for this term KS1 and KS2 are teaming up together to learn some Christmas songs ready to perform at some local venues. Children have been given a letter already if they expressed an interest in the club. Please return the form so we know who to expect on Wednesday. If you haven't seen a letter and your child is interested, you can collect one from the office.

Teenage Drop In - this centre, based in Tiverton Market, is raising funds hosting three bands for £10 (Eat the Rich, Quo No and Splink) at the New Hall, Barrington Street on 19 November. Tickets are on sale at Twyford Print or £13 on the door. There will be a bar and food available on the evening. The charity offers teenagers advice, friendship, support and counselling.

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

Diary Dates

Year 3/4 Football Tournament - 8 November

Photographs - 11 Nov

Parents Evening - 14 & 15 November

Year 5/6 Football Tournament - 15 November

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 Term
Friday 21 July



Message from Mrs Keller

As you are aware, parents' evenings are scheduled in for next week and teachers are preparing to update you on how your child has settled into the new school year. Although each appointment is only 10 minutes long, a lot can be discussed during that time. If there is anything specific that you would like to know, then please bring questions with you and I am sure that your child's teacher will do their best to answer them. Whilst we have to be quite strict with time on these evenings, teachers are more than happy to book a further meeting if you are unable to get through everything in the allotted session.

It was fantastic to see so many parents in school last week for our rocket day and it was particularly nice to welcome so many dads into classrooms. I was astonished at the range of different rockets that the children made and really enjoyed being told all about the design and making process that they went through to produce them. There is no doubt at all that it is in the children's interest for school and home to work closely together and events like parents' evening and rocket day, give lots of opportunity for this to happen.

Finally, it is with a huge sigh of relief that I can tell you that the roofing project has pretty much come to an end. The internal scaffold has now been removed and professional cleaners are currently in school making sure that the building is left in an appropriate state for the children to use. The children will be back in the hall for lunches from tomorrow and the new menu has been sent out today. Breakfast Club will continue to run from the Nursery. It will take slightly longer for the external scaffolding to be removed, but we are really pleased with the finished work. The new roof lights are a huge improvement on the original ones and we are hopeful that the leaks, we previously suffered, are a thing of the past!

SATs Question - taken from a Year 2 Maths paper.

$8 \times 5 =$

Answer to last week's question - the only sentence needing a question mark was 2. Can you guess what we ate for dinner?

Wow Slips -

Kayla Penberthy - was a resourceful raccoon and a resilient rhino. She started rock climbing lessons recently and climbed to the top of the wall twice! She really thought about the best places to put her hands and feet and where her next move should be. Excellent job Kayla, well done.