



# Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Monday 12 September 2016

## News

Year 6 Transfer to High School - last week letters where sent out to all children regarding their application for secondary school. Each letter has a unique identifying number and information about how to apply. Please note that the deadline is 31 October. Forms which arrive after this date will be processed late and your child may not get a place in your preferred school. If you need any help or more information please come to the office.

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 or would like more information, please come and ask.

Payments - we would like to remind parents that all dinners, trips and clubs must be paid for in advance. We do understand that on occasions a child may forget their £2.20 for a school dinners and we will of course still allow them to have a meal, but we would not expect a child to be in debt for anything more than that.

Keyboard Lessons - will start tomorrow. Please ensure that you have paid for these by first thing tomorrow morning otherwise your child will not be able to take part.

Year 3 Swimming Lessons - will start on Friday 16 September and continue until 16 December. Please ensure that your child brings their costume and towel which should be named.

Drama and Dance Clubs - Drama starts tonight after school and dance on Friday. Both clubs will finish at 4pm and continue for 6 weeks until half term.

Flu Vaccines - letters were sent out last week from Boots the Chemist to all children in Year 1, 2 & 3 informing parents that their child will receive the flu vaccine in school, sometime this term. Please could ALL PARENTS complete the form, even if you do not give consent for this vaccine to be administered. All forms must be returned by 23 September please. If you did not receive the letter please pop to the office.

Cats in School - we have a couple of cats who tend to wander into the school grounds. Please could we ask parents and children not to encourage them, as we do not want them to come into the school building.

School Nurse Drop-In Session - Cherry Traynor-Cox, the school nurse, is holding weekly drop in sessions for primary school children (parents welcome too!) in the Market Place Youth Centre in Tiverton every Wednesday 4-5pm. Just come and have a chat with Cherry, no appointment needed. You can talk to her confidentially about health, friendships, problems at home or at school or any other worries. All are welcome.

Saturday Science Club - Tiverton Library are holding a two hour hands on engineering workshop on Saturday 1 October at 10am or 1pm for children aged 7-12. Parents will need to book a place by emailing sciencedipity@outlook.com or phone/text 07847 006 048.

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

### Diary Dates

Year 4 Kent's Cavern -  
26 September

Macmillan Coffee  
Morning - 30 Sept

### Term Dates

Autumn Half Term  
Monday 24 October -  
Friday 28 October

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



### Message from Mrs Keller

Well after a very busy first week of the school year, I can report that the children have settled back into the school routine well. The new children in reception have very much enjoyed exploring their new classrooms and I have had the chance to meet many of them during my visits to the EYFS unit.

At the start of each New Year, we produce a school development plan that identifies how we are hoping to improve things for our children over the school year.

Priorities for this year include further developing our Building Learning Power work with the children; strengthening home/school links; engaging in research projects within the classroom, and continuing to develop our family and pastoral support team. As part of this work, we will be asking for parent's opinions and support so please keep your eyes peeled for updates as the year progresses.

Finally I would just like to say how lovely it has been to catch up with so many parents over the last week. Both Miss Higginson and I try hard to be out and about when we can be so please do come and have a chat to us if you would like. Alternatively, my door is always open so feel free to make an appointment at the office if there are any issues that you need to discuss. For any day-to-day concerns, please approach your child's class teacher first and then their team leader if there are any issues that are unresolved.

Wow Slips - a reminder to parents that we would really like you to complete wow slips when your child has been able to demonstrate one of the four Building Learning Powers, which are Reciprocity, Resourceful, Reflective or Resilience. Wow slips are available from the document stand outside the office.

Hannah Patch - was a resilient rhino and managed to ride her bike after practising for a whole day with mummy over the summer holidays.

Nicola Toy - has been a resilient rhino recently. She is behind in her speech and language skills, but over the weekend she has been continuously singing 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' with no help. This is a very big step for Nicola and we are very proud of her.

Summer Brooks - was a resourceful raccoon when she had 9" of her hair cut off to be made into wigs for children that have no hair.