



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Learner of the Week

1S Joshua Leach
 1P Olivia Weeks
 2G Kiaryn Howe
 2D Noah Alexander-Frye
 3E Lachlan Adams
 3P Neveah Cherry
 4J Grace Parker
 4S Leo Symns
 5P Rhys Floyd
 5B Paige Parker
 6P Zoe Jones
 6H Coby Parker

Multiplication Tests

3E 91%
 3P 82%
 4J 31%
 4S 28%
 5P 73%
 5B 71%
 6P 60%
 6H 57%

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSN Isabelle Biles
 FSBB Laiton Symns
 1S Amelia Fagg
 1P Maisie Holland
 2G Preston Jenks
 2D Darcy Frost
 3E Sarah Clark
 3P Harry Hawkins
 4J Kezia Mullins
 4S L-J Perryman
 5P Alfie Andrews
 5B Amy Oswald
 6P Courtney Pike
 6H Esther Webber

Best Attendance

FSN - 99.7%

Monday 26 September 2016

News

Data Collection Sheets - were sent home last week, one for each child. Please could parents check that all the information is correct and amend it where necessary. We are now required to record every child's country of birth and nationality so please ensure that you write that in before returning your form. All forms should be returned by Friday 30 September please.

Year 4 Great Wood Residential - a reminder to parents that the full balance must be paid by Monday 3 October please as we have been sent the invoice from the company running the residential.

Healthy Snacks and Water - Thank you to all those children who have been eating healthy snacks and drinking water. A huge thank you to the parents for following our school policy.

Wool - does anyone have any balls of wool that they would be willing to donate to the school for art work? Even short lengths would be great.

Staff Car Park - a reminder to parents that unless you have been given a parking permit you cannot park in the school car park. We do have an arrangement with the Community Centre which allows parents to park there and walk across West Exe park to school at the start and end of the day. Also, please keep a close eye on your children when walking near the car park and the local roads.

Charity Christmas Cards - Two of our pupils (Billy Isaac and Jodie Vincent) won

a competition to design a Christmas card for CHAT, the local housing charity. These are for sale at the office for £2.50 for a pack of 10 if anyone would like to buy some.

Drum Lessons - These are due to start on Thursday morning this week.

Air Ambulance Fun Day - These Year 4 children sang at the Devon Air Ambulance Fun Day on Saturday. They were absolutely brilliant and deserve to be the first to receive the newly designed badges for representing the school in a music event.



Macmillan Coffee Morning - a reminder that we will be holding a coffee morning here on Friday 30 September. Please could parents bring cakes or biscuits for us to sell. If children would like to buy cakes then please send them with a little bit of money so that they can buy some at breaktime.

Exetreme Imagination 2016 - Exeter's fourth Festival of Writing for children and young people is happening between 17 and 29 October with a range of free events, author events, writing workshops and lots more. See the website on <https://exetreme.org/>

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

Diary Dates

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

Last day of Summer
Term
Friday 21 July



Message from Miss Higginson

As a school we are always looking at ways in which we can raise the attainment and progress of the children in a range of subjects. This year we will be focusing on improving the attainment of children in maths with a focus on learning and recalling multiplication facts and written arithmetic. These are life skills which the children need to have. Not only do learning multiplication facts support multiplication but also division, fractions, percentages and decimals. Being able to work out calculations is also important and once you have a method for each

operation you can apply it to a range of situations.

Children in Year 2 are taught to count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 and should be able to recall the multiplication and division facts for 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Children in Year 3 should recall multiplication and division facts for 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Children in Year 4 should be able to recall multiplication and division facts for times tables up to 12 X12 (all times tables).

As you can see children should be able to recall all their times tables facts by the end of Year 4. Children in KS2 will have a weekly times table test and the % of children achieving 100% in each class will be recorded in the newsletter. They will be supported in learning them in the classroom in lots of different ways such as chanting $1 \times 2 = 2$, $2 \times 2 = 4$ as they line up. Year 2 children will have a weekly test once they have been taught the tables.

There are lots of ways in which you can help at home too. They can chant the tables they are learning on the way to and from school, whilst you are cooking or going to the shops.

There are games on the following websites:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/tables.html>

www.welbourneprimary.com/links/Maths/.../Moon%20Maths.htm

Children will be expected to practice their times tables at home.

Children in KS2 will also have a weekly arithmetic test so they can practice these skills.

Thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher or the team leader.

Design a Badge Competition - A huge well done to everyone who entered designs for school badges. The winners are having their designs made into actual badges that will be given for the following reasons: Design A is for children who have performed in a musical event to represent the school.



This was drawn by Gracee Sandercock.



Design B is for children who have taken part in a sports event to represent the school. This was drawn by Naomi Evans.

Design C will be presented to children who have achieved other things whilst representing the school, for example,



Maths challenges, Jaguar project etc. This was designed by Jessica Evans.

The runner up designs were from Jasmine Webber, Harry Hawkins and Luca

Evans. These children and the winners have earned 10 housepoints each. Thank you to all the children who entered - they have received 2 housepoints for their efforts.

Wow Slips -

Robert Short - well done for being a resilient rhino, settling into class well in the mornings.

Billy Short - was a resilient rhino when he went into school without being upset. Well done.

Jake Short - was a reflective raven. He went into school on time every day last week.

Gemma and Jodie Dilks - were resourceful raccoons, winning bronze medals in the medley and freestyle swimming relays at the South West Championships. Well done girls.