



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Monday 22 January 2018

Learner of the Week

FSDB Seth Williams
FSE Thomas Veale
1BA Billy Stone
1P Alice Longbottom
2D Alfie Wright
2G Ella Laws
3P Jayden Lee
3S Lily-Rose Gear
4C Maddie Holland
4E Emily Green
5F Grace Goldie
5S Elivia Arthurs
6H Zane Holbrooke-Jones
6P Wesley Webber

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSDB Kelsey Pratt
FSE Amelia Bartin
1BA Lily Coulson
1P Ava Frost
2D Olivia Weeks
2G Ella Laws
3P Aiden Lobb
3S Lily-Rose Gear
4C Abi-Rose Phippen
4E Naomi Evans
5F Grace Goldie
5S Lydia Butt
6H Jasmine Webber
6P Maggie-Ella Hussell

Best Attendance

4C - 100%

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Holiday Club - if any parents are interested in places on the February Half Term holiday club, please come to the office for a booking form. Likewise, if your child is already due to be attending, but you no longer need a particular day or session, please let us know.

Bikeability - if your child is doing the bikeability course at the end of this month then we are offering free bike checks on 25 and 26 January. Please bring your child's bike in at the start of the day and it will be ready to take back home at the end of school.

World Book Day - On Thursday 1 March, it is World Book Day and another chance to come to school dressed as your favourite book character! While we appreciate the fantastic reading books we enjoy, we would like to take this opportunity to think about those who do not have access to lots of reading books. The school council have decided that on World Book Day, they would like to raise money to be able to buy reading books for a school in Uganda that we have had contact with. Kyakasimbi Community School is constantly striving to improve the education of children in their town (Mubende) and more books would really help to do this. A voluntary donation of £1 per family would be much appreciated and if you feel that you could donate any more, that would of course be very welcome.

Sports for Champions - last week we were privileged to have Rob Mitchell, Team GB's professional high jumper visit our school to run a fitness circuit to inspire and help encourage our young athletes from

Rackenford and Heathcoat to live a more active lifestyle. The day began with Rob introducing himself, we learnt that when he was 7 years old his head teacher spotted his talent during sports day. His head teacher was so impressed with how high Rob could jump and would gradually raise the bar until Rob cleared it. He was encouraged to go to his nearest athletics club where his potential was nurtured and supported. Rob also explained the 'Sports for Champions' motto, 'Inspiring children of today to be the champions of tomorrow.' Throughout the morning Rob met each class and supervised our young enthusiastic athletes to a fun, yet challenging circuit of four stations. The sponsorship money raised by the children and their supportive friends and families is divided up to help athletes from Team GB enabling them to travel to competitions and have the clothing and resources to reach their full potential. 40% of the total raised is recycled back into our school's resources, promoting and providing opportunities for our young athletes to get involved and live a more active lifestyle, utilising extra-curricular activities. We would like to thank you for supporting your child. The children and teachers all enjoyed themselves, raising an impressive £1470.92. Class 2G were awarded the Sports for Champion trophy for raising over £350.



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

Diary Dates

Bikeability - starts
week commencing 29
January

Term Dates

Spring Half Term
Monday 12 February -
Friday 16 February

Last Day of Spring
Term
Thursday 29 March

First Day of Summer
Term
Monday 16 April

May Bank Holiday
Monday 7 May

Summer Half Term
Monday 28 May -
Friday 1 June

Last Day of Summer
Term
Friday 20 July

First Day of Autumn
Term
Tuesday 4 September

Autumn Half Term
Monday 22 October -
Friday 26 October

Last Day of Autumn
Term
Wednesday 19 Dec

First Day of Spring
Term
Monday 7 Jan 2019

Spring Half Term
Monday 18 February -
Friday 22 February



Message from Miss Higginson

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed a new SENCO for the primary phase of the federation. Mrs Claire Shanahan will be starting after half term and will be the SENCO and Inclusion Officer for both Heathcoat and Rackenford Primary Schools. She is currently working in Dawlish and is looking forward to her new role with us.

The children all enjoyed meeting the athlete on Friday and many of them were practising star jumps and spotty dogs at lunchtime!

As you are aware the Governing Body has set our attendance target for this academic year at 97% and we are all working hard to ensure we meet this target. Attending school on time and regularly is an important part of children achieving their best and making good or better progress. Research has found that children who attend school on time and regularly achieve better in end of key stage assessments, such as the end of EYFS, Year 1 phonics screening, end of KS1 and end of KS2. This then continues when they go to High School. Did you know that if your child has attendance of 90% this means they have missed the equivalent of half a day every week? This means in one year they have missed the equivalent of 4 whole weeks! If this pattern continues for the next 5 years they will miss the equivalent of about one half of a school year.

Children's attendance needs to be 95% or above to ensure that they make the most of their education and are provided with the best life chances. Is your child's attendance above 95%? The Education Welfare Officer (EWO) visits our school regularly to look at the overall attendance and also the attendance of individual children. If your child's attendance falls below 95% the EWO will monitor their attendance closely.

Recently we have been having visitors to the school grounds during the weekend and in the early hours of the morning. They are leaving rubbish behind and removing items from the grounds. These visitors should not be in the school grounds so if you live nearby and see anyone in the grounds that you think should not be there, please contact the police on 101.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance and then the Team Leader (Miss Neale Nursery, Reception and Year 1, Miss Pearson Year 2 and 3 and Mrs Budden Year 4, 5 and 6).

SATs Question - taken from a Key Stage 2 English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling paper for 1 mark each.

Insert a **comma** in the sentence below to make it clear that **only** Sally and Bob went to the cinema.

After they left Jon Sally and Bob went to the cinema. (1 mark)

Insert **commas** in the sentence below to make it clear that **all** three children went to the cinema.

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Answer to last week's question - If Amy has 21 counters in total and 14 counters in one hand, then she must have 7 counters in the other hand ($21 - 14 = 7$).