



# Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Monday 5 February 2018

## Learner of the Week

FSDB Faith Medina  
FSE Taylan Lee  
1BA Aiden Patch  
1P Kovi Boddy  
2D Olivia Weeks  
2G Nathan Gale  
3P Marty Colman  
3S Noah Alexander-Frye  
4C Liam Coles  
4E Thomas Davey  
5F Phoebe Green  
5S Leo Symns  
6H Keira Barnes  
6P Jayah Cross

## Lunchtime Behaviour

FSDB Jake Pearce  
FSE Lucas Pearce  
1BA Tammy Parker  
1P Felicity Fagg  
2D Freddie Lofts  
2G Summer Brooks  
3P Charlotte  
McCalliskey  
3S Izzy Reid  
4C Lennox Boddy  
4E Naomi Evans  
5F Libby Clow  
5S Evie Pearce  
6H Zara Land  
6P Lydia Seager

## Best Attendance

4C - 100%

Whole school  
attendance up until the  
end of January  
is 95.35%

## Friends of HPS

### Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Next Meeting - the next meeting of the Friends will be tomorrow, 6 February at 2.30pm. All parents and carers are more than welcome to come along.

Disco - letters have been sent out about the disco on 22 February. If your child would like to go, please fill in the reply slip.

## News

Big Battery Hunt - We are taking part in a national campaign to help recycle more batteries. The Year 6 children have started collecting batteries and have managed to collect nearly 1000 batteries so far. We now have large recycling containers in school which we can get collected free of charge by a local recycling company. If you have any used batteries, then please send them in to Year 6 and we can add them to our growing collection. There is a chance for us to win different prizes for the school, including iPads and energizer bunnies, if we can collect and recycle lots of batteries before Easter.

Coming Soon Maths Monkey - To help promote the children's love of maths, we are going to send home Maths Monkeys to some of the children in Reception and Year 2. The idea is to help your child learn some real life maths. You might take him shopping where he could help add prices up or find the correct coins to pay with. You might take him on a trip and teach him about the bus timetable, or just let him help plan what television you will watch using the TV schedule. He could help you remember what time to go to bed. You could also let him help you cook and weigh ingredients or adjust the size of recipes. We will be sending him home with a book

which you could use to record his maths adventure in. You don't have to go anywhere special or different, it just has to involve some maths. The Year 6 children will be organising and running this project and will select the first lucky families after half term. If a Maths Monkey does come home with your child, then please look after him and let him help you and your child enjoy a maths adventure together.

Year 3 Swimming Lessons - the current Year 3 group of children will have their last lesson on Friday 9 February and the rest of the year group will start theirs on Friday 23 February. Please remember to bring in £10 to cover the cost of the pool and coach.

Heathcoat's Got Talent - The children who have been selected for our talent contest will be putting on a show on Friday 9 February. If your child is in the show and you would like to come and see them, the outside gate will open at 11.05 to allow parents to get seated for the start at 11.15am.

Exmoor Challenge - If your child is in Year 6 and interested in doing the 16 mile Exmoor Challenge walk in early May, we are holding a meeting after school on Thursday 8 February 4-5pm in the Blue Hall to give parents a bit more information.

Tag Rugby - well done to our team who took part in the Year 5/6 tournament at THS recently. The team won, showing great flare and sportsmanship and are now through to the Devon Cup.

Snow - with colder weather expected in the next few days, if the school should have to close due to snow we will contact all parents via text message as soon as a decision has been made.

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

### Diary Dates

Family Art Workshop -  
7 February

Year 3 Science work-  
shop - 6 February

World Book Day - 1  
March

### 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



### Message from Miss Higginson

On Friday we will wish Val Bawden a "Happy Retirement" as she works for the last time as a mealtime assistant. Val has worked at Heathcoat Primary School for about 25 years. She has been a dedicated member of staff during that time and has seen many children come through the school. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her an enjoyable retirement. I am sure she has got lots of plans for her time including spending time with her grandchildren!

This week is Children's Mental Health week with the focus on being themselves. The children will be thinking about what makes them unique during the week. Please talk to your child about the work they are doing this week or about the 10 a day. If you would like more information please speak to Mrs Moore.

Tomorrow is Safer Internet Day which focuses on children being safe whilst online. Again the children across the school will be doing some work about online safety this week. Children in KS2 have already spent some time talking about this. In assembly today we talked about the children being SMART whilst online.

As part of our safeguarding procedures any visitors to the school are asked to not use their mobile phone whilst in the building. Therefore we ask that when you come into school for meetings, learning breakfasts and Tea and Toast, for example, you don't use your mobile phone either and that is switched to silent to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all the pupils.

As always if you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance and then your child's Team Leader (Miss Neale, Miss Pearson and Mrs Budden).

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

Replace the underlined words in the sentences below with their expanded forms.  
We're going into town later, so I'll buy some bread then. We won't be back late.

Answer to last week's question -

The total number of people living in Formby and Telford is  $24,478 + 166,640 = 191,118$   
The difference between the number of people living in Bedford and Dover is  $82,448 - 34,087 = 48,361$

### Wow Slips -

Myles Parker - has been a reciprocity rooster all week, helping out at home while his mum recovered from surgery. He has been very helpful without being asked, especially with his little sister.

Amelia-Rose Phippen - has been a resilient rhino. She completed her homework with little hesitation and did well with her spellings and maths.

Mason Parker - was a reciprocity rooster, giving a parent details of the Tea and Toast session he was helpful, polite and friendly.

Ryan Toy - has been a resilient rhino with his homework and reading, never giving up or asking for help. We are very proud.

Nicola Toy - has also been a resilient rhino with her homework. She has tried really hard and hardly needed any help. Well done Nicola.