



# Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Tuesday 20 March 2018

## Learner of the Week

FSDB Alfie Boys  
FSE Esmee Lobb  
1BA Cameron Stevens  
1P Lily Bird  
2D Georgia Kurniak  
2G Summer Brooks  
3P Ella Tolly  
3S Ella Orr  
5F Zack Douglas  
5S Charlie Moullaris  
6H Cody Douglas  
6P Rhys Floyd

## Lunchtime Behaviour

FSDB Kiki Lang  
FSE Erin Perry  
1BA Phoebe Duric  
1P Felicity Fagg  
2D Freddie Lofts  
2G Nathan Gale  
3P Ruby White  
3S Harrison Dunsby  
5F Charlie Collard  
5S Maisy Ffrench  
6H Paige Parker  
6P Maggie-Ella Hussell

## Best Attendance

4E - 99.5%

## Friends of HPS

### Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Yummy Friday - the Friends will be holding a cake sale on Friday 23 March after school. They would really like children in Year 3 to please donate cakes and biscuits (nut free) for the sale.

## News

Year 3 Britishness Trip - we are going to postpone this trip and it will now take place after the Easter holidays. We will let you know the date once we have confirmed this with the coach company.

Swimming Lessons - a reminder that Year 5 children are starting swimming lessons after the Easter holidays. Please bring the slip and £12 to the office as soon as possible so that the teacher can organise the children into groups.

Sports Relief - on Thursday 22 March children can come to school dressed as their favourite sports person and any donations will be sent to the Sports Relief charity. There are a number of activities planned for the week - please make sure that your child brings their scooter if/when they need it.

Year 4 Assembly - we would like to invite parents and carers into school on Friday 23 March at 2.50pm to hear about the recent residential trip to Pixies Holt.

World Down Syndrome Day - tomorrow, Wednesday 21 March, is World Down Syndrome Day and we will be celebrating by wearing odd socks. Please watch Leo's film encouraging you to wear odd socks and why being different is great <https://youtu.be/h-BoJMLTwbc>.

Packed Lunches for Trips - could we please ask parents whose children are eligible for free school meals, to only order a school packed lunch if they really need it. We often get the kitchen to make packed lunches when children go on school trips, only to find that many of them are not needed when the child brings their own lunch from home. The school still has to pay for these meals as the kitchen has provided them.

Payments Via Childcare Vouchers - if you make a payment to the school using childcare vouchers through your workplace or via the tax free childcare scheme, please inform the office, so that we know to look out for the money. It is useful to put your child's name in the reference and inform us of the date the payment was made, the amount and what it was for. We will then know where to allocate the payment once it is received.

## Sporting Achievement

- huge well done to Zach Arthurs who competed in his first national race at Manchester indoor BMX arena. Zach raced hard and came fourth in his final and only lost his second place due to a slipped pedal!



Exeter Children's Orchestra - is holding an open day on 28 April 10am-12pm at St Leonards School, Exeter for any children who are interested. They are also holding a Spring Concert on 24 March 6.30pm at St Thomas Methodist Church in Exeter. Tickets cost £7 for adults and £3 for children. For more information email [committee@exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk](mailto:committee@exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk)

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

### Diary Dates

Exmoor Challenge  
Practise Walk - 22 & 26  
March

Family Workshop - 21  
March

Reports out for Y1-6 -  
23 March

Parent Evening - 27 &  
28 March

Parent Day - 28 March

### Term Dates

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

Packed Lunch Ideas - here are some more ideas for healthy lunchboxes.

Use a star-shaped cutter to stamp out six bread stars from wholemeal bread (freeze the off-cuts to make bread-crumbs). Swirl some red pesto through soft cream cheese (Philadelphia or similar) and spread onto both sides of the stars. Close them together in a sandwich and chill in the fridge if making the night before. Or just use your child's favourite sandwich filling and cut out using star cutters.



When it comes to fruit and vegetables, children are more likely to eat them if they are easy to pick up and munch, so make eating them as easy as possible. Fruit that needs to be peeled is likely to come home untouched so chop up fruit and veg as much as is practical.



Message from Miss Higginson - Next Wednesday, 28 March, is our Parent Day where parents and carers are invited into school between 9am and 11am to work alongside their child. We will be making a vehicle to transport a hard boiled egg for a metre, making sure it arrives intact! Your child is welcome to bring in any resources to support making their vehicle, as well as their own hard boiled egg. We look forward to seeing you all in school, but please remember that your mobile needs to be on silent and that you cannot use it whilst in the school building for safeguarding reasons.

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

What is the **name** of the punctuation marks on either side of the words which was a spaniel in the sentence below?

Jay's dog (which was a spaniel) loved to play with its squeaky bone.

What is the name of a **different** punctuation mark that could be used correctly in the same space?

Answer to last week's question - when the numbers are in the correct order:

455 499 502 511 555

499 is the number closest to 500 and 555 is the number furthest from 500.

Wow Slips - a reminder to parents that if your child shows any of the four Building Learning Power muscles at home - resilience, resourcefulness, reflectiveness or reciprocity, please share this with us by completing a wow slip. These are available from the document holder outside the school office.

**Resilient** - manage distractions, preserve and not give up, able to concentrate.

**Resourceful** - being curious and questioning things, making links between things, imagining how things might look, sound, feel, etc.

**Reflective** - planning ahead, revising and adapting plans, learning from experience.

**Reciprocal** - listening to others and understanding things from their point of view, collaborating with others and working as a team.