



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Monday 30 April 2018

Learner of the Week

FSDB Bradley Emille
FSE Ben Longbottom
1BA whole class
1P whole class
2D Lucas Parkhouse
2G Harley Sams
3P Ruby White
3S Macey Skuse
4C Leland Pike
4E Millie Snell
5F Hayden How
5S Leo Symns
6H whole class
6P whole class

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSDB Faith Medina
FSE Rayyan Rice
1BA Matilda Lane
1P Ryan Land
2D Kaleb Snow
2G Desmond Hill
3P Millie Boddy
3S Gracie Snell
4C Jessica Evans
4E Grace Rolfe
5F Charlie Collard
5S Ryli McGavigan
6H Poppy Holland
6P Alfie Andrews

Best Attendance

6H - 99.7%

Friends of HPS

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Yummy Friday - Our next cake sale will be on Friday 4 May (apologies if there was any confusion over it being last week). Please could children in Year 4 bring in cakes or biscuits to sell after school (nut free).

Next Meeting - the next meeting of the Friends will be on Tuesday 1 May at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

News

Year 5 Open Evening - Tiverton High is holding an open evening for parents of children who are currently in Year 5 on Thursday 17 May from 5-7pm. Parents and children will get the opportunity to have a look around the school and ask any questions.

Internet Safety - as part of being safe online, Year 5 classes will be watching a short video clip this week. The clip can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59911E-rWTU> if parents would also like to see it.

Attendance - our whole school percentage from September up until Friday last week, stands at 95.59%. Year 5 have the best attendance so far with 96.64%, very close to our target of 97%. Please help us to reach our target by not allowing your child to miss school unless there really is an exceptional or unavoidable reason.

Class Photos - all the children will be photographed in their classes on Wednesday 2 May. If your child is in nursery and they do not normally attend on a Wednesday, please bring them in at either 9.15am or 12pm so that they can be in the group photo if you would like to be

included. Please note that you will need to wait with them for a short time while the photographer gets the children ready.

Worry Monsters - We are aware through conversations with the children that a number of them have worry monsters and they write down their worry and put it in the monster's mouth and then the worry disappears. At school during mental health and well being sessions, we speak to the children about the importance of talking about a worry which often helps to prevent the worry continuing. We suggest to the children that as well as writing it down they talk about it with an adult that they trust.

Dad's Dinners - We are planning to run a new after school club, where we invite Dad's (Granddads, Uncles, big brothers, or any other family member), to prepare and cook tea with their child/children and eat it with the whole family. We will be using the new kitchen in the Community/Thrive Room and will provide food and equipment and support from staff. We would like to hear from you, if this is an activity you and your family would like to take part in.

Crafty Ladies Colouring Club - we would like to invite parents and carers of children to come along on Thursdays from 10am-12pm and do something 'for you'. See Lou Dedames (Parent Support Advisor) in the Community Room, phone 01884 252445 or text 07436 795256 for details.

Fortnite Game - A number of children have been talking about the game Fortnite that is rated for 12 year olds and up. They are describing the game in detail to others who do not want to know about it and it is upsetting some children. We have discussed why it is rated a 12 and that they wouldn't go to the cinema to watch a 12 film - it is the same with computer games.

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

Diary Dates

Class Photo - 2 May

Book Fair - 3, 4 & 8 May

Year 6 SATs - week beginning 14 May

Term Dates

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

Last Day of Spring
Term
Friday 5 April

First Day of Summer
Term
Tuesday 23 April



Message from Miss Higginson

Thank you to all those parents and children who attended the protest against funding cuts the other weekend. We really appreciate all your support towards highlighting the plight of schools in the local area who are receiving less money through school funding.

We often organise extracurricular activities to provide a wide of opportunities for the children. We try to keep the cost of these to a minimum and often our Friends subsidised the cost of these activities. Recently we have had to fund the cost of these activities as not all the money required has come in. Therefore due to reduced budgets we will in future have to cancel events if we do not receive sufficient money to cover the cost of the activity.

As always we have a busy term ahead of us with lots to look forward to such as the drumming workshop, other trips and visits, sports day and the summer fete to name a few! As well as the SATs tests for Year 2 and 6 and the phonics screening for Year 1 and 2.

As you are aware we have often discussed the importance of attending school on time and regularly as it is a vital part of children achieving their best and making good or better progress. We will continue to focus on making sure that all children attend school on time and regularly. Last term the class with the best attendance each week enjoyed receiving a certificate in assembly and earning an extra 10 minutes of golden time that week. Therefore we will continue to award certificates this term to the class with the best weekly attendance. We will also be monitoring the number of times children arrive late to school as it is important that children are on time to get the best start to the school day.

Please can I remind parents that due to health and safety and safeguarding reasons parents should not be walking through the school building. Children should be dropped off either on the playground or the outside doors. If you need to speak to the class teacher then either speak to them at the outside classroom door or leave a message with the office staff. If your child is late they need to sign in at the office and then the office staff will take them to the classroom.

As always if you have any questions, please see your child's class teacher or the Team Leader for that phase; Miss Neale (EYFS and Year 1), Miss Pearson (Year 2 and 3) and Mrs Budden (Year 4, 5 and 6 Leader).

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

Rearrange the words in the statement below to make it a question. Use only the given words. Remember to punctuate your sentence correctly.

They are listening to music.

Answer to last week's question - the sequence of numbers is:

68 82 96 110 124 138 152

Wow Slips -

Alfie Wright - has been a resilient rhino. He read 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and was able to tell mum all about the book and the characters in great detail.