Newsletter

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Friends of HPS
Forthcoming Events for your Diary

AGM- The Friends AGM will be on Tuesday 30th October at 2pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

Disco- Thank you to everyone who came along to help at the recent disco. We raised an amazing £369!

NEWS

Flu Vaccines - Letters were sent out on 27th September to all children from Reception up to Year 5 with information about a nasal flu vaccine. The closing date for registering consent has been extended due to some technical issues with the link. Please could all parents complete the electronic consent form by Tuesday 6th November even if you **do not** wish for your child to have the vaccination.

Year 5 Widemouth Bay Residential- Just a reminder that the next instalment of £30 is due on Wednesday 31st October.

Attendance - We are constantly reviewing and monitoring our attendance and as part of this process we will be writing to parents if their child's percentage is reaching a possible trigger point. Sometimes, especially early on in the school year, if your child is off for a few days it can make their percentage look quite low as we have only been open for a handful of weeks. Please don't be alarmed if you receive one of these letters. We are required by the Education Welfare Officer to keep parents informed of their child's attendance. As the school year progresses and your child attends regularly, this percentage will obviously improve.

Give or Take Event- This event is running from Tuesday 6th – Saturday 10th November at the CreaTIV Hub shop (next to the cinema). Bring along items you don't need, take away anything you can use, all for free. The purpose is to reduce landfill. All items donated must be in fair condition and useable, No clothing please.

Learner of the week

FSDB Ruby
FSG Huntley
1BA Lilly Anne
1P Lianna
2D Nicola
2P Miley
3H Eli
3S Maisie
4C Alexa
4E Preston
5F Liam
5S Summer

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSDB James
FSG Isabel
1BA Lianna
1P Poppy
2D Betsy
2P Lauren
3H Phoebe
3S Joshua
4C Billy
4E Ella
5F Shelby
5S Bethany
6P Tobias
6W Hayden

Best Attendance

4C,6P & 6W
100%

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Diary Dates

Parents Evening
6th & 7th November

Term Dates

Last Day of Autumn Term
Wednesday 19th December

First Day of Spring Term
Monday 7th January 2019

Spring Half Term
Monday 18th February-
Friday 22nd February

Last Day of Spring Term
Friday 5th April

First Day of Summer Term
Tuesday 23rd April

May Bank Holiday
Monday 6th May

Heathcoat Heroes

The children below have all reached the very top of our learning behaviours and expectations system this week.

FSG- Findlay

2P- Ryan

4E- Alexis

5S- Jack

5F- Shelby

6W- Libby

Message from Miss Higginson

I hope that you all enjoyed the lovely weather we had over half term and were able to get out and about. The week before half term, the year 6 pupils went on residential to Widemouth Bay and enjoyed a fantastic week body boarding, abseiling and team building. The children were a credit to our school and the centre staff were amazed at their attitude and behaviour. The staff said our children were the best group they had at the centre this season. Well done all of you! The children who didn't attend the residential were also a credit to the school as they took part in cooking and forest school activities to name a few. They will be sharing their experiences in assembly on Friday 9th November. This half term is a busy one with parents evening, see how we learn sessions and the run up to Christmas. If you have any questions then please speak to your child's class the teacher in the first instance before speaking to the team leaders.

Countryfile Ramble

On Monday 22nd November a group of staff walked 10 miles along The Grand Western Canal on a Countryfile Ramble to raise money for Children in Need. We enjoyed a lovely ramble in the sunshine and if anyone would like to donate towards Children in Need, please contact the school office.

Parent Governor Election- We are pleased to announce that we have three strong candidates for Parent Governor. For information on who they are and how to vote, please use the Parent Governor Election link: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/69WRZLC (or ask your school for a ballot paper). One vote per parent. All voting is confidential. This vacancy is for the whole Federation - Heathcoat and Rackenford Primaries and Tiverton High School. We want the election to be fair and so if your child goes to one of the primary schools your vote will be given a "weighting" proportionate to the primary/secondary ratio. This ensures that parents from the combined primary schools have as much of a voice as parents from THS. Although the position is for parent governor, all governors must act in the best interests of all our pupils and it is not the Parent Governor role to represent any stakeholder group. The deadline for voting is 12 pm on Friday 2 November. We will announce the successful candidate as soon as possible after that date.