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## Friends of HPS

### Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Cake Donations– The Friends would like cake donations (nut free) for the refreshment stall for Sports Day on 19th June. These can be brought on the day and handed in at the school office.

Summer Fete- Will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 3.15pm. If you would like to have a stall at the fete, please pick up a booking form from the school office. The Friends will be holding a meeting every Tuesday in the staff room at 2pm. All parents and carers are welcome to come along.

## NEWS

Sports Day– Please can all children come dressed in their PE kits and wearing a t-shirt of their house colour for sports day on Wednesday. The park gate will be open at the start and end of the day and access to the school premises can be gained via the Broad Lane entrance throughout the day. Don't forget to bring along a picnic blanket or your own portable chair to watch the races. Refreshments will be on sale during the day so please bring along some pennies. Please refer to today's letter for all housekeeping rules so that everyone can enjoy a safe sports day.

The timings for the day are as follows:

9.15am—9.45am Nursery  
9.45am– 11.15am Reception and Year 1  
11.15am– 12.15pm Year 2 & Year 3  
1.30pm– 3.00pm Year 4, 5 & 6

**Please note that there will be no Jacket potato option on sports day.**

Class Photos- Order forms were sent out last week for you to order class photos. Please ensure that your order is handed in by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. If you miss this deadline you will need to post your order direct to Tempest and include an additional £5 for the late order.

Class 4C – Just a reminder that the children from 4C need to bring in a toothbrush and toothpaste on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June for their dental health lesson.

## Learner of the week



FSDB Ella  
FSG Poppy-Mai  
1BA Murray  
1P The whole class  
2D Oran  
2P Harry  
3H Maisie H  
3S Ellie-Mai  
4C Bethany  
4E Poppy  
5F Bradley  
5S Alex  
6P Lucas  
6W Aurora

## Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Layla  
FSG Wesley  
1BA Joseph  
1P Mason  
2D Matilda  
2P Neve  
3H Ethan  
3S Thomas  
4C Ava  
4E Ruby  
5F Millie S  
5S Lauren  
6P Phoebe  
6W Hayden

## Best Attendance

5S – 99.1%





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## Diary Dates



Sports Day  
19<sup>th</sup> June

## Term Dates



Last Day of Summer Term  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

First Day of Autumn Term  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Autumn Half Term  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October –  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Last Day of Autumn Term  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

First Day of Spring Term  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Heathcoat Heroes

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

2D – Tiana & Cameron

3H – Maisie H

5F – Millie N, Jaxon & Millie S

6W – Libby C & Aurora

Suicide Bereavement Group- A group has been set up for families that have suffered a suicide bereavement, where we can talk and support each other. Just a friendly gathering with tea/coffee and cake! The group will meet at Moorhayes Community Association & Country House Bar & Restaurant, Tiverton in their back bar on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm until 9pm, for people from Tiverton and surrounding areas. For further information please call: 07815 951522 or email [suicide.bereavement.group@gmail.com](mailto:suicide.bereavement.group@gmail.com)

Swimming Gala 2019- On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 18 pupils from across years 4, 5, and 6 represented our school in the Tiverton Primary Schools Gala. A boy and a girl from each year group competed to win points in the three disciplines. - Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke. At the end of the Gala, Heathcoat Primary School were declared the winners with a total score of 174 points. The children represented the school brilliantly, both in and out of the water, and the staff accompanying them were very proud of the effort and the behaviour they displayed. The team captains, Freddie and Phoebe, proudly collected the trophy which is now displayed in the school's trophy cabinet.



Congratulations to the following pupil who has demonstrated their building learning powers in various different activities outside of school.

5S - Jessica

Parents can share their child's wow moments regarding Building Learning Power by sending in a wow slip (available from the document stand outside the office).



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School Absence Procedures -As a Federation, we believe that in order for children to fully benefit from their education, quite simply, good attendance is crucial. Without good attendance the children miss lessons, vital learning and important information and they will not get the most out of their primary school experience. We work closely with the Education Welfare Officer to ensure that the school monitors pupils' patterns of attendance, informing parents/carers in writing of irregular attendance and arranging meetings with them if necessary. We are working hard to promote good attendance with all children.

With this in mind we would like to remind you of the schools procedure if your child is absent from school:

- If your child is unwell, you should contact the school office by 9.15am on the first day of the absence and telephone every day thereafter unless your child has a doctor's certificate.
- The school will contact you if your child is absent and no contact has been made. If no contact is made, we will continue to try to contact you and the other emergency contacts that you have provided us with.
- If after 2 days there has been no contact, the school may ring 101 and ask the Police to make a welfare call to your address.
- All requests for time off must be on the absence request form which can be found outside the school office and should be returned at least 2 weeks in advance. Any requests for absence will be assessed on a case by case basis.

As a parent/carer, you can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not allowing your child to miss school for anything other than an exceptional or unavoidable reason.

If you have any questions regarding attendance, please speak to Miss Higginson, Mrs Budden or Mrs Williams(in the school office).

Early May Bank Holiday 2020 – Change of Date- You may already be aware from recent media coverage that the decision has been made to move the date of the early May Bank Holiday next year. This is to coincide with the national celebrations for the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The bank holiday will move from **Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May** to form part of a three-day weekend of commemorative events. Apparently this has only happened once before – in 1995 - to tie in with the 50th anniversary celebrations for VE Day.

We realise that some parents may have been planning a long weekend away for the earlier date (4th May), however, this will now be a normal school day. If this change affects you and your child's attendance then the absence will need to be requested and approved in the normal way i.e. by submitting a request form to our school office. Any requests for absence will be assessed on a case by case basis.



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Calm Tools for Families- Open Minds UK offers emotional wellbeing support for families. Our personalised toolkit helps your child manage tricky times and become more resilient. Sessions cost £45 per hour in Bradninch and you take away lots of useful ideas and resources to use at home. It really helps! See website for testimonials.

Family Courses- Our Calm Tools for Families course will take place at Exeter Phoenix on 18th June, 25th June and 2nd July. Cost £80 for one adult and one child.

See website for more details: [www.openmindsuk.org.uk](http://www.openmindsuk.org.uk)

**ROTARY FAIR & DOG SHOW**

Sunday 23 June | Midday - Late Afternoon  
 Adults 50p | Children FREE  
 People's Park, Tiverton

Enjoy Britain's Got Talent entertainer 'Nutty Noah' & local magician 'Stephen Lovering'

Plus ... Tiverton Town Band, Majorettes - The Diamond Twirlers, Beer Tent, Pizza Van, BBQ Food, Face Painting, Craft Demonstrations and Adult & Children's Games

Tiverton Town Band .....	12.00pm - 1.00pm
Magician .....	12.30pm - 1.30pm
Dog Show .....	1.30pm - 3.00pm
Nutty Noah .....	3.15pm - 4.15pm
Parade of Champions .....	4.15pm
The Diamond Twirlers .....	4.30pm - 5.15pm

Registration for Dog Show from 12.30

Our thanks to Tesco & many local businesses for their support