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NEWS

Road safety- We have invested in some yellow signs which are placed on the double yellow lines outside school to discourage parents from parking there. This is to ensure the safety of our pupils and all members of the school community. We placed the 6 yellow signs on the road on Tuesday morning, however there were only 5 left at the end of the day. We look forward to the safe return of our missing sign.

PANTS rule- During the year we regularly revisit the NSPCC PANTS rules as part of our PSHE teaching. During these discussions we will aim to teach our pupils the following important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. We will be teaching our pupils how to stay safe by learning the PANTS rules, which the NSPCC have developed.

PANTS stands for:

- Privates are private.
- Always remember your body belongs to you.
- No means no.
- Talk about secrets that upset you.
- Speak up, someone can help.

The lessons will introduce a range of ideas, all delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate, empowering pupils without using any frightening words.

These include:

- good and bad touching
- your child's right to say no to things that make them feel upset or uncomfortable.
- naming parts of the body
- who your child can turn to if they ever feel upset or worried.

More information about talking PANTS, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Learner of the week



FSDB Whole Class
FSG Whole Class
1BA Jasmine
1P Finlay
2D Lilly-Mae
2P Dexter
3E Kayamai
3P Millie
4C Ella
4E Desmond
5F Lexi
5S Ella & Kirsty
6H Jasmine
6W Freddie



Mobile Phones– Just a reminder that we have a no mobile phone policy at Heathcoat Primary School to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff. Please ensure that mobile phones are NOT used on the school premises.

Best Attendance

100%

FSDB, 1BA & 6H





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Diary Dates



Ronald Dahl Day –
Friday 13th September

Term Dates



Autumn Half Term
Monday 21st October –
Friday 25th October

Last Day of Autumn Term
Wednesday 18th December

First Day of Spring Term
Monday 6th January 2020

Spring Half Term
Monday 17th February–
Friday 21st February

Heathcoat Heroes

The child below has reached the very top of our learning behaviours and expectations system this week.

3H- Harry F

Aldi's Kit for Schools- From 6th September, Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and fill up your school's poster for a chance to win. More information can be found on the Aldi website <https://www.aldi.co.uk/kitforschools> All stickers collected can be handed in to the school office.



Situations Vacant- We are seeking to appoint a permanent MTA, £9 p/h, Monday to Friday, 1.83 hours a day, during term time and 2 permanent Cleaners, Monday to Friday, £9 p/h, within the Primary phase of the Federation of Tiverton Schools, to be based at Heathcoat Primary School. Applicants must be supportive, reliable and adaptable in order to meet the daily needs of the school. Please contact the school on (01884) 252445 or email admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk for an application pack or further information.

Closing Date: noon on 10th September 2019

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This role requires a DBS disclosure. This role requires the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.

Secondary School Applications-The application window for Year 7 secondary school admission in 2020 is now open. Parents of Year 6 pupils should receive a letter from the Local Authority giving details about applications for secondary schools. It is important that all Year 6 parents make their applications on-line at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline by 31st October 2019. It is important that the application is made on time so that parents can secure a place for their child at the secondary school of their choice. If you have any difficulties accessing this online, please speak to the school office for assistance. You may want to visit Schools' open events which are usually held in September/October, details are available from the schools direct or via devon.cc/opendays



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Contact details- Please remember to update the office with your contact details if you have moved house or changed your mobile phone over the summer holidays. It is vitally important and your responsibility to ensure that we have the correct contact details for you.

Parental Consent- If you wish to amend your parental consent for your child/ren, please contact us at admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk and insert parental consent in the subject box.

Attendance – As you are aware we are constantly monitoring the attendance of our children. The Governors have set our target for the end of this year at 97% (the national target is 96%). Please help us to reach our target by not allowing your child to miss school unless there really is an exceptional or unavoidable reason. We understand how tricky it can be when a child is feeling a bit under the weather with a snuffle or a sore throat, but we encourage you to send them into school unless they have a fever, sickness or diarrhoea. Mrs Williams or Mrs Hyde in the office will always give you a ring if your child is unwell at school. If your child is absent, please call Mrs Williams in the office by 9.30am to advise her of this. If you have any queries or concerns about attendance, please speak to Mrs Budden and we will see if there is anything we can do as a school to further support you and your child.

School Payments- Just a reminder that all breakfast club, after school club, nurse sessions and school dinners should be paid for either on the day or in advance. These can be paid by cash, cheque (payable to DCC) at the school office or online via Scopay, for your child's unique code please ask at the school office.

BBC Radio Devon- Last week some of the year 6 children were interviewed by BBC Radio Devon about coming back to school and this terms topic, World War 2. This coincided with the anniversary of the start of World War 2. You can listen to the interview at <https://heathcoat.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Heathcoats-Audio-2019-09-06-at-12.12.35.mpeg>

Affinity Support Group- A mini-music festival has provided help and support to parents and carers with autistic children throughout the summer, for information can be found at <https://www.devonlive.com/news/local-news/mini-music-festival-helps-youngsters-3291757> Affinity support group are a community group that meets twice monthly to provide support group sessions for parents or carers who care for a child or young people with Autism. Within the summer holidays, the team facilitated inclusive workshops and activity sessions for children and young people with Autism and their families.

CHAT Assembly- On 30th September we will have a visitor to assembly to talk to the children about CHAT, the work that they do in the community and how we can help by donating food items that can be shared amongst people in our local area. In order to give you advance notice, the list is attached. When you are shopping, if you are able to add one more tin of food or a bag of dried pasta, this will all make a huge difference to the families who need it.