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Friends of HPS Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Next Meeting- The next meeting of the Friends will be on Tuesday 8th October at 2pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

NEWS

Site Security- Keeping our school site safe and secure is vitally important. If you come through the pedestrian, please make sure you push it shut hard behind you so that it clicks. The car park is for staff and only the few parents who have permission to park in the school grounds. We are asking you for your support in keeping your child and all the other children at school safe. Therefore parents will not be given access through the pedestrian gate before 12 noon or 3.05pm to ensure we safeguard all the children.

Year 2 Assembly – We would like to invite the parents and carers of children in Year 2 to come in for an assembly in the blue hall on Friday 11th October at 2.50pm.

World Mental Health Day- This Thursday, 10th October, is World Mental Health Day. To help mark the occasion, we would like children to wear something yellow with their normal school uniform on that day. If parents would like to contribute 50p they can and money raised will go to the Young Minds charity.

Individual Photographs- Order forms were sent home last week for individual photographs. Please ensure that your order is handed in by Monday 14th October. If you miss this deadline you will need to post your order direct to Tempest and include an additional £5 for the late order.

Attendance – We are constantly reviewing and monitoring our attendance. As part of this process, in the autumn term, we send a letter to all parents explaining about holiday and avoidable absence in term time.

Lost Property – Has your child lost a jumper or a coat? If so please come a claim it from the lost property box outside of the school office, as it is currently overflowing!

Learner of the week



FSDB Freddie
FSG Jack
1BA Jesse
1P Poppy-Mai
2D Connor
2P Kiki
3E Neve
3P Katie
4C Macey
4E Harley
5F Gwenny
5S Whole Class
6H Lauren
6W Gracie

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Tilly
FSG Logan
1BA Edith
1P Poppy S
2D Reuben
2P Joseph
3E Frankie
3P Kovi
4C Maisy
4E Annabelle
5F Darcy
5S Liam
6H Abi-Rose
6W Summer

Best Attendance

FSDB & 2D
100%



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Diary Dates



Mental Health Day –
10th October

End of day procedures - Just a polite reminder that the school gates are not opened until 3.05pm. The children are busy working until the end of the day and often the day is finished by a story. It is lovely to see so many of you waiting outside the classroom to collect your children. However, we ask that you save your 'hellos' until the children have come out to meet you to avoid distracting the class whilst they are still learning. We appreciate your support with this.

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

Last Day of Spring Term
Friday 27th March

Funky Fun Dance Moves Club - Is open to all year groups and will run on a Monday 3.15pm to 4pm in the blue hall from 28th October to 9th December. This is a fun and relaxed club, no experience needed. To book your child a place please email vicky.baldwin@live.co.uk. The cost of the 7 sessions will be £21 per child. You can **only** pay by cash or cheque direct to Vicky at the end of the first session on 28th October. Please **do not** send money into the school office.

Safeguarding and Child Protection - Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and all child protection concerns need to be acted on immediately. If you are concerned that a child may be at risk or actually suffering abuse please contact Demelza Higginson, Mike Payne or Claire Shanahan or Josie Hambly within school or alternatively if not in school hours please contact MASH (Devon County Council multi agency safeguarding hub) who are available to discuss your concern and advise 0345 155 1071.

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSBD – Nathaniel, Freddie
Ava-Mae, James

3E – Matilda, Amelia, Kayla
Neve, Tammy, Josh
Daisy-Mai & Darcy

4E – Zach 6H – Jaxon &
Lauren



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

FSNH - Phoenix

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).

Accelerated Reader Achievement

6H highest average quiz percentages



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Message from Miss Higginson

Last year we spent a significant amount of time reviewing our school values and behaviour system with the staff and pupils, identifying values which were important to everyone and considering how they linked to life at Heathcoat school.

Our final five values are:

- Teamwork
- Respect
- Aim High
- Independence
- Never give up

These values are an acronym of train. The children have likened this to training your brain when you learn and going on a train as part of your learning journey at school. These values can be found on display by the office.

We will be focusing on one or two values each term and this term we are looking at the value of respect. The staff have taken each value and decided on the learning behaviours we would expect to see everyone model in school. The learning behaviours for respect are:

- We are polite and use our manners with everyone
- We are kind and gentle
- We are honest
- We accept and celebrate differences in everyone
- We actively seek to improve the lives of others and ourselves

We will be teaching the children about respect during assembly and as part of PSHE lessons in class, focusing on the learning behaviours above. As staff we will be modelling respect when interacting with each other, other professionals, parents and the children. When we are talking to the children about their learning or behaviour, we will be making links to our learning around respect and will be looking for children to be showing respect to others during the school day. We would like to ask you to also spend time this term focusing on conversations with your child(ren) around respect.

We will also be having a Thought for the Week which we will publish in the Newsletter. This week it is "What I say and how I say it tells others the kind of person I am."

The children are currently designing posters for our school values (train) as part of a competition. The winning design will be made into posters for each class.

Our updated behaviour policy can be found on the school website. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Budden, Mrs Shanahan, Miss Neale, Mr Hudson or myself.



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Year 2 Trip to Exmoor Zoo

On Friday 27th September, all of Year 2 visited Exmoor zoo. The rain didn't dampen our spirits, and we had a great day! We saw lots of different animals, such as: peacocks, snakes, monkeys, leopards, cheetahs, wolves, and many more!

After lunch, we had a talk from Steve the zoo keeper. He told us all about how animals adapt to their environment, and how humans are causing some habitats to be destroyed. We also got the chance to touch an African tree snail, stick insects, a corn snake and



Developmental Language Disorder

National DLD Awareness Day is 18th October, see <https://radld.org/>

Parent Event: What is Developmental Language Disorder?

Does your child have language and literacy difficulties?

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) affects 7-10% of children, causing them to struggle in their learning of oral language as well as impacting on their literacy development. If you would like to learn more about DLD and language needs, including how to support your child at home and how to access further information, there are free training events taking place around the county in recognition of National DLD Awareness Day. The Communication & Interaction Team and Speech & Language Therapy service will lead this informal session. There will also be an opportunity for questions.

North: 17th October, 10-11.30am, South Molton Community College

South/West: 16th October, 1.30-3pm, Stowford Primary School

East: 16th October - 1.30-3pm, Littleton Primary School

Exeter: 16th October - 10-11.30am, St Peters Church of England School, Exeter.