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Friends of HPS

Disco- The Friends are holding a disco on Thursday 21st November for children from Reception up to year 6. More information will follow shortly.

NEWS

Children in Need 15th November- Friday 15th November is Children in Need and we will be celebrating this event by having a non uniform day, children can wear something spotty or yellow and donating 50p to the charity. Children will be taking part in the live aerobics led by Joe Wicks and Mrs Soper. There will be a prize for the best homemade Pudsey/Children in Need T shirt. There will also be Pudsey biscuits as part of the school lunch that day.

Breakfast & After School Club- If you would like to make changes to the sessions that your child has from January 2020 onwards, please send a note to the school office with details of which sessions you require by Wednesday 13th November.

Changes to Nursery Sessions- If you would like to make changes to the sessions that your child has from January 2020 onwards, please send a note to the school office with details of which sessions you require by Wednesday 13th November.

Anti-Bullying Week- To help mark Anti-Bullying week, we would like to ask children to wear odd socks with their school uniform on Tuesday 12th November.



KS2 Girls Football- On 12th November and 3rd December, Mr Hodsdon will be running a girls football club during the lunch time, 12.30pm-1pm. No need to sign up, just turn up in your PE kit on the day.

Learner of the week



- FSDB Archie
- FSG Olivia-Grace
- 1BA Alfie
- 1P Edward
- 2D Isla
- 2P Esmee
- 3E Felicity
- 3P Cameron
- 4C Maisie H
- 4E Ellie-Mai
- 5F Ella
- 5S Whole Class
- 6H Ethan
- 6W Dominik

Lunchtime Behaviour



- FSDB Thomas
- FSG Emily
- 1BA Freya
- 1P Riley
- 2D Lilly-Mae
- 2P Joshua
- 3E Frankie
- 3P Miley
- 4C Findlay
- 4E Phoebe
- 5F Gwenny
- 5S Alexa
- 6H Bradley
- 6W Jessica E

Best Attendance

2P – 99.1%



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Diary Dates



Flu Vaccination
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Term Dates



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

First Day of Summer Term
Tuesday 14th April

Fortnightly focus update - The children have been working really hard on improving their table manners and have really enjoyed this target. Here is a picture of some of the children on our top table this week – all of whom were using their manners beautifully. Children have been finishing their mouthful of food before speaking, using their cutlery, not walking around whilst eating and saying “Please and thank you”. This target has now been achieved and we will continue to maintain these skills.

For the next 2 weeks we will be focusing on this target: **We can line up quickly and quietly inside and outside.** This is a target that some children felt was important when we asked them how school could improve lunchtimes for everyone.

The new target was discussed in assembly on Friday and children know that when a member of staff raises their hand in the air, it’s an indication that they want everyone’s attention. This is a really effective way of getting everyone’s focus in a quiet and calm way.

Children who are lining up quickly and quietly may be given ‘golden tickets’ and the chance to be on the top table on Friday.

We will, of course, continue to reward other lovely lunchtime behaviours.

After School Football Club- Just to let you know that this week’s after school football club has been cancelled.

Heathcoat Heroes

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

4C

Sophie
Macey
Jayden

Thought of the Week

I have the courage to stand up for children who are teased - Change starts with us!

Accelerated Reader Achievement

3E highest average quiz percentages



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Uniform and lost property- Just a reminder that all uniform including PE kits and coats should be clearly named so that they can be returned to their owners. The lost property box was overflowing at the start of half term with uniform that wasn't named. If your child has lost an item of clothing please check the lost property box, which is outside the school office.

Medical appointments- If your child needs to be collected during the school day for a medical appointment that can't be taken out of school time please let the office know in advance. We can then try to make sure they are ready.

School Car Park - Only parents with a parking permit are permitted to park in the school car park, this includes when collecting a child during the day or attending a meeting. Please park on Broad Lane and enter through the pedestrian gate

Healthy Eating

We love to encourage children to try the school dinners - they are delicious and nutritious. However, if your child chooses to have a packed lunch, here are some ideas for you to try. (And to get your child really involved and keen to eat their lunch - why not get them to help prepare it?)

Why not try a Bento lunchbox? They often require no cooking, are full of fresh, healthy ingredients and can be assembled quickly.

How to make a bento lunch box



The basics of a bento box can be broken down into four main components:

- protein- hard boiled eggs, chunks of cheese, deli meat, prawns, beans or tuna
- veggies- lots of carrot, cucumber & celery sticks - but salad ingredients as well – peppers, lettuce leaves
- fruit- grapes and berries
- carbs- flatbread crackers, pitta, naan bread or tortilla chips

Try picking 1-2 items from each category and assemble your boxes.

Please remember we are a nut-free school and ask that you do not send in any items that contain chocolate spread as it can be difficult to know if it is nut free.

Do you have a good tip for a healthy lunchbox? If so - please send in any ideas that you have and it may be included in next week's newsletter.



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Sports for Champions –Just a reminder that all sponsor money needs to be returned by **Friday 15th November** to give the office time to sort it out before the athlete arrives. If we receive the sponsor money after this date we cannot guarantee that we can process it in time to receive a prize. Many thanks for all your support in this exciting event.

Aspirations Assembly- Following the aspirations assembly we have received the following feedback from one of the guests.

“It was a pleasure to visit your school on Wednesday this week, as well as the lovely reception from the staff I found your pupils to be an absolute delight, from their excellent behaviour, attention and questions in assembly to without exception their engagement in the small group sessions, I was very sad I could only stay long enough to meet the year five and not year six pupils! From my short time with you I was struck by the positive atmosphere in the school and thank you for what must be your hard work in creating this.”

Year 2 & 3 Christmas Play- Shine Star Shine is being performed by the children in Year 2 and 3 on the following dates: Tuesday, 10th December at 1.45pm and Wednesday, 11th December at 9.30am. Tickets will be issued to the families of these children nearer the time.

Antibullying Workshops Year 3-6- It is anti-bullying week, this week and each class will be taking part in activities that encourage the children to think about what changes we can all make to make HPS and the wider community a friendly and happy place. Last week all KS2 children took part in workshops based on respect. The children acted out scenarios to encourage them to think about how we should respect each other. The year 6 children talked about bullying through social media and how it is important to think about what you write because sometimes it can be perceived in different ways.



#Skills for life

Want to learn new skills and make new friends? Why not come along to Halberton Scouts open evening on Tuesday 26th November, 6pm-7pm. Please see attached flyer for more information.