



## Newsletter

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### Friends of HPS

Disco- The Friends are holding a disco on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November for children from Reception up to year 6. The disco for younger children in Reception, year 1 & 2 will be from 3.30-4.30pm and the older children afterwards from 4.45-5.45pm. Entrance will be via the park end of the building and collection will be from the year 1 & 2 outside classroom doors, as detailed on the disco letter.

### NEWS

Nursery & Reception- Just a reminder that you can collect Nativity tickets tomorrow, Tuesday 19th November at 8.45am outside of Nursery. Our nativity dates are Wednesday 4th December at 9.30am and Thursday 5th December at 2pm.

Balance Bike Found- We have a small red balance bike which was left outside reception several weeks ago. If it belongs to you please come and claim it from the school office.

Book Fair- We are excited to announce that the book fair will be returning to school on Wednesday 27th November 2019. It will be in the New Hall between 3:20pm and 4:00pm. There will be a variety of story books, information books, posters and stationery suitable for all ages. In the run-up to Christmas these books would make great presents. Also, your support helps the school to earn rewards so that we can invest in more books for the school. The last day of the book fair will be Tuesday 3rd December. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lunchtime Tag Rugby Club- Unfortunately Mr Newsome's Thursday Tag Rugby club has not been able to run for the last few weeks due to the field being too wet and the hall being in use. We hope to recommence this club soon, weather permitting.



Dogs on School Grounds – Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds unless they are assistance dogs.

### Learner of the week



FSDB Tilly  
FSG Irisa  
1BA Ray  
1P Saskia  
2D Lacey  
2P Murray  
3E Amelia  
3P Cohen  
4C Ella-Mai  
4E Imogen  
5F Millie  
5S Hudson  
6H  
6W Jessica

### Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Wyatt  
FSG Alfie  
1BA James  
1P Toby  
2D Connor  
2P Mileja  
3E Kayamai  
3P Lily C  
4C Lizzie  
4E Ella  
5F Zaiya  
5S Lottie

### Best Attendance

4E – 99%



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## Diary Dates



Book Fair  
27<sup>th</sup> November –  
3<sup>rd</sup> December

## Term Dates



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

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

Spring Half Term  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February-  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Last Day of Spring Term  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

First Day of Summer Term  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

## Hearing your child read

Here are 3 questions that you can ask your child every time that they read. These 3 questions will REALLY help them to develop their reading and understanding skills.

- Tell me what has just happened in your book/ Retell me the story so far.
- What does this word mean? (Find any words that you think might be tricky and try to work out the meaning together from the text/use a dictionary/ google it).
- How do you think this character feels? How do you know?

We understand that life is busy but reading is such an important skill for everyone. We want every child to LOVE reading. It can be a special time when you stop, cuddle up and read together – or they can read to you whilst you are busy in the kitchen! Or they can just read to themselves. Research has proven that children who can read fluently and for enjoyment have better job prospects when they are older, and also have better mental health. Reading is a great way to relax.

Please encourage your child to read for at least 10 minutes each day. You can share the reading – one page each. Make it fun – we love reading!

## Heathcoat Heroes

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

4E – Georgia

5F- Hannah & Soraya

5S – Preston, Ava L, Liam,  
Ella O & Millie S

6W - Gracie

## Thought of the week

I like to get to know children who are different from me

## Accelerated Reader Achievement

4C highest average quiz percentages



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Winter Weather Warnings -On the rare occasion that we might need to close the school due to severe weather, such as snow or flooding, please check the following media platforms for information. Updates will be posted online as soon as a decision is made about a school closure.

School website <https://heathcoat.devon.sch.uk>

Devon Live – <https://www.devonlive.com>

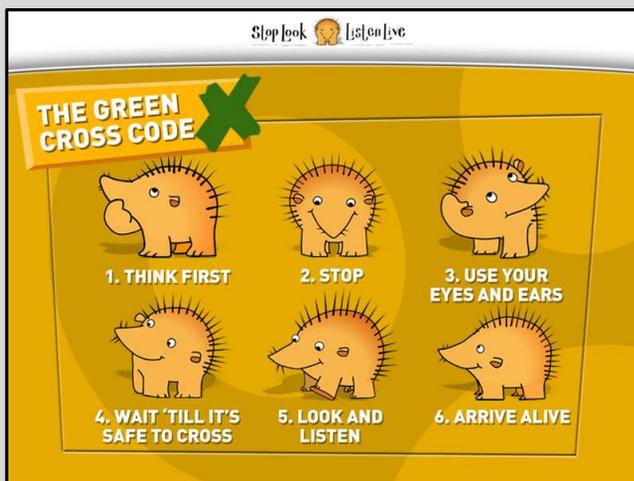
As always, we will endeavour to give a decision about school closures as early as possible to help you to make arrangements.

Goodbye & Thank You –Last week we said goodbye to Mrs Damerel & Miss Hayball as they start new jobs at new schools. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and wish them all the best for the future.

Welcome to New Staff – We would like to welcome Mrs Bulley & Mrs Rutley-Frayne who join us as Teaching Assistant and Mealtime Assistant respectively.

Mental Health & Well being - During our class Mental Health and Well Being sessions this term, the children have been learning how to recognise and describe a range of different feelings in themselves and others. We have also been talking about how some feelings make us feel good and others not so good, and how our feelings change, depending on the situation we are in. The children have learnt that everyone can feel differently about things. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at how we can help ourselves and others to feel better. If you have any questions or would like to know more about pastoral support, please speak to Karen Moore.

Devon SEND Local Offer – Devon SEND are working on improving the information available for parents of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and would like to know more about their experience of using the [Devon SEND Local Offer website](#) for advice and support. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete and is anonymous, although there is an option to add your email address at the end if you would like to help with further user research. Please follow this link to complete the survey [SEND Local Offer Website Survey](#)



Road Safety Week - This week is road safety week, which is organised by 'Brake', a road safety charity, it is an annual event and the biggest road safety awareness event in the UK. Please could we ask parents to discuss road safety with their children and the importance of using the green cross code and "stay safe - be seen", by wearing bright/reflective clothing.

**Road Safety Week**



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As part of the fund raising events for Children in Need, all the children from Reception to Key stage 2 took part in a range of activities, including morning aerobics with Mrs Soper and Joe Wicks. This involved a range of exercises for one minutes duration. In addition to a Children in Need 'make your own pudsey T-shirt' competition. Each year voted for their best homemade design and then modelled their fine design in Friday's Celebration Assembly. A big thank you to all the pupils, parents and members of staff supporting this worthy charity. Last year we raised just over £200; this year we are still counting and will confirm the amount next week.



Children in Need T-Shirt Winners



Congratulations to the following children who won the Children in Need T-Shirt competition

Reception – Willow, Year 1 – Freya, Year 2 - Jake,  
Year 3 - Cailen, Year 4 – Ruby, Year 5 – Hudson,  
Year 6 - Jimi