



Newsletter

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Friends of HPS

Disco- The Friends would like to thank everyone who came along to help at last week's disco. We raised an amazing £437.35!

Christmas Fair- The Friends will be holding the annual Christmas Fair on this Friday, 6th December at 3.15pm. If any parents or carers are able to spare an hour or 30 mins to either help run a stall or set up/clear away, we would really appreciate it. Please leave your name at the office if you can help.

NEWS

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.

Debt- As we are only three weeks away from the end of term, please could all parents clear any debts they have with the school in relation to school dinners, trips, breakfast club, after school club or nursery sessions. We are currently owed £478 for school dinners by parents.

Children in Need- As a school we raised £232.37 for Children in Need through various activities. Congratulations to Alexa, Ava and Tyla in 5S who have raised £60 for Children in Need, by independently making posters and sponsorship forms, and completing a sponsored silence. Well done!



Learner of the week



FSDB Alfie
FSG Logan
1BA Oakley
1P Poppy
2D Kaitlyn
2P Thomas
3E Harry F
3P Isabel
4C Sophie B
4E Georgia
5F Dylan M
5S Beau & Leo
6H Oliver
6W Rebecca

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Ebony
FSG Grace
1BA Emily
1P Freya
2D Seth
2P Amelia
3E Alfie
3P Aiden
4C Alfie
4E Annabelle
5F Poppy
5S Ava L
6H Finley
6W Millie S

Best Attendance

3P – 98.6%





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Diary Dates



Lantern Parade
Saturday 30th
November

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

Heathcoat Heroes

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

4C – Esme

Inhalers- If your child needs an inhaler please make sure that we have one in school so they can use it if necessary. As well as completing a medicine form, we should also have an asthma care plan in school for your child. We do have an emergency inhaler in school which we can administer in an emergency, however you need to have signed the consent form. Please collect an asthma care plan and emergency inhaler consent form from the school office if you have not yet completed one. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child's inhaler is in school and in date.

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, Josie Hambly or Claire Shanahan 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 give advice -0345 155 1071.

Thought of the week

Respect is for those who deserve it not those who demand it.



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

4C - Rhys

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

5S highest average quiz percentages



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Attendance- A good education can be the cornerstone for future life opportunities. Missing school can leave gaps in knowledge and understanding and also place the student at a disadvantage in both their educational development and potentially in their eventual GCSE success.

Beyond qualifications, going to school every day is crucial for a number of reasons:

- It is the best place for students to learn
- It is good preparation for college or work. Colleges and employers expect a history of good attendance
- Parents will know where their children are and that they are safe
- It is a way of making friends and getting new life experiences
- It is the Law

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%). Our whole school percentage at the end of last week, stands at 95.87%. Please help us to reach our target by not allowing your child to miss school unless there really is an exceptional or unavoidable reason.



Lunchtime Behaviour Target- The children have worked really hard on lining up quickly and quietly outside at the end of each lunch break. The MTAs (meal time assistants) have been very, very impressed with the improvement and have given out lots of golden tickets to reward children. Children are also still really good at remembering to use the first target of manners, including using cutlery rather than their fingers. The MTAs are still giving out golden tickets to reward children for the previous targets.

The lunchtime target for this coming week is an indoor target: We will scrape our plates clean. When children have eaten their school dinner, they scrape any leftovers into a special bin. It's important that they do this thoroughly as it prevents the kitchen sinks from getting blocked. We are hoping that there won't be many leftovers as the meals are really delicious, but if there are any leftovers, we want children to try to make sure that they get every scrap off the trays ready to be washed. Children will also be rewarded with golden tickets for finishing their meals and having clean plates as well as scraping their trays clean - we won't want to be encouraging them to leave food just so they can get a golden ticket for scraping!

We will talk to the children about this target during assemblies, the teachers will talk to them about it in class and MTAs will remind them and reward them with golden tickets each day.

If your child doesn't have school dinners - maybe they could try them this week! All children can also earn golden tickets for continuing to use their manners, lining up quickly and quietly and for playing nicely with other children.





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Futsal competition-On 7th November, a team from year 5 and year 6 went to the Futsal competition at the High School. The boys were extremely well behaved and supportive of each other. They shook hands with each team at the end of a match and said 'well done'. Although we did not get through to the final they showed great team spirit. Well done everyone.

Year 2 Multi Skills- Year 2 had a great time at the multi-skills festival at the High School with other primary schools. They did lots of different events that involved target shooting, football, skipping and speed running.



HPS World Cup Tag Rugby Winners

The house team Dart were the winners of our Inter-House team World cup tag rugby tournament. As part of their prize they received a visit and coaching session from a member of the Exeter Chiefs' coaching staff.





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Our school values

Over the last year, we have worked on our behaviour policy, which included discussions with staff and pupils about what values were important to the school. Together, we developed a list of values which spell TRAIN – representing being on a ‘learning journey’ and brain training through learning:

- Teamwork
- Respect
- Aim High
- Independence
- Never Give Up

Further discussions between staff and pupils helped to identify specific learning behaviours for each value. The pupils were then asked to design a poster to promote the values around the school – with teachers shortlisting 10 top designs based on how clearly the values were presented. It was really difficult to narrow down the entries to the final 10 as so many were eye-catching. Staff then voted for their favourite design. Well done to Thomas and Sophie who designed the 2 winning posters. These posters are being printed by Oxygen and we hope to see them up in school by the end of the week.



Online Safety with Gary Gates-Just a reminder that Gary Gates a former police officer is talking to parents in the blue hall tomorrow at 3.30pm. He has spoken to children in years 4, 5 and 6 today. If you are attending, please collect your children as normal and then if you have booked them in to be supervised by Miss Higginson, please bring them to the ICT suite from 3.20pm and then sign in at the school office before making your way to the blue hall ready for a 3.30pm start.



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Money Mules- Parents should follow the advice of the Don't Be Fooled campaign to spot the tell-tale signs that someone might be involved in money muling and for tips on how to stay safe:

Make sure your child doesn't give their bank account details to anyone unless they know and trust them. Tell them to be cautious of unsolicited offers of easy money, because if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Look out for your child suddenly having extra cash, buying expensive new clothes or electronics with very little explanation as to how they got the money.

A young person involved in money muling may become more secretive, withdrawn or appear stressed. Parents and guardians are advised not to attempt to contact any individual they suspect of organising money muling, and should instead contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Up and Coming Events



Yummy Friday- The next cake sale will be on Friday 29th November. Please could children from Year 1 bring in cakes or biscuits to sell after school (nut free). Everyone else, please bring your pennies!



Boo to a Goose -Tiverton Library invites you to attend a Christmas production by Boo to a Goose Theatre. An interactive and multi sensory show for children aged 2-8 and their families. "A jolly old couple, with help from some cheeky elves and The Gingerbread Man, share their memories and stories, singalong songs and festive activities". Tickets available from the Library front desk- Children £4 (attending adults free).

Refreshments available for a small fee. For more information please contact the library or visit the website www.librariesunlimited.org.uk



Free Breakfast- St. Paul's Church, Tiverton are offering free porridge and hot drinks, available from 8am, every week day morning leading up to Christmas, starting Thursday 28th November 2019. Everyone welcome.