



Newsletter

3 February, 2020

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Friends of Heathcoat

Yummy Friday- Thank you to everyone who supported the cake and pre-loved uniform sale last week. The Friends raised £86. Cakes will be on sale again tonight after school.

NEWS

Pastoral Support-Just a reminder that it's Children's Mental Health Week. The topic for this year is about 'Finding Your Brave'. During the week classes will be learning how this can be helpful for your mental health and well being through class activities and an assembly. If you would like further information, please let Mrs. Moore (Pastoral Lead) know. More information can also be found at www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk or place2be.org.uk

Our Year 6 Mental Health Ambassadors would also like to hold a cake sale to raise money for a mental health charity. Please watch this space for further details.

Chocolate tubs- Thank you to everyone who brought in their tubs. We recycled 70 tubs!

Air pollution- Can we remind parents not to sit with their car engine running in the school car park, Broad Lane or the Heathcoat Community Centre car park. You are creating air pollution that not only affects your child but all the other pupils at our school.

Congratulations- To our young gymnasts who recently competed in the Milano South West Gymnastic event, at Kingsley school. Alexa, Kady, Lexie and Rebecca were up against some tough competition and finished 5th overall.



Learner of the week



FSDB Charlie
 FSG Irisa
 1BA Meadow
 1P Dylan G
 2D Erin
 2P Lily-Rose
 3E Heidi
 3P Cohen
 4C Summer
 4E Maisie P
 5F Connor
 5S Alexis
 6H Bradley
 6W Danny

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Thomas
 FSG Lilymay
 1BA Meadow
 1P Riley
 2D Amelia
 2P Megan
 3E Theodore
 3P Miley
 4C Annie
 4E Harley
 5F Poppy
 5S Beau
 6H Levanna
 6W Jessica H

Best Attendance

2P- 98.7%



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Diary Dates



Safer Internet Day
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Term Dates



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

May Bank Holiday
Friday 8th May

Summer Half Term
Monday 25th May-
Friday 29th May

Changes to Nursery Sessions– If you would like to make changes to the sessions that your child has from April 2020 onwards, please send a note to the school office with details of which sessions you require by Friday 7th February.

Outstanding Money - Yet again we are having to ask parents to pay for dinners, breakfast club and trips. We are currently owed **£358** for school dinners alone. **All of these items should be paid for in advance.** A considerable amount of time is spent by the office staff chasing up parents who are consistently running up debts. It is not acceptable to walk out of a restaurant without paying for the meal, it should be no different at school. We obviously realise that sometimes children forget their dinner money, but they should not be owing more than the cost of one meal which is £2.30.



Free Home Safety Visit- Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service offer free home fire safety visits. This visit will include fire safety advice and free fitting of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms if required. The service is completely **free** and could save the lives of you and your family. If you would like to book a visit call 0800 05 02 999.

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSG- Alfie, Irisa, Emily, Kayleb,
Travis, Logan, Charlie & Penny

1BA- Alfie 4E- Immy

1P- Orlaith, Riley, River, Saskia &
Dylan G

5F- Ruby W & Connor

5S- Hudson, Cameron, Mia, Zach,
Alexis, Ava L & Sebastian



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

FSDB- Freddie

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

6W highest average quiz percentages



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Site security and visitor policy- We have a federation-wide site security and visitor policy to ensure that we know at all times, who is on site, who they are with and when they leave the premises. As part of this policy there is a new lanyard system in place. All staff employed by the school wear the school lanyard, which has the HPS and federation badge on. They must wear this at all times.

All visitors to school must sign in and out at the school office and be issued with a visitors lanyard. This is vital so that we know who is in school for safeguarding reasons and in case of a fire. For any visitors to school we have 2 different visitor lanyards.

Green lanyard



If the visitor is a known adult and has a DBS check which we have seen, such as volunteers or professionals known to the school; social workers, the police, supply teachers, communication and interaction team, they will be issued with a green lanyard and are free to move around school.



Red visitors lanyard

An unknown visitor is merely someone whom the school cannot be certain has had DBS and/or barred lists checks undertaken. The fact that they are “unknown” does not in any way imply judgement about the individual's character or trustworthiness. It merely indicates that they are onsite without these administrative checks having been carried out. This includes any parents who have not been DBS checked who may be attending meetings etc during the school day. These visitors must always be accompanied by a member of staff.

All children in year 1 to 6 enter the school building either by the cloakroom door or the outside classroom door and get ready for the day without the support of the parent. Children in reception can be supported by their parents if they wish. These parents then need to leave the building via the outside classroom door.

We ask that, as parents, you follow our policy by not walking through the school building at the start of the day to get to the school office, to another classroom or to take part in a parent read. You need to walk around the outside of the school building.

All the children have been made aware of the new visitor policy in assembly and are aware that if they see anyone without a lanyard or with a red lanyard and no member of staff accompanying them, they must tell the nearest member of staff.



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Prince's Trust



A big thank you to Bethany in year 5 who has had her hair cut and donated the hair to the Prince's Trust. The hair will be used to make wigs for children with cancer.

British Sign Language Course

An Introduction to British Sign Language (BSL) for parents is being held at Petroc- Barnstaple on 10th February.

The practical sessions will equip you with the skills and confidence to communicate with young deaf children who use British Sign Language or Sign Supported English.

For more information and course booking details can be found via the link below
http://www.babcock-education.co.uk/ldp/courses/bookings/c_detail.asp?cid=14491





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