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Friends of Heathcoat

Next Meeting- The next meeting of the friends will be on Wednesday 18th March at 6.30pm in the school community room. Everyone is welcome – just turn up!

Easter Bonnet Competition- The friends are holding an Easter Bonnet competition, to decorate a bonnet or hat with an Easter/spring theme. Entries need to be brought into school on Thursday 26th March for judging. The entry fee for the competition is £1. There will be prizes per key stage (EYFS,KS1 & KS2) and the winning bonnets will be paraded in the whole school celebration assembly.

NEWS



World Down Syndrome Day(21st March)-We invite everyone to wear normal school uniform on Friday 20th March, but wear odd, bright socks to help spread awareness of Down's Syndrome. For more information visit www.worlddownsyndrome.org

Sport Relief- Thank you to everyone who came dressed in their sports gear on Friday and sent in a donation for Sport Relief- we raised £214.45

Parent Read- Due to the current and developing situation parent read will be cancelled until further notice.

Mobile Phones- If your child needs to bring their mobile phone to school because they walk to school on their own, then it needs to be handed in at the office each morning. Both you and your child will need to sign the mobile phone contract before your child brings their phone in for the first time. Your child can collect a contract from the school office.

Learner of the week



FSDB James N
FSG Alfie V
1BA Isabel
1P Beatrice
2D Eva
2P Lilly-Anne
3E Alice
3P Billy
4C Nathan
4E Lucas
5F Dylan M
5S Alexa
6H Millie N
6W Kieran

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Lilymay
FSG Wyatt
1BA Isabelle
1P Beatrice
2D Mason W
2P Lilly-Anne
3E Heidi
3P Isabel
4C Ella
4E Kajus
5F Dylan
5S Ella O
6H Lucy-Jane
6W Summer

Best Attendance

2D – 99.2%



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Diary Dates



Year 1 to Year 6
Reports – Thursday
19th March

Term Dates



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

Last Day of the Summer Term
Friday 17th July

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSDB – Ebony-Ann

3E- Kayla & Kayamai

Coronavirus update

The Department for Education continues to keep schools updated on the government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and have launched a new Coronavirus helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone 08000468687, opening hours are 8:00am to 6:00pm (Monday to Friday) or via email at DfE.Coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Staff are having regular conversations with students about how this might impact on our community.

Any parents and/or students who have been abroad, for whatever reason, should notify the School in order that we can monitor attendance levels in relation to NHS Public Health advice and provide advice with NHS111 and the necessary self-isolation if advised.

We would please encourage all parents and students to continue to follow the advice and guidance on the school and NHS websites, reporting any concerns to the school as soon possible, in order that we can keep all members of our community healthy and able to attend School.

You can get daily updates on the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

or you can find more information on the NHS Website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If any closure is necessary, we will provide support to students to continue with their learning. Twinkl is offering every teacher, parent and carer within our school access to all Twinkl resources with a One Month Ultimate Membership, totally free of charge, so our pupils can still have access to high-quality learning during any periods of disruption. Teachers will advise which worksheets are appropriate per year group. Setting this up is really easy to do -go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code [UKTWINKLHELPS](#).

However, at the moment we are open and it is business as usual.



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CHAT Workshop- Due to the current health situation which is evolving daily we have decided to cancel the CHAT craft workshop planned for Thursday afternoon.

Parents Evening- Due to the current health situation which is evolving daily we have decided to postpone parents evenings until after Easter. If you have an urgent question about your child's report or their learning, please leave a message with the school office and the class teacher will then call you at a convenient time. Thank you for your ongoing understanding.

School Reports- Children in year 1 to year 6 will be bringing home their annual school report on Thursday. The format has changed slightly, based on feedback from parents last year. As well as information about how well your child is doing in reading, writing, maths and science, we will also be informing you about how hard they are trying in all the subjects at school (effort). Our school values are important to us and children are taught what these look like in the classroom within lessons, at break times and lunchtimes. Opportunities are given for children to practise these skills. Therefore we have identified your child's effort and their ability to display elements of each value during the school day. If you would like to provide any general feedback regarding the report format then please do so via this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPS2020>



HPS New Facebook Page



Heathcoat Primary School has a new official Facebook page which will be used for important updates, school news and events.

You can 'like' it at www.facebook.com/heathcoatprimaryschool or @heathcoatprimaryschool.

While followers of the page will not be allowed to post to the page directly, we ask that everyone follows some basic rules when commenting on posts:

- No sharing of personal or confidential information
- No offensive language
- No bullying or harassment
- No complaints or defamatory statements about the school or a member of its staff – please contact the school directly if you would like to make a complaint
- No comments which threaten violence or harm to a child or member of school staff.

We hope that this page will be a great way of keeping you informed and updated with everything HPS. Don't forget to tell your friends!



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Year 1 Jewish Workshop

Year 1 had a special visitor from Exeter Synagogue on Friday. She talked to the children about what it means to be Jewish and how Jewish people celebrate special occasions such as Shabbat. We looked at books written in Hebrew and tasted some Jewish food.



Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check- In June 2020, for the first time, all pupils in Year 4 will be taking the statutory multiplication tables check (MTC). The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Your child will answer 3 practice questions before moving on to the official check, and will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. We undertook a trial with this last year and feel that it is very similar to the TT Rockstars format that the children already use for homework and in school. You do not need to do anything additional to prepare your child for the check - just ensure that they are using TT Rockstars at home to practise (the Sound Check area of the TT Rockstars game is the best for this). If you would like any more information, please

visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

Castle Primary Sports Camp- Due to the current and developing situation regarding Coronavirus the Easter half term club at Castle school has been cancelled.