



Newsletter

14 September, 2020

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Breakfast and After School Club- Just a reminder that the prices for breakfast & after school club sessions changed from the 1st April 2020

Breakfast Club

(Nursery)

7.45am	£4	£6.50
8.20am	£2	£3.90

After School Club

(Nursery)

4.30pm	£5	£5.25
6pm	£7.50 (£7 siblings)	£11.50



We are seeking to appoint a temporary Mealtime Assistant to be based at Heathcoat Primary School. This Grade A post is to cover 5 lunchtimes in our school nursery, 1 hour a day, Monday to Friday, term time only. Applicants must be supportive, reliable and adaptable in order to meet the daily needs of the school. Please contact the school office on (01884 252445) or email admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk for an application form.

Closing date: Noon on Friday 18th September 2020

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This role requires a DBS disclosure. This role requires the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.

Learner of the week



- FSDB The whole class
- FSG The whole class
- 1BA The whole class
- 1P The whole class
- 2D The whole class
- 2P The whole class
- 3E Robyn
- 3P Lily-Rose
- 4C Lily B
- 4E Amelia
- 5F Aemilia
- 5S Ella-Mai
- 6H The whole class
- 6W The whole class

Are your contact details up to date?



Please advise the office of any changes in your contact details by emailing admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk or call 01884 252445.

Best Attendance
3E, 4C & 5S
100%



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Term Dates



Autumn Half Term
Monday 26th October-Friday 30th October

Last Day of Autumn Term
Wednesday 16th December

First Day of Spring Term
Monday 4th January 2021

Spring Half Term
Monday 15th February-Friday 19th February

Last Day of the Spring Term
Wednesday 31st March

Message from Miss Higginson



It was lovely to welcome all the children back to school last week. They have settled back in really quickly and have been working hard at learning the new routines and meeting the new expectations. We are very proud of all the children for showing such resilience in settling in so well.

Thank you for your feedback over the last few days and working with us to make changes to the start & end of the day. We have received positive feedback that the changes made have improved these times of the day. As a school we will continue to be reviewing our risk assessment and making any changes necessary to keep children safe.

We ask that you do not arrive at the school gate before your allocated time to allow other parents safe access to the school. If you come in through the main gate, please wait on the pavement outside ACE and not in the road. Please don't not park on double yellow lines or stop your car in front of the main gate, or park in front of driveways on Orchard way/The Deanes as this is putting our children and parents at risk.

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, Josie Hambly, Mike Payne 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 advise 0345 155 1071.





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Inhalers

Please make sure that your child's inhaler is in school and in date. Inhalers need to be given to the class teacher. If their asthma plan has changed please send in a new plan to the school office. If your child no longer needs an inhaler, please let us know.

Homework

There will be a focus on reading this half term and we ask that your child reads regularly at home each week. Reading is a vital skill and underpins the rest of the curriculum. Reading is not just about reading the words out loud, it is about understanding what has been read. Can your child tell you all about what they have just read? Do they understand all of the words? If not, can they work out the meaning of the word from the rest of the text/story?

Your child's class teacher will be sending home some questions this week to help you and your child with the comprehension part of reading. We would like your child to be reading every day (or 5 days each week) for a minimum of 10 minutes for this homework.

Children will also have Maths homework each week which will be set online. Teachers will let you know when the maths homework will start.

Contacting staff

You will all have received an email from your child's class teacher introducing themselves. If you have any questions for the class teacher please either contact the school office and the teacher will ring you back when they are not teaching, or you can email them directly. Please be mindful that they will be teaching and will not be able to respond immediately. They will respond as soon as possible.

Healthy snack and drinks

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are healthy snack days where children can bring in healthy snacks such as fresh fruit or raw vegetables as snacks for morning break. Crisps can be brought on Thursday and Friday. Children in EYFS and KS1 will continue to receive free fruit as part of the governments provision. Please remember we are a nut free school. Drinks bottles that children access during lesson time should contain tap water only. NO squash, fizzy or flavoured water.

A warm welcome to our new staff



Miss Kneller who is teaching in year 4

Mrs Dewick who is working with Mrs Shanahan as our assistant SENCO

Miss Stark who has joined our MTA team and Miss Emmerson who is a TA in EYFS



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Online payments

As we are now a cashless school. All payments for school dinners, breakfast/after school clubs and nursery sessions can be made via the online Scopay system. The office has sent out registration codes to all those parents who have not previously registered with Scopay. If you have registered before with Scopay but have forgotten your log on details, you will need to go to the Scopay website and click on "I've forgotten my password".



The Scopay app can be downloaded from the app store on your phone/device to made quick and easy payments.



Information from Devon County Council- New children's mental health campaign

Most families have experienced upheaval in their daily lives during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Data shows that over half of parents in the South West said that the mental wellbeing of their children has been one of their biggest worries.

After a tough year, lots of children are feeling unsettled and so Public Health England has [launched a campaign](#) to help parents and carers spot the signs that children may be struggling with their mental health, and provides tools to help.

It's been developed in partnership with leading children and young people's mental health charities and endorsed by the NHS.

Check out the [Better Health Every Mind Matters website](#) for tips and advice.