



Newsletter

5 October, 2020

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

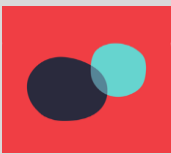
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Census Meal

Thank you to everyone who had a school lunch last Thursday. Nina, our school cook produced 218 lunches on that day! Can we please remind parents that unless your child receives free school meals, dinners cost £2.30 each day and should be paid for in advance. We are currently owed **£433.76** by parents.

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. Also later this term you will be able to book your parents evening appointment via Scopay too.



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

Health snack and drinks

Please can we remind you that Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday children need to have a healthy snack for morning break. They can then bring crisps on Thursday and Friday but no chocolate. EYFS and KS1 are provided with free fruit for morning break by the government. Drinks bottles should contain just tap water for children to drink during lessons. If children have squash or flavoured water, that they are sipping on during the day it will increase tooth decay as they are continually coating their teeth with sugar during the day.

Social distancing

Please can we remind parents to maintain social distancing on the school run and not to linger after dropping off the children. The government recommends that only one person from a family comes to collect the child from school to reduce the risk of transmission as well as reducing congestion. Please can we ask that you follow this guidance to protect our community.

Hands, face, space

Learner of the week



FSDB Quinn
 FSG Lydia
 1BA Caelan
 1P Oscar
 2D Mason
 2P Layla
 3E Connor
 3P Alfie
 4C Miley
 4K Edward
 5F Desmond
 5S Shanaya
 6H Cosworth
 6W Soraya

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

FSDB & 2P – 100%



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Diary Dates



World Mental Health
Day- 9th October

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

'World Mental Health Day - Friday 9th October 2020

This Friday is World Mental Health Day, and to mark the occasion at school we would like the children to wear something yellow. This could be a jumper or T-shirt, headband, scarf or hat.

The theme for the day is 'Resilience' and the children will have access to a #HelloYellow classroom activity, which has been supplied by the mental health charity Young Minds.

There is also a three step #HelloYellow challenge for the children to take part in. As children and adults have been going through a difficult time, it can be hard to feel positive. By being there for each other and sharing the positive moments, we can start feeling more hopeful about the future. It can often be the little things in life that we take for granted, which make all the difference and brighten up our day.

This year the challenge for the children is to try and complete three small acts of kindness to help brighten someone's day.

These are:

1. Say something kind to a teacher
2. Wave and smile at a friend,
3. Tell a joke to try and make someone laugh!

Please encourage your child to take on the challenge and spread a little joy!

If you would like further information please go to youngminds.org.uk/helloyellow

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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Message from Miss Higginson



The children have all settled back in and now used to the new routines and procedures in school. With the current wet weather we are unable to use the field for playtime, therefore to ensure that all bubbles have a space on the playground some year groups will go out to play first and then come back in to eat their lunch.

The children have returned keen to learn and are engaged in the learning opportunities that teachers are providing. We started the term spending valuable time focusing on the children's well-being and teaching the new routines. We have been increasing the length of the direct teaching time and the expectations on the pupils as well as using informal assessments to find out what the children can do. These informal assessments inform the coming teaching and learning.

Our school values are

- Teamwork
- Respect
- Aim high
- Independence
- Never give up!

This term we are focusing on Respect and this theme is discussed during virtual assemblies as well as conversations during the day in the classroom. We discuss respecting each other, other people's values and views, property as well as the environment.

Parking

Please can we remind parents to park with consideration to other road users, our neighbours and those people walking to school, by not parking on double yellow lines or parking on pavements.

Heathcoat Heroes

The child below has reached the very top of our learning behaviours and expectations system this week.

Alexa - 6H



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Have you heard about the Dulverton by Starlight writing competition?

Dulverton by Starlight is still a big event in many people's lives, until we can be back in full swing (hopefully next year,) we are running a story writing competition:

What does Dulverton by
Starlight mean to you?

Guest judge Diane Trembath

There are three age categories and prizes:

Over 16's £3 entry fee, 1000-word limit - £25 personalised greeting cards, sponsored by Printing at the vicarage

Under 16's entry free 500-word limit

Aged 5-11 – Prizes 1st £20 voucher, 2nd £10 voucher 3rd Prize £5 voucher- sponsored by Jon Cox chimney and oil services

Aged 12-16 £20 voucher, 2nd £10 voucher 3rd Prize £5 voucher – Sponsored by Webbers estate agents

Email your entries to duvertonwritingcomp@yahoo.com or post your entries to:
Starlight writing comp at The Post Office Dulverton [27 Fore Street, Dulverton TA22 9EX](#)

Payment by cheque or bacs to Dulverton by Starlight, details on entry.



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**FREE ENTRY
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PICK A PUMPKIN

OPEN 10AM TO 4PM
SAT 10TH & SUN 11TH OCT
SAT 17TH & SUN 18TH OCT
FRI 23RD TO SAT 31ST OCT

Silverton, Exeter, EX5 4DU

**JOLLY
PUMPKIN**