



# Newsletter

2 November, 2020

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## Parent/Teacher communication

As email is the currently the main form of parent/teacher communication we are asking all parents to be mindful of the time that these emails are sent. We would request that they are sent only between the hours of 7am and 7pm, where possible.

Please remember that teachers may not be able to respond immediately as they may be teaching, planning, marking or taking part in meetings/training. Thank you for your support and consideration.

## Do you need financial support due to the impact of COVID 19?

Mid Devon District Council has set up an emergency fund to support people experiencing financial hardship because of the COVID19 pandemic. See the link for further information: <https://www.middevon.gov.uk/do-it-online/covid19-support/covid19-local-support-fund/>

## Wear it Pink

23.10.2020

Thank you to everyone that supported the "Wear it Pink" day on the last day term. An amazing £723 has been raised so far in memory of Leah Gale.

## Learner of the week



- FSDB Ellyse
- FSG Scarlet
- 1BA Logan
- 1P Bethany
- 2D Wilbur
- 2P Jesse
- 3E Kelsie
- 3P Amelia
- 4C Harvey
- 4K Oaklee
- 5F Imogen
- 5S Ella
- 6H Charlotte
- 6W Zaiya

## 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](mailto:admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk)

## Best Attendance

1BA & 3P 100%



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## Diary Dates



Parents evening  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
November

## Term Dates



Last Day of Autumn Term  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

First Day of Spring Term  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Spring Half Term  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February-  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Last Day of the Spring Term  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

First Day of the Summer Term  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## Heathcoat Heroes

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

4C – Joey

6W - Lexi-Mai & Hannah

## Children in Need

Is on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020, we will be asking children to dress up in something yellow or something spotty to raise awareness for this very worthwhile charity.

If you wish to make a donation, please donate directly to Children in Need via the link below, using the DONATE button.  
<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/act-your-age/>

If you wish to get more involved, you could raise money by completing their challenge to Act Your Age (more info in the link above):

### Some examples:

If you are 7 years old, you might try 7 new foods.  
If you are 6 you could read 6 books a day for 6 days, if you are 35 you could ride your bike 35 miles over the course of the week ! etc.

Or you could combine the ages of all the people in your household and use that to set yourself a challenge. It could be the distance you do, the duration you do it for, the number of things that you do, or a sponsorship target.

We would love to hear about any fund raising that you do at home – please email information and pictures to the class teachers who will share it with the class, or send to [admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk) if you are happy for information and pictures to go in our school newsletter.





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## Message from Miss Higginson

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break despite the weather!

Our school values are: Teamwork, Respect, Aim high, Independence and Never give up. The school value we are focusing on this term is **Teamwork**. We will be talking about teamwork during assembly as well as during lessons and breaktimes. We will be talking to the children about the skills they need to work effectively as a team and what good teamwork looks like. As well as focusing on teamwork we will continue to look out for those children showing respect.

We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work for PSHE and the topic this term is Celebrating difference. This will look at similarities and differences between people, families and communities and will allow the children to continue to focus on respect.

As you know will be going back into a national lockdown on Thursday but this time schools will remain open for all children. We will keep you informed when we receive further information about the lockdown from the government or the local authority. We will continue to follow the measures we have put into place according to our risk assessment based on the guidance from the government in August.

Please can we remind children and parents not to arrive at the school gates before their allocated time. We have several year 5 children who are arriving at 8.45am. Their allocated time is 8.50am.

	Start of day	End of day
Nursery	9.15am	3.15pm
Reception	9am	3.10pm
Year 1	8.50am	3.05pm
Year 2	8.40am	2.55pm
Year 3	8.50am	3.15pm
Year 4	8.40am	3.05pm
Year 5	8.50am	3.15pm
Year 6	8.40am	3.05pm

The parents who enter through the Broad Lane entrance are good at maintaining their social distance, thank you. Can we ask that all parents who enter school through the park gate also maintain their social distance. If you are unable to maintain your distance, then we would strongly recommend that you wear a face covering.

The government guidance states that only parent should collect their child from school to reduce the risk of transmission and to reduce congestion. Please can we ask that you follow this guidance. If we feel that more than one of you is entering school to collect a child, we will ask the extra adults to wait outside. All these measures are in place to reduce the risk of spreading the virus within our community. It is vital you follow these measures as we go back into a national lockdown.



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At this time, we would normally be showing parents of potential reception children around the school but due to the COVID 19 we are unable to do this. Therefore, we have put a short film and some information on our website - <https://heathcoat.devon.sch.uk/admissions/>. Parents of children who are due to start school in September 2021 are encouraged to call the school office and make a phone appointment to speak to either myself or Miss Neale.

### Parents evening

Just a reminder that Parents evening telephone consultations will be on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please answer your telephone when it rings at your allotted time slot, even if it is a number that you do not recognise, as it will probably be the class teacher.

Each appointment will be 5 minutes in length and will give you an opportunity to find out how your child has settled back into school life and how they are doing in their maths, writing and reading/phonics. The class teacher will also inform you of a next-step target for your child to work towards and how you can support them at home. The consultation will also be a chance for you to ask any questions or give the teacher any other relevant information about your child.

Appointment booking via the online Scopay system has now closed. If you have been unable to book an appointment, please contact the school office on 01884 252445, who can arrange this for you.



The Scopay app can be downloaded from the app store on your phone/device.

### Cooking meals on a budget

The recipe website from Jack Monroe provides an excellent resource of recipes for cooking on a budget: [www.cookingonabootstrap.com](http://www.cookingonabootstrap.com)

This website also has some good ideas: <https://bhfood.org.uk/how-to-hub/eating-well-with-limited-equipment/>



#### [Eating well with limited equipment - Brighton and Hove Food Partnership](https://bhfood.org.uk/how-to-hub/eating-well-with-limited-equipment/)

If you eat better, you'll feel better. But not everyone has cooking facilities like hobs and ovens which can make this easier. We worked with people living in temporary accommodation in Brighton, alongside a registered nutritionist, to test and design a set of healthy, tasty recipes which can be made with just a kettle, toaster or microwave. [bhfood.org.uk](http://bhfood.org.uk)



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### Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

Have your circumstances changed due to the current situation?  
If so you could be eligible for free school meals.

Parents and carers are encouraged to apply for free school meals if they claim certain benefits, as the school can access additional funding to support children's learning. If parents or carers claim any of the following benefits then you should apply for free school meals, regardless of which year group your child is in:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or carer, can also get free school meals.

Parents should apply through the Citizen Portal which is the quickest and easiest way and will result in you getting an instant decision. If you have more than one child you will need to apply for each child individually. The portal can be found at

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE%2f](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_LIVE%2f)

If your application is successful you will need to either print the confirmation screen or email the confirmation letter to [alisonwilliams@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk](mailto:alisonwilliams@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk)



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## Firework Safety

This week year 2 will be learning about firework safety. Please could you share the following firework safety information with your child/ren.

### Never throw fireworks



### Keep pets indoors



**Always wear gloves with sparklers.**

**Keep fireworks in a closed box.**

**Stand well back.**

**Never go back to a lit firework.**

