



Newsletter

30 November, 2020

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Thank you to Mr & Mrs Balsdon who kindly donated a Christmas tree to the school which is proudly standing in the cathedral area of the school, awaiting decoration.

Christmas comes to HPS

As in previous years the children have been busy making Christmas decorations to hang from hoops to decorate the cathedral. Staff will be hanging the decorations this week as well as decorating the tree. We will share some photographs of the cathedral in the newsletter next week.

Christmas Lunch order

This years Christmas lunch will be on the last day of term, Wednesday 16th December. All Christmas lunches must be pre-ordered by 9am on Tuesday 1st December. Please click on the link below to order your child a Christmas lunch (If you have more than one child you will need to complete a separate form for each child).

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=C_vTRKALBEeHvhOSn2IWEh4dWgT_BqI0mlzywv7s1_ZUQkpURThENTFMNDJWNEJaWINQOFVIRzBGOC4u

Debt

As we are only two weeks away from the end of term, please could all parents clear any debts they have with the school in relation to school dinners, breakfast club, after school club or nursery sessions. We are currently owed **£495** for school dinners by parents.

Learner of the week



FSDB Kade
 FSG Freya
 1BA Kayleb
 1P Archie
 2D Freya
 2P Mayzie
 3E Mason & Elliott
 3P Amelia
 4C Katie
 4K Ella
 5F Georgia
 5S Jayden
 6H Charlotte
 6W Ella

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

Best Attendance

4C – 100%



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Diary Dates



National Computer
Security Day
30th November

Term Dates



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

First Day of the Summer Term
Monday 19th April

Social distancing

Thank you to all those parents who continue to maintain their distance from others and wear a face covering on the school grounds. The expectations for social distancing and face coverings remain in place as we move out of lockdown and into tier 2.



Nursery

As you are aware one of the nursery pupils tested positive last week. The pupil is now recovering well at home after being in hospital for treatment. Due to 6 staff self-isolating the nursery is closed to all pupils and will open again on 10th December.

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSDB – Harry, Luna, Grace B & Layla-Jane

FSG – Neevie, Lillie & Isla

3E – Mason & Jake

3P – Kelsey

6W - Alex



Primary Sports and Education will be running a Xmas holiday activity camp for 4-11-year olds between 8am and 5.30pm on 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th December. These will be specific to government guidelines to include all measures of social distancing and hygiene protocols. Primary Sports have ensured that social distancing measures are in place which works alongside the requirements from the Department for Education. To book please contact: greg.hooper@primary-sports.co.uk

Accelerated Reader Achievement

3P highest average quiz percentages



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COVID symptoms

Please remember if anyone in your household develops any of the symptoms of COVID you all need to self-isolate straight away and the person with the symptoms needs to book a test. Test results should be emailed to admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk & demelzahigginson@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk before your child returns to school.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A high temperature
- **OR new, continuous cough (usually dry, with no mucus or phlegm produced)**
- **OR loss or change to sense of smell or taste**

School Absence Procedures

We would like to remind you of the schools procedure if your child is absent from school:

- If your child is unwell, you should contact the school office by 9.15am on the first day of the absence(by telephone 01884 252445 or by email admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk) and telephone every day thereafter unless your child has a doctor's certificate.
- The school will contact you if your child is absent and no contact has been made. If no contact is made, we will continue to try to contact you and the other emergency contacts that you have provided us with.
- If after 1 day with no contact, the school may ring 101 and ask the Police to make a welfare call to your address.
- All requests for time off must be on the absence request form which can be found outside the school office and should be returned at least 2 weeks in advance. Any requests for absence will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Design a Christmas Pizza competition

Morrison's is running a design a Christmas pizza competition. There will be 1 winner for each key stage and the winners will have their design made in store for them to take home and enjoy. All entries need to be returned to Morrison's store by Friday 11th December.

A template is attached for those wishing to take part.





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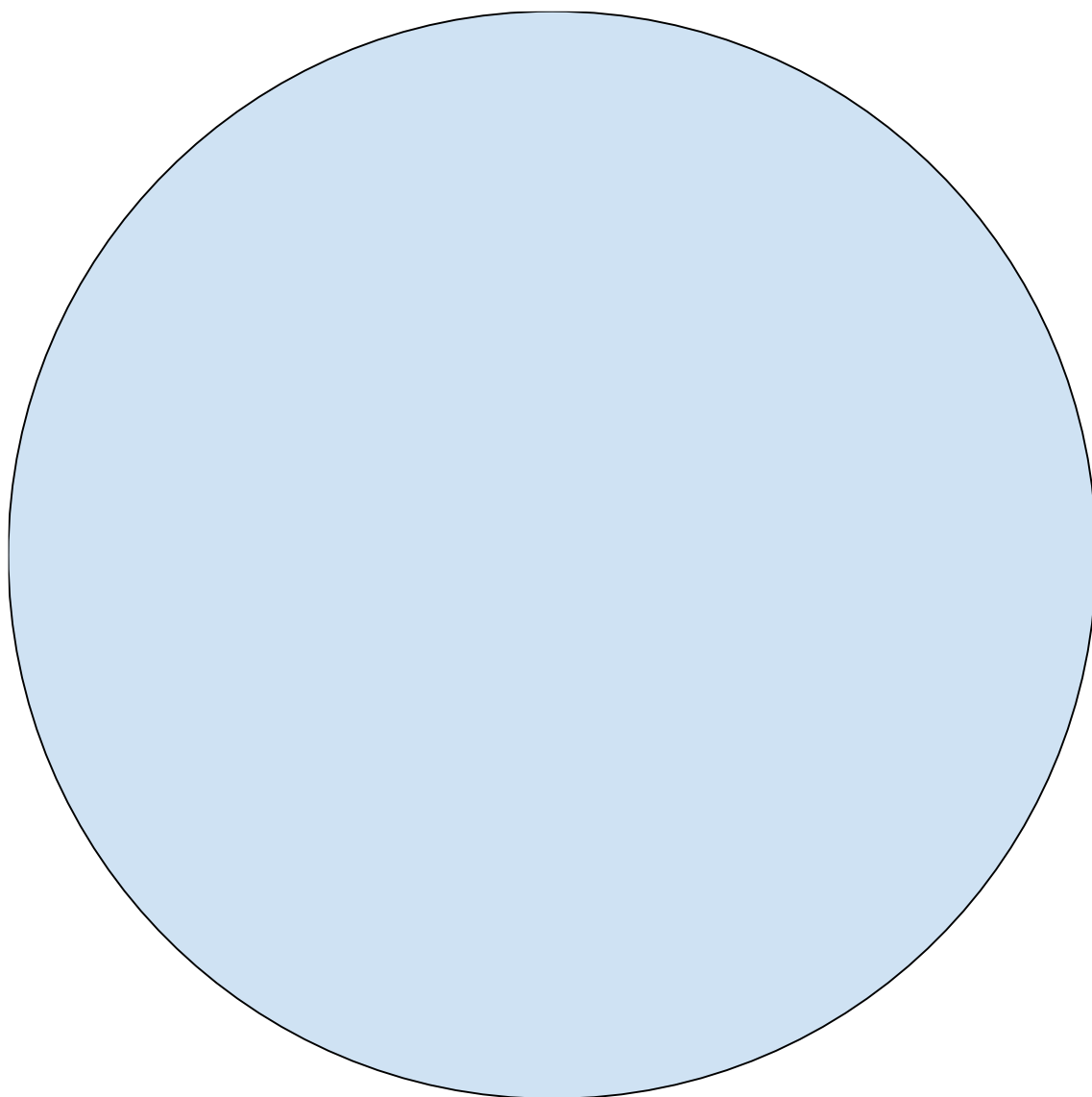


Design a Christmas Pizza competition

Design a pizza and the winner will have it made for you to take home.

Please write your ingredients used.

Please put your name and year group and which school you attend.



Closing date in which all entries need to be back in store is Friday 11th December



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Who says COVID 19 has to suck all the joy out of Christmas?

In Tiverton some of the churches have got together to produce a virtual advent calendar that anyone and everyone can access. It features short 2-3 minute videos about different aspects of Christmas. There are fun facts like how Christmas pudding was invented? How reindeer keep in touch with each other in a blizzard, and why there are so many robins on Christmas cards! There's even some ideas for activities and craft.

But it's not just for children. Each day a different numbered door will be posted online so that anyone of any age can enjoy and anticipate the festive season. It's a fun, engaging, and inspiring way for everyone in the local area to celebrate together.

For extra puzzle fun, each day's door has been photographed from around Tiverton.....but can you guess where they are? A pat on the back and award yourself an extra mince pie if you can!

The Tiverton Online Advent Calendar is completely free to use.....a Christmas gift to the Town, local villages and community.

The Calendar can be found online at <https://tivertonadventcalendar.online/videos> from the 1st December 2020 but we have included a sneaky peak preview of one of the days!
<https://tivertonadventcalendar.online/sneakpeek>

For more information please contact: Patrick Barker, Tiverton Baptist Church
Email: pastor@tivertonbaptistchurch.org.uk

Parent Consultation Feedback

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our recent telephone parent consultations feedback questionnaire.

We were delighted that so many people found the new booking system easy.

We were also pleased that 98% of you said that the parent consultations enabled you to understand what your child is doing well and 95% of you said that you understood what their targets are to make progress. If you do want to find out more information about what your child needs to do next, please email your child's class teacher direct.

Thank you to everyone who provided such positive comments about the consultations themselves. Here are some of them:

"It was done very well and I had no problems booking it. Was very impressed",

"I personally preferred this method, instead of having an appointment in school."

"Useful phone conversation to understand what (my child) is doing well and what we can spend some extra time with him on at home. Plenty of opportunity to ask anything and the offer to email any questions was much appreciated."



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Free!

Breakfast on the Go!

**Outside St. Paul's Westexe
Thursdays, 3rd, 10th, 17th, December
8:15 - 9:15am**

