



## Newsletter

14 December, 2020

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We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

### Christmas Lunch

Just a reminder that Christmas lunch is being served this Wednesday. Thank you to all the parents who kindly pre-ordered their children's Christmas lunch. Unfortunately if you have **not** pre-order a Christmas lunch for Wednesday, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.

### Christmas Jumper Day



As it is the last day of term on Wednesday children can wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform.

### Debt

As we are just a few days 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, by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We are currently owed **£558** for school dinners by parents

### Free School Meals Christmas Vouchers

You may be aware from the media that Devon County Council will be issuing vouchers for the holiday period to all those entitled to FSM and will be contacting you soon by letter or email with details of how this will work. Unlike the summer we are not able to assist with any queries but should you need to, you can call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019. Please note, they will be exceptionally busy during this time.

### Learner of the week



FSDB Emelie  
FSG Leo  
1BA Travis  
1P Charlie  
2D Saiska  
2P Jasmine  
3E Reuben  
3P Murray  
4C Joe  
4K Kingsley  
5F Olivia  
5S Lucas  
6H Anna  
6W Oliver

### Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Tomas  
FSG Aria  
1BA Emily  
1P Miley  
2D William  
2P Oakley  
3E Seth  
3P Kobi  
4C Miley  
4K Oran  
5F Alissa  
5S Ella  
6H Liam  
6W Macey

### Best Attendance

FSG, 1P & 3E – 100%



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## Diary Dates



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

## 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

### Message from Miss Higginson

Although it has been an unusual term, it has been lovely to see all the children back in school. They have managed the new expectations and ways of working incredibly well and have been a credit to you as parents and the school. We would like to say thank you to our parent body for working with us to implement the new expectations effectively and being supportive during the last term.

We would like to wish you all a safe, healthy, and happy Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.



### Goodbye to Mrs Jonck

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Jonck on Wednesday as she will be starting a new job in January. We would like to say a huge thank you to her for all her hard work and dedication to the school over the last 6 years.

## Heathcoat Heroes

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

3P – Cushla

4K - Amelia & Daisy

5S – Ella-Mai, Ethan,  
Maisie, Ella & Macey

6W – Lily-Rose & Lexi-Mai

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)

## Accelerated Reader Achievement

3P highest average quiz percentages



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## What should you do if a student tests positive for Coronavirus after the end of term?

Term will officially end on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, but new guidelines set by the Government mean that school staff will be available beyond this date to support pupils and parents/carers in relation to contact tracing after a positive Coronavirus test result.

If a pupil tests positive for Coronavirus having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school (i.e. on or before 18<sup>th</sup> December) we can assist in identifying close contacts and advising them to self-isolate. This is because the individual may have been infectious while in school. We can also support a staff member who tests positive in this way, and therefore will ensure any pupils or staff who were close contacts are informed.

Please email us on [attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk) and we will call you back. Members of the leadership team will be checking this email address for the first 6 days of the holiday. It will be checked in the morning, at lunchtime and in the afternoon.

School staff will be on-call to support you with contact tracing for 6 days after the final day of teaching i.e. up to and including Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. **This is because we recognise that it may take longer than the 48 hours after school has closed to get tested and receive your result.**

### Broad Lane entrance

Please can we remind parents using this entrance to be mindful of not blocking the pavements to ensure that children, parents, and members of the community do not need to step out into the road to maintain their distance.

### St Pauls Church

Year 2 enjoyed a virtual tour of the church last week and found out more about Christmas as part of our work in RE. Thank you to Jonathan for running this session.

Year 4 have created a piece of artwork that will be displayed outside the church. Keep an eye out for this over the Christmas period.

Staff will be uploading a recording of their class singing a Christmas song. This will be uploaded on to Goggle Classroom or Tapestry tomorrow.

### Attendance

Thank you to everyone for helping to achieve 97.9% attendance as a whole school at the end of last week. We appreciate that this has been a difficult year but we do appreciate everyone's efforts in ensuring that we continue to maintain a high attendance rate. Although school attendance is mandatory from the start of the autumn term, there are some circumstances where pupils cannot attend school due to coronavirus (COVID-19). If this is the case, your child will not be penalised for this absence. Well done (so far!) to all the children who have managed to be here every day since September.



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## An Invitation to Join Carols on the Doorstep



During the run up to Christmas many of us like to go to a Carol Service or Community Carol Singing event, this year we cannot do that but that does not have to stop us having a good sing with our neighbours and our community.

On **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 5:30pm** the whole country has the chance to join in Carols on your Doorstep. All you need to do is be able to hear Premier Christian Radio. The easiest way is to turn your TV on to channel 725. (There are alternatives with DAB, Internet and the Premier Christian Radio phone app but be careful about sound lag between all these.) Premier Radio will play 3 or 4 carols for everyone to sing along to.

This is a good chance to dust off that festive jumper or your most festive headwear and even bring out something to shake or rattle. At this challenging time for all of us let's try and bring a little joy to our community this Christmas.





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# Festive FUNDRAISING

Guess the number  
of fairy lights  
on the tree

Get in touch  
**TODAY!**

Hold a  
Christmas  
jumper day

Donate the cost  
of your work's  
Christmas meal

fundraising@  
hospiscare.co.uk  
01392 688020

Have a Christmas  
collecting tin in  
your workplace

Host a Christmas  
Bake Off!

How could you  
support  
**Hospiscare this  
Christmas?**

The Big Card -  
write your  
festive message

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