



Newsletter

7 December, 2020

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Winter Weather Warnings



On the rare occasion that we might need to close the school due to severe weather, such as snow or flooding, please check the following media platforms for information. Updates will be posted on the school website as soon as a decision is made about a school closure.

School website <https://heathcoat.devon.sch.uk>
 Devon Live – <https://www.devonlive.com>

As always, we will endeavour to give a decision about school closures as early as possible to help you to make arrangements.

New absence reporting email

If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by 9.15am by telephone 01884 252445 or email attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk. This email address should also be used to notify the school of absence due the Covid symptoms and for informing the school of Covid test results.

Debt

As we are less than 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 **£379** for school dinners by parents.

Learner of the week



- FSDB Tomas
- FSG Lola
- 1BA Penny
- 1P Freddie
- 2D William
- 2P Isabelle M
- 3E Riley
- 3P Alfie
- 4C Lily V
- 4K Felicity
- 5F Lucas
- 5S Ella
- 6H Chloe
- 6W Holly

Are your contact details up to date?



Please advise the office of any changes in your contact details by emailing

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Best Attendance

FSDB & 3P – 100%



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Diary Dates



Last day of term
Wednesday 16th
December

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

Start and end of day procedures - Broad Lane

Please can we remind those children in Year 5 that they should not be arriving before 8.50am. We have noticed that children are arriving before their allocated time and then blocking the pavement so other children cannot enter the gate.

Please can parents not park on double yellow lines outside school even for a few minutes. It is illegal and you are blocking the road making it dangerous for children to cross. We all have a responsibility to keep our community safe.

Start and end of day procedures - Park gate

Please can we remind you not to arrive early for your time slot either in the morning or afternoon. In the morning, if you arrive a couple of minutes early, you need to wait parallel to the school whilst waiting for the 8.50am and 9am slot.

At the end of the day please keep to the left as you look at the school so that other parents and members of the public can get past. Please don't push in front of others or surge forward when your time slot arrives. You need to continue to maintain your distance.

Thank you to all those parents who follow the current procedures.

Heathcoat Heroes

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

1P – Alfie, Archie & Oscar

3E – Lacey & Poppy G

3P – Amelia & Lilly-Anne

5F - Desmond

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, Mike Payne, Josie Hambly 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.

Accelerated Reader Achievement

3P highest average quiz percentages

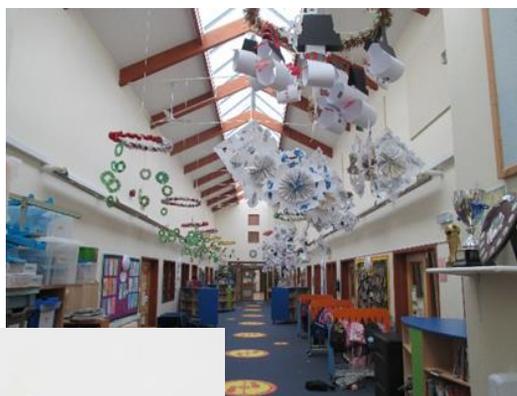


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CHRISTMAS AT HEATHCOAT PRIMARY SCHOOL





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Christingles

The children enjoyed making a Christingle on Friday as part of our Christmas celebrations. Claire and Jonathan from St Pauls recorded a film explaining the meaning of each part of the Christingle which we shared with the children before they made their own. A huge thank you to all the team at St Pauls Church for providing the resources.





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Golden tickets and lovely lunchtimes

We asked our children about their lunchtimes and how they felt they could be improved. They provided feedback about equipment they would like us to order (currently in progress) and targets for both inside and outside to help make lunchtimes feel more fun.

The targets they chose are:

Inside: We will use our quiet voices whilst sitting at our tables.

Outside: Teamwork - we will include others in our games and take turns fairly.

Mealtime assistants will be giving housepoints for any good behaviours at lunchtimes, but really focussing on the above two targets and rewarding golden tickets when they see these in action. Children who get a golden ticket will put their names on them and put them into a box in their classroom. One ticket will be selected at random each week from each class. This will be celebrated in our weekly celebration assembly as well as in the newsletter. Each child will be given a special lunchtime award certificate and will get their lunch first.

Tier 2

The [new tier system across England came into force last week](#). Devon is assigned to Tier 2, High Alert. With that are restrictions designed to reduce our contact with other people, and ultimately to stop the spread of coronavirus.

So, it's up to us to follow [the rules for our area](#). A couple of the key ones being:

- you must not socialise with anyone who you do not live with, or who is not in your support bubble, indoors, anywhere.
- when outdoors, you must not socialise in a group of more than six people.

Many shops and venues are now open again, but please continue to observe the national guidance around social distancing, wearing face coverings, and washing or sanitising your hands regularly when visiting shops or other venues.

It is important we all stick to these rules so that all members of our community can spend Christmas with their family.



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TIER 2 HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	BARNS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	RETAIL <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE <p>Open.</p>	ACCOMMODATION <p>Open.</p>	PERSONAL CARE <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT <p>Open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	EXERCISE <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

gov.uk/coronavirus

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus





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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

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

DCC have now put in place arrangements to provide supermarket vouchers to nearly 15,000 children across Devon who currently receive free school meals, to help their families buy groceries over the Christmas holidays.

We don't want anyone to miss out on this vital support, so if you think that you might be eligible please apply today via the link about or by calling the education helpline on [0345 155 1019](tel:03451551019). To ensure that you receive the free school meals holiday vouchers for this Christmas period you **must apply by Friday 18 December 2020**.



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Virtual HOPE
Postnatal & Emotional Wellbeing



CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING A MUMMY!

Are you feeling overwhelmed? Tired?
Stressed? Low? Anxious? Does every day feel
like a battle?

The physical and emotional journey to becoming a parent can leave some in a challenging place. We invite you to share, practice self-kindness and try a range of activities that can really empower you as a parent and as an individual to live more comfortably.

The Devon HOPE Programme are launching a FREE six-week Virtual HOPE course via Microsoft Teams, specifically aimed at postnatal and emotional wellbeing, starting on **Tuesday 5th January 2021!**

The course will run 12:30pm - 2:30pm on the following dates:

- 05.01.2021
- 12.01.2021
- 19.01.2021
- 26.01.2021
- 02.02.2021 • 09.02.2021

For more information or to book

Call: 01803 210493

Email: hope.devon@nhs.net





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This course will allow you to connect with other people who are experiencing something similar to you. You are not alone! Take this time for yourself to prioritise your wellbeing, increasing your sense of control and your resilience.

The course will run **12:30pm - 2:30pm** on the following dates:

05.01.2021 12.01.2021 19.01.2021 26.01.2021
02.02.2021 09.02.2021

To attend this course you will need:

- Access to the internet
- Access to Microsoft Teams
- A Webcam and Microphone
- A PC, Laptop, Tablet or Smartphone
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- .
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Register your interest today!

To register or for more info, please call [01803 210493](tel:01803210493) or email hope.devon@nhs.net

<https://www.torbayandsouthdevon.nhs.uk/services/hope-programme>





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your Christmas gear!

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December 2020

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