



Newsletter

25 January, 2021

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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.

Reminder re expectations for live class meets

Please share these with your children.

- all language and behaviour should be appropriate. Behave as you would in the classroom at school.

This includes language on chat. Please keep chat to questions / comments to do with learning or in response to a question that is raised. (Any adults who are nearby should ensure that their language and clothing is also appropriate).

- Please ensure everyone is dressed appropriately and that you are not filming from your bedroom. (Nobody should be filming whilst in bed).

- Please can we ask that you do not eat during the live meetings. Breakfast should be finished before the meeting begins.

- All behaviour should be as respectful as it would be in the classroom.

Anyone who is not fulfilling these expectations will be removed from the live meet.

Thank you for your support regarding this.

Parents Childcare Survey

Calling all parents living or working in Devon. We need your help!

Whether you use childcare or not, your voice counts. The answers you give in this short survey will help the early years and childcare team in Devon County Council to plan and make sure that there is enough childcare for you to work or train:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentsChildcareSurvey2021/>

Learner of the week



Reception Lola L
Year 1 Irisa
Year 2 Morgan
Year 3 Joseph
Year 4 Lily B & Oliver R
Year 6 Hannah

Learner of the week at Home



Reception Ashleigh
Year 1 Theo & Nathaniel
Year 2 River & Meadow
Year 3 Mason
Year 4 Cameron
Year 5 The whole year group
Year 6 Ava L



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Term Dates



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

May Bank Holiday
Monday 3rd May

Summer Half Term
Monday 31st May –
Friday 4th June

Message from Miss Higginson

Several members of our school community have tested positive for COVID over the weekend. This includes both parents and pupils including a pupil in our year 5 bubble. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Goodbye

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Dewick on Friday who has been our assistant SENCo whilst Miss Ford has been on maternity. We would like to thank, Mrs Dewick for all her hard work over the last few months. She has been a fantastic addition to the team, and we will miss her.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who have sent their best wishes to the staff at home recovering from COVID. They are slowly starting to feel better, and we wish them a speedy recovery.

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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

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).