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Christmas Art work by Year 4

At the end of last term the children in year 4 created a Christmas scene which has been displayed at the front of St Pauls Church for the whole of Tiverton to enjoy. A huge thank to all the team at St Pauls Church for providing the resources.



Comfort and Joy By the Children at Heathcoat Primary School

Starting School in Reception September 2021

The deadline is fast approaching for applications for a school place. If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you need to get your application in to Devon County Council by Friday 15th January. It's easy to apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline or you can fill in a hard copy of the application form, which can be requested by calling our Education Helpline on **0345 155 1019**.



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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

Heathcoat Heroes

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

4C – Isabelle B, Phoebe & Lily B

5F – Braydon, Georgia, Poppy & Harley

Message from Miss Higginson

We hope that you all had a good Christmas break and have stayed safe and well. It was lovely to welcome back all the children today. We will be welcoming our new nursery children over the coming weeks.

School values

As you know our school values are:

Teamwork
Respect
Aim High
Independence
Never give up!

The value we are focusing on this term will be Never give up. This will be the theme for our assemblies and staff will be looking out for members of our school community demonstrating this value. This value looks at resilience and perseverance.

PANTs rule

We will be reminding children of the PANTs rule next week. It helps children to understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel worried or upset. Further information and resources for you to use at home can be found at: [Talk PANTS & Join Pantosaurus - The Underwear Rule | NSPCC](#)

We are all looking forward to working with you and your child over the coming term.

Update Your Contact Info



If you have received a new mobile phone for Christmas or have changed home phone numbers/contact details, please could you advise the school office to enable us to keep your child's records up to date. It is the responsibility of parents to keep this information correct at all times.



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Year 6 Competition winner



Congratulations to Grace (6W) who won the Greenslade, Taylor, Hunt colouring competition, her prize was an Amazon fire tablet.



Learner of the week



- FSDB The whole class
- FSG The whole class
- 1BA Emily
- 1P The whole class
- 2D Dylan
- 2P Meadow
- 3E Lacey
- 3P Taylan
- 4C The whole class
- 4K The whole class
- 5F Taiyla
- 5S Freddie
- 6H Ava L
- 6W Grace W

Lunchtime Behaviour



- FSDB Grace B
- FSG Harry
- 1BA Tommy
- 1P Fausta
- 2D Mason
- 2P Emily
- 3E Alexis
- 3P Cushla
- 4C Tiana
- 4K Matilda
- 5F Ellie-Mai
- 6H Gracie
- 6W Aidan

Best Attendance

100%

- FSG
- FSDB
- 3P
- 3E
- 5S

Accelerated Reader Achievement

3P highest average quiz percentages



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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>

HPS Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/heathcoatprimaryschool/>

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.

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 attendance@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



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Start and end of day procedures

As you are aware Devon has moved into tier 3. It is essential that we continue to reduce congestion at the start and end of the day and follow the hands, face, space rules. Please can we ask you to abide by the following procedures at the start and end of the day:

- wear a face covering on school site
- maintain your social distance - remember 2m
- only one person on the school run per family (We will ask additional adults to wait outside)
- drop and go, please don't linger, and block the pavements
- arrive at the time allocated and not before

Please can we remind children and families to walk to school wherever possible. If you need to drive to school, please park responsibly and not on double yellow lines. This is to keep all members of the school community safe.

With THS on a staggered return to school, can we remind you that an adult must collect your child from school, rather than an older sibling under 16 years of age.

Year 4, 5 and 6 team leader

Mr Hudson has stepped down as team leader as he wishes to spend more time with his daughter. He will continue to teach year 6 at HPS. In the short-term Mrs Budden and Miss Neale will be sharing this role. If your child is in year 4, 5 or 6 please contact the class teacher in the first instance and then if necessary, contact Mrs Budden or Miss Neale.



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CORONAVIRUS TIER 3

VERY HIGH ALERT

gov.uk/coronavirus

Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 have no symptoms so will be spreading the virus without realising. We must all take action to protect each other and our hospital capacity.

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY <p>No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).</p>	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS <p>Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</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. Group activities and classes should not take place.</p>	ACCOMMODATION <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	PERSONAL CARE <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS <p>We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT <p>Indoor venues closed.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING <p>Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.</p>	EXERCISE <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. 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>Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.</p>

For support and more information visit: gov.uk/coronavirus

