



## Newsletter

1 February, 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](mailto: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.



### Children's Mental Health Week - 1/2/21

This coming week is Children's Mental Health Week, the theme for this year being 'Express Yourself'.

Self-expression is about communicating our individuality, our feelings, thoughts and ideas and it helps us to connect with our true selves. There are many different ways we can express ourselves, such as through words, the clothes we wear, hairstyles, or through creative art forms such as writing, drawing, music and dance. Creative self-expression increases our sense of well being and reduces stress.

We would like to encourage you to talk about this over the coming week with your child/children and to express yourselves by wearing either your favourite colour, or a range of colours that express how you're feeling and who you are in the world we live in. Colour can be personal and mean different things to different people, so this is a great opportunity to encourage self-expression and celebrate a diverse range of emotions.

Further information can be found at [www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

### February half term

School will be closed to all children as normal during half term. If you require childcare then please look at the Devon County Council website for childminders and other child care providers.

[Help and support for parents and families in Devon](http://www.pinpointdevon.co.uk)  
([pinpointdevon.co.uk](http://pinpointdevon.co.uk))

### Learner of the week



Reception Rosie  
Year 1 Travis  
Year 2 Alfie D & Zack H  
Year 3 Faith  
Year 4 Matilda & Isabelle  
Year 6 Hudson & Ava J

### Learner of the week at Home



Reception Neevie  
Year 1 Logan  
Year 2 Emily K & Ava S  
Year 3 Seth & Alexis  
Year 4 Billy S  
Year 5 Whole year group  
Year 6 Tyla



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## Term Dates



**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

**May Bank Holiday**  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Summer Half Term**  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May –  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

### Term Dates 2021-2022

Term	Term Dates	Half Term
Autumn 2021	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 – 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Spring 2022	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 – 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Summer 2022	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	30 <sup>th</sup> May- 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022

### **Non-pupil Days**

6th & 7th September 2021  
25th, 26th & 27th July 2022

**May Day Bank Holiday**  
2nd May 2022

## Babcock School Library Service 'Toilet Roll Challenge' for World Book Day 4th March 2021

**Create your own design to represent your favourite book character or book using cardboard tubes**

- The design should be created using cardboard tubes whilst in their original cylindrical shape – that's the challenge!
- The tubes cannot be wrapped in paper but it is acceptable to stick things on to create the design.
- The design should represent your favourite book character or book.
- Any size cardboard tube is acceptable e.g. kitchen roll tube, wrapping paper tube.
- Any medium can be used to achieve this e.g. felt tip, ink, paint, collage.



**Entries should be emailed to the class teacher by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**



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## 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, Josie Hambly, Mike Payne 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**.



### Safeguarding

Please see link below to excellent short videos about parental conflict through child's eyes.

<https://www.seeitdifferently.org/>

## Potential Hoax calls to parents regarding financial support for internet

We have been made aware of a potential scam.

The contact was made regarding a voucher scheme payment with the caller outlining that the parent would be entitled to a government grant as she was home-schooling her son. The grant was to cover additional costs such as broadband and stationery and would be issued in the form of a £100 voucher for Tesco which she could use to buy stationery. The Local Authority are concerned that this is a hoax at best or a con to get bank details when the 'vouchers' don't work.

We encourage you to remain vigilant to potential scams relating to the current difficult Covid situation and to refrain from sharing personal or bank details if there is any doubt. If you receive any contact which you feel is a scam, please let us know.



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