



Newsletter

22 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. This email address should also be used to notify the school of absence due to Covid symptoms. Please inform the school of Covid test results by forwarding a copy of the NHS Covid-19 notification email to attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

Miss Higginson

Miss Higginson will not be in school for the next few weeks due to illness. The leadership team will continue to lead and manage the day to day running of the school. If you need to speak to a member of the leadership team, we have provided their email addresses, or you can contact the school on: 01884 252445.

We wish Miss Higginson a speedy recovery and look forward to her return.

Assistant Heads of School

Mrs Budden: beckybudden@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

Miss Neale: emilyneale@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

Upper Years Team leader

Miss Firth: michalafirth@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

SENDCO and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Shanahan: claireshanahan@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

Executive Head

Mrs Crook: scrook@tiverton.devon.sch.uk

Learner of the week



Year 1 Libby B
Year 2 Freya C
Year 3 Lilly-Anne
Year 4 Miley & Aiden
Year 5 Esme
Year 6 Chloe

Learner of the week at Home



Reception Whole year group
Year 1 Willow B
Year 2 Daisy & Mason M
Year 3 Alexis & Poppy G
Year 4 Harry W
Year 5 Poppy A
Year 6 Casiy



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Term Dates



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

Last Day of Summer Term
Friday 23rd July

Free!
Lunch
on the Go!

Outside St. Paul's Westexe
Thursdays, 11am - 1pm

St George & St Paul
Tiverton

In association with
Tiverton Town Council
and CHAT

Mid Devon Show

KNIGHTSHAYES | CHETTISCOMBE, TIVERTON
SATURDAY 24TH JULY 2021

CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

We are inviting Children from across the Mid Devon Area to join us and take part in our Art Competition. It's a bit of fun but there will be some great prizes awarded for some of the most eye-catching entrants (top prize £50 voucher). Prizes have been kindly donated by MST, James Pryce Tractors, Heard & Sendell, Tiverton Argos and Tiverton Homebase.

We have various designs to keep the children busy, with all information on how to enter this great competition on our website - <https://www.middevonshow.co.uk/childrens-art/>

Entry Groups are available for the following -

Nursery and Pre School

Reception

Years 1 & 2

Years 5 & 6

Open age group Reception to Age 16

Closing date for all entries is 31st March 2021.



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Message from the Leadership Team



Welcome Back!

Mrs Budden, Miss Neale and Mrs Shanahan would all like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back after our February half-term break. Although the weather may not have been great, we hope that you did manage to get some time to spend outdoors or doing some things that you enjoy, where possible.

We continue this term within the National Lockdown restrictions, meaning that many of you are returning to completing your learning at home. You did so well last half-term and we know that you will spring back into the routines you had and give everything your best shot. Remember our school TRAIN values - N = Never Give Up!! Your class teachers will be looking forward to seeing you on the Google Class Meets everyday and have lots of fabulous learning planned. We thank your parents in advance for all their hard work and patience in supporting you with this.

For those children coming into school, there are no changes to start or end times so please continue to follow the routines from before half-term.

Our school values are: Teamwork, Respect, Aim high, Independence and Never give up. The school value we are focusing on this half-term is Aim high. We will be talking about ways that we can aim high during assembly as well as during lessons and breaktimes. We will be talking to the children about the skills they need to ensure that they are aiming high in all that they do. As well as this focus, we will continue to look out for those children showing aspects of the values we have already covered, in particular showing respect to others.

We follow the Jigsaw scheme of work for PSHE and the topic this term is 'Healthy Me'. This will look at developing self-esteem and self-confidence, alongside discussing healthy lifestyle choices.

We await the news from the Government over the coming few days with regard to any possible return to school from March 8th and will communicate with you as soon as we are aware of any of the finer details.



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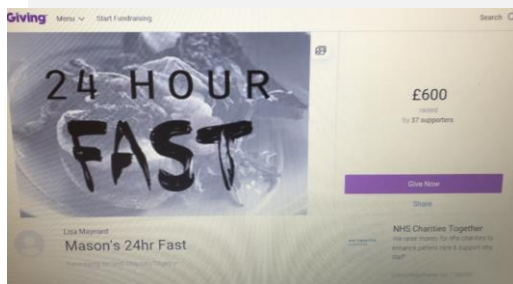
Wellbeing afternoon

We are starting a wellbeing afternoon each Thursday afternoon.

This will take place across the school each Thursday afternoon, starting from this week. The purpose is for children and parents who are working at home to have the time to do some of those activities, away from a screen, that they enjoyed during the first lockdown, such as cooking, gardening (when the weather permits), going for a walk, doing a puzzle. For children in school, it is time for them to do something different; they may have a choice of mindfulness activities such as a colouring, a puzzle, reading or going outside for a walk or play.

The teachers will give you a few suggestions of activities that you may like to do on the wellbeing Thursday. These activities are purely ideas and there is no obligation to do them.

Fundraising Challenge



Inspired by the late great Captain Sir Tom Moore and saddened at his recent passing, Mason (Year 2) wanted to set himself a challenge to raise money for our fabulous NHS,

So, he chose a 24hr Fast, an idea influenced by his recent home-schooling work on Ramadan and anyone who knows Mason, knows how much he LOVES his food, so this was no mean feat for him!

With his final meal finished at 19:05 on Tues 9th Feb, he went through the next 24hours with only water passing his lips,

With much determination and perseverance, Mason successfully completed his 24hr fasting challenge and celebrated his achievement with a well-deserved fish and chip supper.

He was overwhelmed with all the messages of encouragement and support that he received throughout his challenge, which no doubt spurred him on, and he was absolutely overjoyed that he raised an incredible £600 for our NHS, a very worthy cause indeed.

Super work Mason





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Your Fire Service needs YOU!

As we are still unable to visit our schools for the annual fire safety talks, we still want households with children to be aware of the importance of having working smoke alarms.

If you don't have working smoke alarms then you can call **0800 05 02 999** to request a **free HOME SAFETY CHECK** (quote code : 294)

And if you or someone you know answers "yes" to at least one of these questions:

is over 65 years old?

finds it difficult to move around?

can't hear things very well?

smokes?

doesn't have one smoke alarm for each level of their home?

has NO smoke alarms?

They can also request a free **HOME SAFETY CHECK** by calling **0800 05 02 999**





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If something's happened or you're worried, there's always someone you can talk to.

For more information visit the website

[Something's not right | Childline](#)



Calling all Devon Young Carers...

Devon Young Carers are delighted to announce the launch of their logo competition to find a winning design to add to their Priority Plan 2020/1. We would like as many young carers as possible to have the opportunity to take part in this competition.

Designs for the logo need to help us represent our three priorities:

1. Voice and Visibility of young carers.
2. To support organisations to better identify and support young carers.
3. Improve life chances of young carers.

The winning designer/s will have the opportunity to convert their idea into a finished product with a local graphic designer. This will then be used on all correspondence relating to the Devon Young Carers Priority Plan for 2020/1.

All questions, queries and final submissions to be sent to youngcarers@devoncarers.org.uk by **31st March 2021**.

Our young carers panel will judge entries and help us to select a winner.

Good luck!





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AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK - SEARCH
FACEBOOK FOR "TIVERTON GRAB AND GO"

**There are lots of ways you can get access to food,
in Tiverton, if for ANY reason you need it.**

**Monday - Lunch on the go 11am - 1pm (Hot Food)
Market walk by Lloyds Pharmacy (Starting 1/3/21)**

**Tuesday - Lunch on the go 11am - 1pm (Hot Food)
Tiverton Baptist Church, opp entrance to market**

**Wednesday Lunch on the go 11am - 1pm (Hot Food)
Lowman Green, by UpLift (Starting 3/3/21)**

**Thursday Lunch on the go 11am - 1pm (Hot Food)
Garden area St Pauls Church, Westexe**

**Friday Lunch on the go 11am - 1pm (Hot Food)
Sunningmead Communtiy Centre (starting 5/3/21)**

**FOOD BANK AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY
PLEASE CALL CHAT 01884 255606 10AM - 12PM**