



Newsletter

8 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

Year 4

As you know Mrs Cornish is expecting her first child and will be starting her maternity leave at the end of the half term break. We have appointed Mrs Firth who will be teaching Mrs Cornish's class as well as leading the year 4, 5 and 6 teaching team.

We are excited that Mrs Firth is joining the team at Heathcoat Primary School and she has a wealth of experience teaching in both large and small primary schools. We would normally invite new members of staff into school to meet the children and staff, however, due to the current pandemic this is not possible. Mrs Cornish is therefore meeting with Mrs Firth virtually to talk to her about the class and share key information.

We would like to wish Mrs Cornish all the best and we look forward to virtually meeting the new arrival soon!

Racial comments

From nursery to year 6 our PSHE curriculum and assembly themes teach about the similarities and differences between us and celebrating these differences. These differences may include how we look, what we like doing or what we are good at. Making comments about the colour of a person's skin is racist and is not acceptable. One of our pupils has been subject to a racist comment recently which has been dealt with in school. Our assembly today is about this subject.

Learner of the week



Reception Jaymes
Year 1 Kayleb
Year 3 Jake P
Year 4 Elif
Year 5 Kajus
Year 6 Alex

Learner of the week at Home



Reception Grace R
Year 1 Archie P
Year 2 Whole year group
Year 3 Megan
Year 4 Millie & Felicity
Year 5 Thomas
Year 6 Lily S



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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

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

Safer internet Day

On Tuesday 9th February 2021 Heathcoat will be celebrating Safer Internet Day 2021. Keep a look out for a special assembly and activities for your child on Tuesday via our Google Classroom learning platform. You can also use this link to explore lots of great activities and resources with your child. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021>

Safer Internet Day 2021 celebrates the amazing range of information and opportunities online, and its potential to inform, connect and inspire us, whilst also looking at how young people can separate fact from fiction.

The campaign focuses on how we can decide what to trust online, supporting young people to question, challenge and change the online world for the better. It will explore how influence, persuasion and manipulation can impact young people's decisions, opinions and what they share online.

The day will also look at the emotional impact navigating a misleading online world can have on young people and why it is important to create a supportive, critical and questioning culture online that encourages debate and discussion. We want to give our young people at HPS the skills to support one another, and the strategies to spot and speak out against harmful and misleading content online.

Safer Internet Day 2021 | Tuesday 9 February
Together for a better internet
www.saferinternetday.org

ENROPE

An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world



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Message from Miss Higginson



Thank you all for your hard work, flexibility and support with the home learning this term. It has been a learning experience for everyone, and we know that there have been good days and bad days. We are incredibly proud of all the children and their families in the way they have adapted to new ways of working. Please all take a break from home learning next week and take part in activities that make you happy - reading, cooking, games, walks, Lego. It is important to have a rest. We look forward to seeing you all virtually after half term.

As you are aware several staff have tested positive for the virus recently. Mrs Crook and I met with the Local Authority and PHE last week to discuss our cases and the procedures we currently have in place. All positive cases of pupils and staff are reported to the Local Authority who look at each case and monitor any links between them. We are not considered an out layer school and they are seeing similar situations in other large urban schools. We have shared our risk assessment with the Health and Safety at DCC and they considered it a robust risk assessment. We continue to work closely with DCC and PHE.

Please can we ask that if your child or anyone in your household feels unwell regardless of the symptoms that you don't send them to school. The virus seems to be presenting with a number of different symptoms so it may be necessary for you to seek advice from 111.

One of the children who had been asked to self-isolate recently as we had closed a bubble developed a temperature and aches that lasted for 24 hours. They then tested positive for the virus. If your child has been self-isolating and has had any symptoms however mild, please seek advice from 111 and contact the school before sending them back when the bubbles open.

Thank you for your support during the current situation.



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What should you do if a student tests positive for Coronavirus during half term?

School staff will be available during half term to support pupils and parents/carers in relation to contact tracing after a positive Coronavirus test result.

If a pupil tests positive for Coronavirus having developed symptoms during half term we can assist in identifying close contacts and advising them to self-isolate. This is because the individual may have been infectious while in school. We can also support a staff member who tests positive in this way, and therefore will ensure any pupils or staff who were close contacts are informed.

Please email us on attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk and we will call you back. Members of staff will be checking this email address during the half term break. It will be checked in the morning, at lunchtime and in the afternoon.

Remote learning survey



We are asking parents to provide us with feedback about our remote learning, which takes place via Tapestry for the EYFS children and via Google Classroom for the children in year 1 and above.

Please click on the link below to complete the remote learning survey, please respond by 3.15pm on Friday 12th February. After this point the questionnaire will close.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=C_vTRKAIBEeHvhOSn2IWEun5PyFj8OBjg6TnzbgN5IVURDVGQktFUFNBSIE2SUpIM1VLNfc0TUY1QS4u



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The Same Boat
by Julie Sheldon

'We're all in the same boat' they say
But I would disagree
So many different sailing crafts
Upon this stormy sea

Some sail on ocean liners
In comfort, style, and ease
Relaxing on their balconies
....Sipping their G & Ts

Some speed along in motor boats
As if it's all ok.....
With little care for smaller crafts
Which may get in their way

Some struggle on their battleships
Where nothing's going right
Endlessly preparing.....
For the next relentless fight

Some huddle in their lifeboats...
And pray that they'll be saved
Hoping for a calmer sea...
And fearing every wave

Listen to the poem on YouTube via the link below

[The Same Boat - YouTube](#)

Some drift around upon their rafts....
They barely stay afloat
They're praying for a change of luck...
And chance to board a boat

Some haven't found their sea legs yet....
And dread each wave and swell
They're struggling to stay upright
And don't feel very well

So whilst you're on your journey
To a safe and calmer port
Look out for fellow sailors
Who may need some support

Could you throw them a life belt?
Or a paddle or an oar?
Perhaps you could help guide them
A bit nearer to the shore





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HOW CAN WE HELP?



FOODBANK

If you need food we can help. Please ring us between 10:00-12noon Monday - Friday and we will assess how we can best help

SUPPORT AND ADVICE

We have a team waiting to help. Ring during our opening hours and we will do our best to answer your questions.

HOUSING AND FINANCE CONCERNS

Are you concerned about your housing? Need help negotiating with your landlord? Rent arrears? Need debt and money advice?

*Free impartial advice. available across Mid Devon
Call 01884 255606, 9:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday*



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Rotary **YOUNG** ENVIRONMENTALIST COMPETITION



Calling all young eco-champions

Are you passionate about the planet? Do you have what it takes to create ingenious ways to tackle environmental issues? Then take part in the annual Rotary Young Environmentalist competition.

To enter please contact Andrea Rowe at rtiverton1175@gmail.com. You will be sent an entry form and information pack.



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Kingwood
Children

February Half Term Holiday Club! 15th – 19th February 2021

Lower Prices for Holiday Club!

We have reduced our fees and have flexible bookings available to help make our childcare more affordable and accessible for Keyworker families. It's been a tricky start to the year and we would like to contribute something positive! The price includes delicious home cooked meals and healthy snacks.

We have a different activity planned for each day:

- Sports. Lots of team sports games and fun exercise activities to keep us warm and healthy!
- Arts and Crafts. We will spend some time outdoors using nature to make transient art, then warm up inside with colourful crafts that celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Ox, a theme we celebrate in the setting each year which enables us to learn about and enjoy experiencing other cultures.
- WoodKin day in the forest. Our wonderful days in the forest are filled with campfires, woodland craft and new wild skills for everyone!
- Allotment trip. There is lots to do at the allotment at this time of year. Clearing the vegetable beds and preparing the soil for new seeds to be planted in Spring. There may even be some vegetables to harvest if we are lucky!
- Languages and Music. Kingwood is extremely lucky to have Cecile, our French teacher, to provide language classes for us. We will also try some experimental music by using our bodies and our own handmade instruments. Have a go at learning some Chinese writing too.

Our holiday club is going ahead for
keyworker families!

Providing safe, social fun for children and support for parents. We accept tax free childcare vouchers. Government Covid guidelines are in place to ensure health and wellbeing for everyone.



Contact us to book your child's place!

Email: office@kingwoodchildren.org.uk

Tel: 01884 841435