



Newsletter

29 March, 2021

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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, on each day that your child is absent. 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

Debt

As we are just a few days away from the end of term, please could all parents clear any debts they have with the school in relation to school dinners, breakfast club, after school club or nursery sessions, by Wednesday 31st March. We are currently owed **£366.50** for school dinners by parents.

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, Claire Shanahan, Josie Hambly or Mike Payne 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**



Face coverings

Please can we remind parents of the need to wear a face covering/mask when dropping off and collecting their child from school. Lifting your coat or jumper to cover your face is not an acceptable substitute for a mask.

Learner of the week



- FSDB Saffie
- FSG Aria Rose
- 1BA Grace
- 1P Libby B
- 2D Edward T
- 2P Saffy
- 3E Erin
- 3P Lucas
- 4F Lily B
- 4K Oran
- 5F Dylan
- 5S Harry
- 6H Basti
- 6W Zaiya

Lunchtime Behaviour



- FSDB Ellyse
- FSG Harry
- 1BA Kayleb
- 1P Matthew
- 2D Ava
- 2P Lexi
- 3E Kai
- 3P Alfie H
- 4F Harry N
- 4K Daisy W
- 5F Lizzie
- 5S Ruby
- 6W Dylan M

Best Attendance

FSG – 100%



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Diary Dates



Last Day of Term
Wednesday 31st
March

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

Superhero day: 28th April 2021

The idea behind superhero day is to honour those who serve and protect and do the right thing! No matter who your favourite superhero is, honouring the real or fictional people that inspire us is a really worthwhile cause this April 28th. We would really like to thank and honour all of the people who have worked so hard during this pandemic, including all of our fabulous staff in school. Thank you to everyone in our school community who has worked so hard to keep us safe, especially NHS staff and carers.

In recognition of the hardwork of all our local superheroes who have been supporting us during these tricky times, children may come to school dressed as superheroes or wear a cape on Wednesday 28th April 2021.



Heathcoat Heroes

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

1BA – Travis, Penny, Logan L & Kayleb

1P – Edward

6H – Basti

6W – Jayden, Connor & Soraya



Primary Sports and Education will be running an Easter holiday activity camp for 4-11-year olds between 8am and 5.30pm on 12th & 13th April at Halberton Primary school. These will be specific to government guidelines to include all measures of social distancing and hygiene protocols. Primary Sports have ensured that social distancing measures are in place which works alongside the requirements from the Department for Education. To book please contact: greg.hooper@primary-sports.co.uk



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Emails to teachers

During the lockdown, parents had unprecedented access to teachers via email. Now that we are starting a new term and our teachers are full-time in the classroom teaching the children, we ask that parents contact **admin** with any messages or enquiries, rather than emailing teachers direct. This can be by telephone or email. Anything that is urgent, messages for the teachers about learning or about your child that they need to know for that day, will then be passed to teachers as required.

We have had instances where a parent has sent an urgent message to a teacher who has been teaching and hasn't seen it until the end of the day. The admin staff are the best point of contact to ensure that messages are dealt with efficiently.

All attendance information that parents wish to communicate must be sent to the **attendance reporting email** (attendancereporting@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk)

This email is seen by the office staff as well as the senior leadership team, who will then inform teachers. Parents do not need to send multiple emails to various people.

What should you do if a student tests positive for Coronavirus during Easter break?

School staff will be available during the Easter break 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 the Easter break 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.



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Message from Miss Higginson



We have enjoyed having all the children back in school over the last few weeks. They have settled back into the previous routines and have engaged in their learning and have enjoyed playing with their friends. We hope you all have an enjoyable and safe Easter break and hopefully you can all enjoy some sunshine and fresh air.

As you know the lockdown rules change from today as we continue to come out of lockdown. It is vital we all continue to follow the lockdown rules.

From today:

The stay-at-home rule ends but you are still encouraged to work from home if you can. Minimise travel. You can meet up outside in groups of 6 or 2 households, this includes in private gardens. **You can't meet up inside.**

Outdoor sports facilities can reopen.





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Easter bucket list



The challenges of home schooling as a temporary teacher and supporting your child as a parent has been difficult.

As we look towards the Easter break, prioritising ways you and your family can look after your mental health and taking time out to be only a parent again is so important.

Our Easter bucket list is a great way to spend time doing positive activities with your child, can provide a space to talk through any concerns and bring you closer together.

Here are some bucket list activities ideas you could do together.

Puzzle or jigsaw

Plant something

Look at photos together

Remember together a favourite family memory

Turn recyclable waste into works of art

Learn a recipe together

Family dance-a-thon

Make a gratitude jar or tree

Tree spotting or signs of spring spotting

Write or draw chalk messages or pictures



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Blundell's

FOUNDED 1604

EASTER NETBALL CAMPS

Hosted by Titans Netball Club & Blundells School

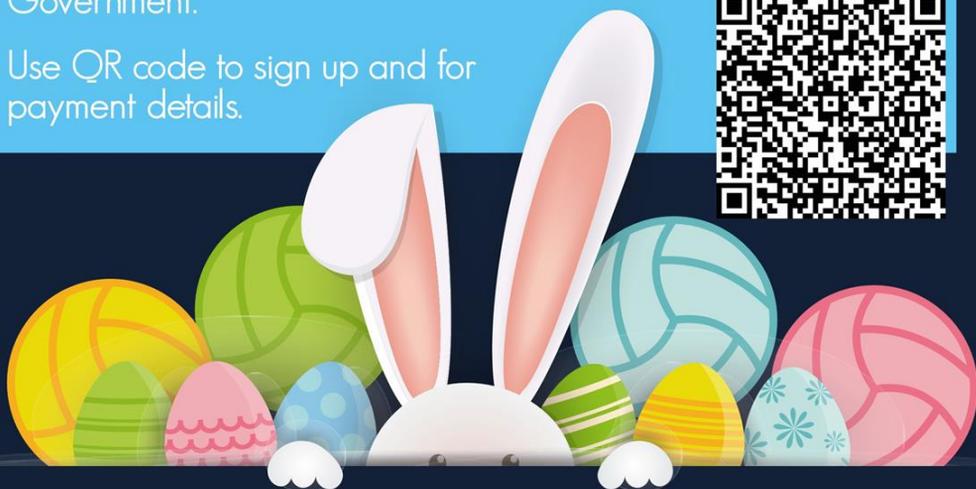
TUESDAY 13TH APRIL = U11 | WEDNESDAY 14TH APRIL = U13
THURSDAY 15TH APRIL = U15 | 9AM - 3PM

MAXIMUM 30 CHILDREN | OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY | £30

Using Blundells School Sports Hall or outdoor courts depending on the weather.

Following Covid guidelines for England Netball and the Government.

Use QR code to sign up and for payment details.



FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: RLM@BLUNDELLS.ORG





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**Think behaviour, think language.
I wonder if....**

**Communication and Interaction Team
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team**

A free, informal workshop for parents and carers to consider the links between behaviour and speech, language and communication needs. This event will be held virtually on Tuesday 15th June 2021, 10am – 12pm

Does your child have difficulty with:

Listening?

Attention?

Communication?

Friendships?

Literacy?

The session will aim to raise awareness of speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) and consider the impact on a child's social, emotional and mental health (SEMH). SLCN can become apparent through a child's behaviour in a variety of ways and we shall provide further insight into these complex links.

The session provides an opportunity to share ideas about what works for you and a chance to discuss and learn from other parents/carers.

There will also be an opportunity for questions to the Advisory Teachers and Family Worker from the Communication and Interaction Team and the Social, Emotional and Mental Health team.

To book your free place, please contact: Sue Vanstone
(01392)287355 sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com



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SUPERHERO DAY CHALLENGE

28th April
2021



Virtually run, dance, hop, eat or sing to become a superhero and raise vital funds for Children's Air Ambulance

Sign up today to challenge yourself and become part of Team Mission
theairambulanceservice.org.uk/superhero-challenge



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Superhero in the City

children's
air ambulance
keeping hope alive



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