



Newsletter

24 May, 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

Morning drop off

Polite reminder: as mentioned previously, in order to keep our children and parents safe, please can parents not drop off children outside the main gate of school, or drive into the road that runs alongside school.

Please can parents be vigilant and ask their children not to climb on park gates in the morning whilst waiting for the school gates to open. We have spoken to children about keeping themselves safe in school. Thank you.

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**



Learner of the week



FSDB Arlo
FSG Esme
1BA Millie
1P Thomas
2D Poppy-Mai
2P Isabelle
3E Martha
3P Kelsey
4F Joey
4K Tammy
5F Olivia & Harley
5S Alfie
6H Whole class
6W Casi

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Arlo
FSG Scarlett
1BA Logan L
2D Archie
2P Oakley
3E Riley
3P Cushla
4F Oliver
4K Darcy
5F Isabelle
5S Bailey
6H Niara
6W Aidan

Best Attendance

FSG – 100%



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Term Dates



Summer Half Term
Monday 31st May –
Friday 4th June

Last Day of Summer Term
Friday 23rd July

First Day of the Autumn Term
Wednesday 8th September

Autumn Half Term
Monday 25th October –
Friday 29th October

Last Day of the Autumn Term
Friday 17th December

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSG – Aria & Scarlett

3E – Megan & Erin

Road Safety

The teachers have spoken to all the children about road safety again over the past week. There is also an assembly today about road safety.

Please can you remind your children about the Green Cross Code

The Green Cross Code

With young children, focus on the core steps:

- Find a safe place to cross
- Stop at the kerb
- Look right
- Look left
- Look right again
- If the road is clear, cross – don't run!
- Keep looking and listening for traffic as you cross.

A third of all children hurt crossing the road said they didn't stop before stepping off the kerb, and as many said they just didn't look. Please remind your child/children to triple check and WALK across the road.

Fun game to teach road safety to your KS1 or nursery child:

Children love 'teaching' teddies and dolls, so get them to do this as a game.

Lay a skipping rope on the floor as the 'kerb', and quickly transform a doll or teddy into a string puppet by tying a piece of string to each arm and tying the other end to a small ruler. Listen to your child instructing their 'puppet' to 'stop at the kerb'. This will really help to drum the message in for them.



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Healthy snacks

As you are aware, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are 'healthy snack' days at HPS.

The easiest way to bring healthy snacks is fresh fruit. A single piece can be incredibly satisfying – and 1 of your child's 5 a day. Portable, easy-to-eat fruits include bananas, apples, pears, grapes, melon slices, plums, apricots or oranges.

Dried fruit, such as raisins, count as 1 of your 5 a day, but it is recommended that they are only eaten at mealtimes, not as a between-meal snack, to reduce the impact on teeth. Children can bring a snack-sized box of raisins if you wish.

Other ideas for healthy snacks:

- Breadsticks
- Vegetable sticks (cucumber or carrot sticks)
- Oatcakes
- Babybel / chunks of cheese
- Hard-boiled egg
- Cherry tomatoes

Please remember - no nuts (or food containing nuts such as hazelnut spread) as we are a nut-free school.

We hope that children enjoy trying some of these ideas, and that they choose to have healthy snacks on Thursday and Friday as well!





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Boomwhackers

Reception children have worked incredibly hard this term learning to play the Boomwhackers. They have learnt about the importance of playing together and how to follow and keep a steady beat. On Friday they recorded performances of How Long, Rock you and Uptown Funk which were published for Reception parents to watch in a Reception showcase! We also included performing the Supertato story with actions. We are so proud of the children who were all so enthusiastic, engaged and focused.



Protective Measures

Covid lockdown restrictions are gradually lifting, however, the guidelines for school risk assessments remain the same. So, we need to continue with the measures currently in place. Please remember your social distancing and your face covering.

Visitors on-site

Please can we remind all parents that minimal visitors are allowed onsite at this present time. Obviously, there will be times when we need parents/carers to come into school, but where practically possible we need to keep the numbers as low as possible. It is a requirement that any visitors that do come on to school site, sign in at reception and wait for the member of staff to meet them. To ensure the safety of all pupils and staff, parents/carers should not be on school premises unaccompanied. We are still following Covid-19 guidance, so please adhere to social distancing measures and wear a face covering (unless exempt). In addition, if you are attending a meeting on-site, upon arrival in school, you will be asked to complete our HPS Track & Trace form.



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Uniform

Thank you to all those pupils who are wearing the correct school uniform and school PE kit. It is important that all the children are wearing the correct school uniform each day. If your child is not wearing the correct uniform, we will speak to your child and yourself.

Our uniform is:

- A royal blue sweatshirt with the embroidered school logo
- A navy blue pullover or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- Trousers/shorts in charcoal grey or black
- Skirt/tunic in navy blue
- Blue and white checked summer dress
- Pale blue cotton long sleeved shirt or pale blue polo shirt (with or without the school logo)
- Plain socks/tights in white, grey or navy
- Shoes should be black, brown or dark blue. Trainers if worn, should be plain with no bright colours. School shoes should be flat and appropriate for day long wear in a variety of situations (platform shoes are not allowed).
- **Hair:** No unnatural hair colours, no exaggerated hair styles
- **Jewellery:** Maximum of one stud earring in each ear. Badges issued by the school. Watches

PE Kit: (which is worn to school on PE days)

- A plain white t-shirt or a coloured T shirt that matches their house colour
- Plain navy or black shorts
- Mainly blue track suit (optional for cold weather)

Children in the Reception class do not need a PE kit until they reach Year 1.

May half term

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of this half term already! The children have all worked hard and settled back into the routines of the school day. We wish you all a lovely half term break and let's hope for some better weather!

We look forward to seeing you all in June.



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

School staff will be available during the May 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 the May 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.



BACK TO NETBALL

Date: Starts 25/5/21

Time: 7.45-8.45pm

Venue: Blundells School Sports Hall Tiverton

Contact Details: Rebecca
rlm@blundells.org 07588228928

Price: £4.00



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