



## Newsletter

21 June, 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](mailto: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](mailto:attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk)

### 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. One of our assemblies this week will be about this subject.

### Class Photographs

Just a reminder that this Thursday the class photographs are being taken. All children need to wear their school uniform. If they have PE then they can bring their daps or trainers to school in a bag. If they have forest schools they will need to bring a change of clothes.

### COVID reminders

The Local Authority are reminding schools about the need to continue with the protective measures in school such as hand washing, lateral flow testing, maintaining bubbles and respiratory measures.

As positive cases start to increase it is important that we **all** (parents, staff and pupils) remember hands, face, space when socialising with others and when out and about in the local community. This will help keep all members of our community safe.

### Learner of the week



FSDB Kade  
FSG Halie  
1BA Lilymay  
1P Fausta  
2D Orlaith  
2P Blain  
3E Eva  
3P Murray & Dexter  
4F Isabel W  
4K Matilda  
5F Maggie  
5S Hayden  
6H Ruby  
6W Ruby W

### Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Harry S  
FSG Freya  
1BA Charlie  
1P Ebony-Ann  
2D Riley  
2P Lexi  
3E Mason W  
3P Kaitlyn  
4F Millie  
5S Amanda  
6H Ava L

### Best Attendance

FSG & 1BA – 99%





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## Diary Dates



**Class Photographs  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

## Term Dates



**Last Day of Summer Term  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**First Day of the Autumn Term  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**Autumn Half Term  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October –  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**Last Day of the Autumn Term  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**First Day of the Spring Term  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

## Heathcoat Heroes

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

**FSG- Dylan**

## Information about tick bites

Playing outdoors is great fun but remember to look out for ticks!

### What are ticks?

Ticks are small, spider-like mini beasts that feed on the blood of animals including people. Ticks don't fly or jump, but live in long grass, bushes and shrubs. You can find them in the woods, places with long grass, and sometimes parks and gardens. Ticks wait on the tips of plants and when you brush past, they climb on.

### Why should I look out for ticks?

It is important that you look out for ticks and remove them as soon as possible. Some ticks can carry diseases, like Lyme disease and it is important to know what ticks are and what to do if you get bitten.

### Which is the safest way to remove a tick?

The safest way to remove a tick is by using a pair of fine-tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool. Always contact your GP or dial 111 promptly if you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms or develop a spreading circular red rash.

**For more information click on the link below**

[Tick leaflet \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)





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## Sports day – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

This is to inform you that we will be holding sports day on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The children will take part in sports day within their bubbles but will still be earning points for their house. The children will sit in their year groups, and we will have two year groups competing at the same time whilst remaining within their bubbles and socially distant. Once they have finished, another two year groups will come out to participate. We are sorry that we are **unable to invite our families to this event**, but we will aim to take lots of photographs and post them on our website.

The reason for this is that we currently have up to 120 children taking part in sport's day at any one time and this would equate to a minimum of 120 parents as spectators if we were to allow just one parent per child to attend. We have to adhere to the Devon SLS advice, ensuring that groups of 30 do not mix or interact with children during the event, and therefore we are unable to safely sit everyone, allow for adequate social distancing and guarantee the safety of the children, parents and staff.

We have also been informed by DCC that cases of Covid- 19 are rising in Devon; the Delta variant is present and those most at risk are the 20 – 39 age group and we are aware of positive cases within the wider community. The school is responsible, not just for protecting the school community, but is also tasked through the actions we take to help keep the transmission rate down.

I know that many parents will be disappointed at not being able to see their child compete, but we have a legal responsibility to ensure the health and safety of anyone on our premises, however we are delighted that we can hold a sports day as we were unable to do so last year.

Children will need to come to school on 7<sup>th</sup> July dressed in their PE kit and wearing the coloured T-Shirt to match the house they are in. If they don't have the correct coloured T-Shirt then they can wear their white PE shirt and we will give them a coloured band to wear.

### The house colours are:

Yellow Dart  
 Orange Culm  
 Red Exe  
 Green Barle  
 Blue Lowman  
 Purple/Black Otter

If you are not sure which house your child is in, please email the class teacher. Please make sure they are wearing daps or trainers.

If, due to the weather, we are unable to hold the sport's day on the 7<sup>th</sup> July, we have a back up date of the 9<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



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**Friday 25th June to  
Sunday 27th June 2021**

**Camp Out & have an Adventure!**

**Help the Homeless & raise money for CHAT  
– Tackling homelessness in Mid Devon**

**More information & sign-up:  
<https://chatmid.org/homeless4anight/>**

Our event has been made possible and supported by:



**CHURCHES HOUSING ACTION TEAM**

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## Cygnets – Parent autism awareness programme invite (Summer 2021)

We are delighted to continue our offer of the Cygnets programme online.

The programme is for parents/carers of Devon school children aged between 7 and 18 pre or post diagnosis. We are excited to announce that we have negotiated and agreed access for families of CYP who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

So here at Babcock LDP as licensed trainers we will be offering access to this programme during this Summer Term period, as hosting our usual parent autism awareness programme is not physically possible at this time due to CV19 restrictions.

### Is this course for me?

During and after a diagnosis parents and carers can have many questions about autism and may feel isolated in managing their child's needs.

Children's needs also change over time, and information and advice received when a child is younger may need to be updated to be relevant for the child/young person today.

Attending the Cygnets programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing social communication and behaviour difficulties.

6 weekly sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

No.	Topic	Release date
1	Introduction	Mon 19 July
2	Autism overview	Mon 26 July
3	Sensory	Mon 2 August
4	Communication	Mon 9 August
5	Understanding behaviour	Mon 16 August
6	Supporting behaviour	Mon 23 August

We (Babcock LDP) will send a web link to your email each week (Monday a.m) to access the relevant weekly topic for completion at a time that best suits you. You will need an email address and the internet to access this programme.

The programme is purely in an online format (not a webinar or live presentation).

We will invite and respond to questions related to training topics/themes following each week's topic. Posting on our Website, responses to the most commonly asked questions and additionally signposting to our already established and developing resources and themes.



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### How do I accept and access the programme?

Simply email [LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com](mailto:LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com) to indicate you would like to accept the programme access offer (**using the same email you wish weekly web link sending to**). **You will be asked to complete a Reply Slip to confirm details.**

On Mon 19<sup>th</sup> July you will receive the 1<sup>st</sup> weeks' web link from us

Feel free to share this email with other families you know who would also welcome access. They will then also receive full access to the programme through us.

Once engaged in the programme we will maintain contact on a weekly basis to invite any questions you may have related to programme topics and signpost you to additional resources and themes to support your learning.

This online access may be limited to the CV19 period only, so we would highly recommend access and completion if the programme is right for you? The main benefit of online access is the ability to access on any day and time that fits with your own family life.

**Apply direct by email to:** [LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com](mailto:LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com)

Please **DO NOT** contact Barnardos for access to this programme.

Additional Communication & Interaction weekly themed supporting resources are available for viewing at: [Babcock LDP - COVID-19 resources from the communication and interaction team](#)

