



Newsletter

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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



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.

Lunchtime behaviour focus



The lunchtime behaviour focus for this week is:

Indoor target for next week - we can sit properly on our chairs and talk quietly to one another whilst eating our lunch.

Outdoor target (remains the same) - lining up quickly and quietly.

Learner of the week



- FSDB Lylla
- FSG Neevie
- 1BA Whole class
- 1P Whole class
- 2D Whole class
- 2P Whole class
- 3E Whole class
- 3P Amelia B
- 4F Paul-John
- 4K Ella
- 5F Alissa
- 5S Amanda
- 6H Lily S
- 6W Macey

Lunchtime Behaviour



- FSDB Iris
- FSG Harley
- 1BA Logan
- 1P Oscar
- 2D Poppy S
- 4F Miley
- 4K Daisy-Mai
- 5F Desmond
- 5S Jayden T
- 6H Cameron
- 6W Ella T

Best Attendance

1BA & 3P – 100%



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Diary Dates



Sports Day
7th July

Term Dates



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

First Day of the Spring Term
Wednesday 5th January 2022

Heathcoat Heroes

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

**3E – Megan, Seth,
Lilly-Mae, Reuben &
Lacey**

5S- Nathan

6H- Hudson

Year 2 visit to St Pauls Church

Last week Year 2 enjoyed their visit to St Paul's Church and were very excited to be going to the church and not just seeing it on the screen! As part of RE this term we have been learning about Christian worship. Jonathan met us at the church and spoke to the children about key aspects of worship and objects in the church. The children completed a treasure hunt to learn more about worship. The children were very well behaved and a credit to the school. We would like to thank Jonathan for welcoming us to the church.





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Wrong Trouser Day – Friday 2nd July 2021



Here is a message from one of our pupils requesting your support to have fun whilst raising money for a cause that is close to his heart.

My name is Joe and I'm 9 years old. On the 25th August 2020 I was rushed to Bristol Children's hospital after being in a road accident. I had over 20 hours of surgery and Me and mummy spent 3 and half week at Bristol Children's Hospital and we still go now for my checks up. All the nurses, doctors and the staff really looked after me and made being in hospital kind of fun for me, even if with the added pressure of Covid.

I want to raise some money for the hospital but I need your help, so let me tell you about Wallace & Gromit's Wrong Trousers Day on Friday 2nd July 2021

All you have to do is dig out those wacky trousers – from pyjamas to tu-tus and waders to work-wear, anything goes - just wear them to school/work.

By donning your wrong trousers and making a donation you are helping to support sick babies and children and their families at Bristol Children's Hospital and St Michael's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. I am going to try and get as many schools and business to take part in Wallace & Gromit's Wrong Trousers Day..!

I would also like children to design their own Wrong Trousers for a Competition. Children will be given the colouring to complete on Friday.

Thank you for taking the time to read my story and if you would like to make a donation please click on the link below.

<https://uk.gofundme.com/f/tiverton-lets-see-your-wrong-trousers>



Many thanks from Joe





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Covid update

One of our pupils has tested positive over the weekend. As they were already self-isolating and not in school during the 48 hours before developing symptoms, we do not need to take any further action. We wish them a speedy recovery.

We are sending home updated guidance from the LA with the newsletter which they have asked all schools to share with parents.

Information about ticks

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 \(\[publishing.service.gov.uk\]\(https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk\)\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/92427/tick-leaflet.pdf)





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Healthy tips for lunchboxes

At Heathcoat Primary School we are always looking at ways to improve lunchtimes for the children. This includes encouraging healthy food choices. Our school dinners are really delicious and nutritious. If your child usually has packed lunch, maybe they could give school dinners a try one day next week?

If your child chooses to bring a packed lunch, here are some tips.

Cut sugar with a swap! Instead of chocolate, cake bars or pudding pots, pick:

- a slice of malt loaf
- a fruited teacake
- sugar-free jelly
- fresh or tinned fruit (in juice, not syrup)
- a scotch pancake
- plain rice cakes
- chopped veg and hummus or sour cream dip
- Plain, homemade popcorn

Lower-sugar fromage frais Make fromage frais pots a new lunchbox fave – they're a healthier choice than split pot yoghurts.

Why not get your child to help to make their packed lunch – they can decide on the right amount of food too.

Remember that children between the ages of two and 18 should eat fewer than **7** teaspoons of added sugar **per day**.

Sugar Quiz (Answers at the end of the newsletter)

How many teaspoons of added sugar do you think there are in a 75g muffin?

How many teaspoons in a 330ml can of regular fizzy drink?

How many in a slice of malt loaf?

How many teaspoons of added sugar in a jam doughnut?

Put sweets in their place

Occasional sweets are fine, but ensure you offer fruit more often than sweets. And don't turn dessert into the main reason for eating dinner. When dessert is the prize for eating dinner, children naturally place more value on the cupcake than the broccoli. Try to stay neutral about foods.



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TA Vacancy at HPS

We have 2 children starting with us in September who have complex needs including health needs. We are seeking to appoint 2 Teaching Assistants to work with them every afternoon, Monday to Friday, approx 3 hours per day, during term time, Grade C, within the Primary phase of the Federation of Tiverton Schools, to be based at Heathcoat Primary School. This role will include supporting children with complex needs. Experience of working in a school setting and with children with complex needs would be desirable. These roles would be linked to the funding for these pupils.

Please contact the school on (01884) 252445 or email admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk for an application form or further information. Closing Date: Noon on Friday 2nd July 2021

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This role requires a DBS disclosure.

This role requires the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.

JOB VACANCY