



Newsletter

7 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, 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

A request around fidget, sensory and/or transitional toys.

We are very aware of the recent craze around Poppets and fidget toys and have noticed a significant increase in the number of children are bringing these toys into school from home.

We are currently still following government guidance regarding Covid-19 and our risk assessment identifies minimising objects going to and from home and school.

In some cases, objects have been agreed by the SEND Team or class teacher as it has been deemed that a child may benefit from this. In this instance, we ask that the object (or up to a max of 3 objects) stays in school and the child is encouraged to keep it/them in their tray or bag until it is required. The object is used only in agreement with the class teacher. If these objects are found to be causing additional disruption to a child rather than helping them to regulate or improve attention/focus, the class teacher may ask them to put them away.

For those children where specific items have been agreed this can continue. However, we ask that parents do not send their child in to school with any objects without prior discussion and agreement with the class teacher or a member of the SEND Team.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding with this matter.

Learner of the week



FSDB Jessica
FSG Aria
1BA Olivia
1P Lola
2D Tanner
2P Freya
3E Mason W
3P Alfie B
4F Katie
4K Laiton
5F Lizzie
5S Archie M
6H Lottie
6W Holly

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Ashleigh
FSG Leo
1BA Lola
1P Edward
2D Matilda
2P Emily K
3E Megan
3P Frankie
4F Kovi
4K Joshua
5F Aemilia
6H Basti
6W Oliver

Best Attendance

1P – 99.1%



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COUNTY SHOW
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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.

**1BA – Travis, Logan L,
 Charlie & Kayleb**

**3E – Lacey, Poppy,
 Alexis & Faith-Jade**

4K- Angel 6W-Hannah

Outstanding debts

As you are aware schools across the country have very tight budgets and we are no exception. We have to think very carefully about what we spend our budget on and we conscious of every penny. We currently have over £300 owed to school in unpaid school lunch money. As you can appreciate this has a significant impact on our budget. Our school meals are provided by the external company Devon Norse. We have to pay them for every meal that is ordered. Therefore we have to pay for those meals which haven't been paid for by you from our budget until your debts are paid. This means we have less money to spend on teaching and learning and essential resources for the children.

Chasing unpaid debts takes time and ultimately money again from our very tight budget.

Please can we ask that all meals are paid for either in advance or on the day so that you don't incur debts. If you have unpaid debts please pay them immediately. The larger the debt, the harder it becomes to pay it off.

Thanking you in advance for your support with this ongoing issue.

Planning for September

It is that time of year again when we start planning for September. We are currently finalizing staffing and classes. When arranging the classes we will take into account the gender mix, the range of abilities as well as the friendship groups that we see in school, to meet the learning needs of all the children. If you have any comments about next year please email the team leader by Friday 11th June.

EYFS – emilyneale@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

KS 1 - beckybudden@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

KS 2 – michalafirth@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk



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Message from Miss Higginson

We hope you have all enjoyed the half term holiday, it helped to have some sunshine! As always, we have a busy term ahead as we plan for this term as well as for the coming autumn term. Our current risk assessment is still in place, and we ask that you continue to maintain social distancing and that you wear a face covering on site. We are still limiting the number of visitors we have on site.

Mrs Perry one of our teaching assistants has been on maternity leave and we are looking forward to welcoming her back next week. This does mean that we will need to say goodbye to Mrs Drew who has been covering whilst Mrs Perry has been on maternity leave. Mrs Perry will be working 4 days a week in reception and Mrs Drew will continue to work one day a week until the end of term.

At the end of term will be saying goodbye to Mrs Shanahan, Mr Hudson and Miss Neale who are moving onto new schools.

Mrs Shanahan will be working at a specialist setting in Exeter and is looking forward to working in the classroom with the children. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the children at HPS during her time with us. We have appointed Mrs Alpey an experienced SENCO to work across both the primary schools within the federation.

Mr Hudson is off to work at a school in Exeter, closer to his home. We would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication during his time at HPS. We have appointed Miss Courtney who is currently teaching in London and will be relocating to Exeter.

Miss Neale is looking forward teaching children at a specialist setting in Plymouth. We would like to thank her for all her hard work during her 14 years at HPS.

We will miss them all but wish them all the best for the next stage of their career.

If you have any questions, please contact the class teacher in the first instance.

Congratulations



We are delighted to announce that Miss Galloway welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world on 10th May. She weighed 7lb14oz. They are both doing well.



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You can text a Health Visitor on

07520 631 721

We can help with all kinds of things like.....

CHILD HEALTH & MENTAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH
ADJUSTING TO SLEEP & FEEDING ROUTINES
PARENTING TOILETING CONTINENCE
FAMILY HEALTH

Text us for confidential advice & support

Unless you give permission, a health visitor will not pass on anything you say to anyone else except in extreme circumstances like if the health, safety or welfare of you or someone else is at significant risk. We hold information that you tell us on electronic records that can be seen by other healthcare professionals who all follow the same confidentiality rules.





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We would like to hear your experiences of receiving equipment for children and young people with SEND

If your child has been prescribed and received equipment to support them, then we want to hear about your experiences. Examples of this would be where perhaps an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist has prescribed some equipment to support your child. This could include, for example, specialist seating, equipment to support bathing and personal care, hoists, or maybe adaptations to support independence in your home.

We're hosting an engagement session on Zoom on Tuesday 22 June, and we'd love for you to join and give your feedback about your experiences. The event will take place from 10.30am to 11.30am.

To book your place, please click on the link
[Equipment focus group booking form and feedback form \(office.com\).](#)

Alternatively, if you can't or don't want to join the session, but do still want to share your experiences, thoughts and ideas, you can also use the above form to do so.

We will use the feedback to inform improvements going forwards.

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TUESDAY, 22 JUNE 2021

10.30AM - 11.30AM

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have your say**



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We are listening

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County Council

NHS
Devon
Clinical Commissioning Group

Click the link for more details and to book

Can't make it? You can still have your say by clicking the link