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Social distancing restrictions

Only two weeks to go before the end of term and I know that you are aware of the government plans to lift all social distancing restrictions on the 19th July. This includes a recommendation about bubbles in school. However, given that we will only have one week left in school at that time we have decided to keep things as they are until the end of term. All measures on our current risk assessment remain in place including all parents collecting children wearing face masks whilst on the school site.

Two of our pupils have 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.

A member of staff has tested positive on a PCR test. We have contacted all those parents of children who have been in close contact with the member of staff. We have closed the Reception bubble. All the close contacts can return to school on 20th July. We wish the member of staff a speedy recovery.

Outstanding School Lunch Money

Just a reminder for those parents who pay for school lunches, as we approach the end of term, all outstanding dinner money should be paid. Please log in to your Scopay account to check your balance. All payments should be made on-line as the school is unable to accept cash payments. If you are not currently registered with Scopay, please let the school office know.

Year 6 Lunch Money

For those Year 6 parents who pay for school lunches, please can we remind you that as we approach the end of term and your child will be leaving HPS, that all outstanding dinner money is paid. Please log in to your Scopay account to check your balance. All payments should be made on-line as the school is unable to accept cash payments. If you are not registered with Scopay, please let the school office know. If your account is in credit on the 23rd July, refunds will be made or it will be transferred to a younger sibling's account. If you have younger siblings at HPS, any outstanding balances will be transferred to their lunch account.

Learner of the week



FSDB Arlo
 FSG Flynn
 1BA Logan L
 1P The whole class
 2D Dylan
 2P The whole class
 3E Mason P
 3P Corben
 4F Isabelle B
 4K Cailen
 5F Ellie-Mai
 5S The whole class
 6H Tyla
 6W The whole class

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Quinn
 1BA Cooper
 2D Morgan
 2P Isabel B
 3E Riley
 3P Frankie
 4K Amelia T
 5F Isabelle

Best Attendance

1P – 100%



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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.

FSDB- Ashleigh

**1BA – Travis 3P-
Thomas**

**3E- Megan, Kaitlyn, Eva,
Elliott & Isla**

4K- Laiton & Kingsley

Unsung Hero Award

Anna from 6H was recently presented with the Unsung Hero award which is a yearly award presented by a member of the Tiverton Rotary Club. Anna was nominated for this award due to her positive, can-do attitude to school and learning as well as consistently showing skills that underpin our school values. She should be very proud of herself for her achievements and she sets a good example for other children in school to follow. Congratulations Anna!



200 Years of Tiverton

The Year 6 children were lucky enough to take part in an exciting project called 200 Years of Tiverton. Over the course of two days the children worked with a creative writer and a design specialist to create some wonderful pieces of work. As part of the project the children studied the history of Tiverton and how Heathcoat factory was established as well as creating and designing some of their very own lace designs that will form part of a bigger project in the future. The children had a wonderful time and took a lot away from this experience.





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Healthy eating

There are lots of guidelines and fads that we are told about – so sometimes it can become a bit confusing. So - here are some tips to make it a bit easier for you.

The good news is that you don't need a degree in nutrition to raise healthy kids. Following some basic guidelines can help you encourage your kids to eat right and maintain a healthy weight.

Here are 5 key rules to help you:

1. **Parents - YOU control the supply lines.** You decide which foods to buy and when to serve them. Though children will pester their parents for less nutritious foods, adults should be in charge when deciding which foods are regularly stocked in the house. Children won't go hungry. They'll eat what's available in the cupboard and fridge at home. If their favourite snack isn't all that nutritious, you can still buy it once in a while so they don't feel that they are missing out.
2. **From the foods you offer, give children a choice.** They need to have some say in the matter so schedule regular meal and snack times. You choose the selections you offer, let them choose what to eat and how much of it they want. This may seem like a little too much freedom. But if you follow step 1, your children will be choosing only from the foods **YOU** choose to buy and serve. E.g – would you like the banana, strawberries or breadsticks and dips.
3. **Quit the "clean-plate club."** Let children stop eating when they feel they've had enough. Lots of parents grew up under the clean-plate rule, but that approach doesn't help children to listen to their own bodies when they feel full. When children notice and respond to feelings of fullness, they're less likely to overeat.
4. **Start them young.** Likes and dislikes for different food begin forming even when children are babies. You may need to serve a new food a few different times for a child to accept it. Don't force a child to eat, but offer a few bites. With older kids, ask them to try one bite. It can take **over 7 tries** for tastes to change, **so don't give up.**
5. **Drink calories count.** Colas and other sweetened drinks add extra calories and get in the way of good nutrition. Water and milk are the best drinks for kids. Juice is fine when it's 100%, but children don't need much of it.





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Holiday and activities and food programme

DCC have launched their Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

In case you aren't aware 'the aim of the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is to support children to eat more healthily, be more active over the school holidays and have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition as well as be more engaged with school and other local services.'

For more information and to book places this summer click on the link below

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/haf-programme>

Mid Devon Show Art Competition



Well done to all those pupils who took part in the art competition. We had some winning entries! Well done, Dylan, Neevie, Florence and Grace in Reception and Izzy, Jasper and Orlaith in year 2. Enjoy your day out at the Mid Devon Show.





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Brownie Gold Award

Congratulations to Heidi and Katie in year 4 who have both work extremely hard to achieve the Brownie Gold award. The Gold award is the **highest badge** a Brownie can earn. This is really special award and gives girls the opportunity to put everything they've learned into practice and do something for their Brownie friends before you move on to new adventures. To get their Brownie Gold award the girls had to earn all six theme awards and then do a final challenge.



Wrong Trouser winning designs

The following designs have been chosen as winners for the wrong trouser day competition.

- 1P – Mikey
- 1BA – Irisa & Emily
- 2D – Matilda & Riley
- 2P – Layla & Alfie
- 3E – Connor
- 3P – Thomas, Kiki & Mr Payne
- 4K – Robert & Darcy
- 4F – Phoebe & Harry N
- 5F – Maisie P, Poppy & Summer



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TIVERTON MUSEUM
of Mid Devon Life

TRAIL BLAZERS

BECOME A TRAIL BLAZER AT TIVERTON MUSEUM THIS SUMMER!

We have four new family activities running throughout the holidays, all part of normal admission:

DRESS TO IMPRESS

Enjoy our new dressing up stations around the museum; the whole family can take part and pose for selfies. New from summer 2021!

29TH JULY ONWARDS...

LET'S CELEBRATE

Follow our trail and find different reasons to celebrate around the museum, and make some bunting.

9TH TO 14TH AUGUST

TOYS & GAMES

Find the toys hidden around the museum, and stop off at play stations along the way.

16TH TO 21ST AUGUST

JOURNEYS

Steam round the museum to explore our journeys trail, finishing in the cab of the Tivy Bumper. Fun free craft also available.

23RD AUGUST TO 4TH SEPTEMBER





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FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Don't forget that our refreshed family activities and trails are always on offer as part of your visit to the museum, including our themed explorer backpacks.



COMING SOON

Watch out for news for our family activities for October Half Term and 2022



BECOME A MEMBER

As a member of Tiverton Museum, you can save money with unlimited admission throughout the year, plus discounts for special events. Pick up our Membership leaflet, or go to the website.



HOW TO BOOK

Check our website for our latest booking news. Pre-booked tickets available through our website www.tivertonmuseum.org.uk or call 01884 256295 for any enquiries.



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