



Newsletter

13 September, 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

Contacting staff

The start of a new school year is a good time to review our current procedures. We have therefore reviewed our school email system and the way of contacting staff. We have created year group email addresses, and emails to this address will go to all the teachers who teach in that year group. These will be checked on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday during working hours and staff will respond within 48 hours. Staff are unable to check emails whilst they are teaching the children. If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please use these email addresses and not their personal email. If you wish to pass on any important information that needs to be addressed urgently, please contact the school office who will be able to pass that information onto the relevant staff.

The emails are all the same but with a different prefix for each year group:

nursery@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk
reception@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk
year1@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk
year2@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk
year3@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk
year4@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk
year5@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk
year6@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

School Dinners

Just a reminder that the price of a school dinner has increased to £2.40 from 1st September 2021.

Learner of the week



1BA The whole class
 1P The whole class
 2D The whole class
 2P Lily F
 3E The whole class
 3P Poppy S
 4K Kaitlyn
 4W Sienna
 5F Miley
 5S Paul-John
 6C Poppy
 6F Annie

Are your contact details up to date?



Please advise the office of any changes in your contact details by emailing admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

Best Attendance

2P & 4W – 100%



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Diary Dates



Walk to school day
6th October

Term Dates



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

Spring Half Term
Monday 21st February-
Friday 25th February

Golden Tickets

The children will be awarded golden raffle tickets for showing good lunchtime behaviour - and the focus lunchtime behavior targets for the first fortnight will be:

- We can use our quiet voices and sit properly on our seats whilst eating our lunch.
- We can share, be kind and take turns when we are playing.

If your child gets given a golden ticket, they put their name on it, put it in the box in their classroom and one person is selected at random on a Thursday. That person can choose a friend to sit on 'top table' with them on Friday. The children on top table have their dinner served to them on a plate (instead of tray), and they jump the dinner queue. They also have a table with tablecloth and flowers!

A teacher may also sit and eat their dinner with the children.



Healthy snack and drinks

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are healthy snack days where children can bring in healthy snacks such as fresh fruit or raw vegetables as snacks for morning break. Crisps can be brought on Thursday and Friday but no chocolate. Children in EYFS and KS1 will continue to receive free fruit as part of the governments provision. Please remember we are a nut free school. Drinks bottles that children access during lesson time should contain tap water only. NO squash, fizzy or flavoured water.





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Welcome Message

All the staff would like to extend a warm welcome to all our families. We have welcomed back families who already had children at HPS as well as new families and children who have joined us this term. It was lovely to welcome our new reception cohort to school. What an excellent start to the new academic year.

On the two training days, all staff took part in training for teaching phonics and reading through the Read, Write, Inc programme.

Our teachers and teaching assistants have worked hard to create stimulating and nurturing learning environments in their classrooms. The whole school has such a welcoming and calm feel.

As usual I am totally impressed with the way our children have settled so quickly. Already I have seen so many examples of kindness, thoughtfulness, sharing and caring towards others. Excited about and engaged in their learning, they have jumped straight back into being at school. We have enjoyed listening to what the children have been doing over the holidays.

Thank you to all those parents for sending their child into school in the correct school uniform, they have all looked very smart.

It has been great to see the children playing and interacting with a larger group of children now we no longer need to have bubbles. KS2 are enjoying breaktime together as are KS1 and reception children. We are now all back to eating lunch in the hall and I heard lots of positive comments from the children, such as "It's great being back in the hall." "I like sitting with other people."

Thank you to you all for following the new procedures for the start and end of the day. We know it was busy on the first day back but it has settled down as not all the children are arriving at 8.45am. You can continue to arrive until 8.55am. At the end of the day, we ask that you don't walk through the reception outside space to exit the school as parents are queuing on the other side to collect their child from reception. Please remember to park responsibly to ensure all members of our community are kept safe. We have spoken to the children about road safety and ask that you reiterate these messages at home and model good road safety. We ask that you continue to maintain your distance where possible and are considerate towards other parents.

Tomas Williams, a member of Parliament is leading an assembly on Tuesday for KS2 as it is International Day of Democracy on Wednesday.

As well as welcoming new pupils we have also welcomed new staff into school. Welcome to Mrs Alpey our SENCO, Mrs Johnson and Miss Courtenay who are teaching in Year 6, Mrs Pickford who will be teaching in nursery and will be team leader for EYFS. Mrs Firth is our Assistant Head of School alongside Mrs Budden. Miss Browne and Mrs Drew returned to school as members of our TA team and we have welcomed Mrs Davey, Miss Ingersent and Mrs McCarthy to our MTA team.

Year group newsletters explaining about learning for each subject, homework, hearing your child read and PE days, will be sent out shortly.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance and then the team leader for the year group.

Mrs Pickford - nursery and reception
Mrs Budden - Year 1 and 2
Mrs Firth - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6



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Get a Healthy start



Get a Healthy Start – Free Fruit and Vegetables with Easy, Fun Recipes when you sign up to Healthy Start

This is free to anyone eligible for Healthy Start and living in the Devon County Council area. If you are pregnant or have children under 4 and are on certain benefits, you may be able to receive money towards fruit, vegetables and milk, and access to free vitamins.

Get a Healthy Start! is a promotional project being run to raise awareness of the upcoming changes to Healthy Start, which is due to go digital in the Autumn. It is hoped the contents will provide an opportunity to have fun cooking together as a family, give inspiration for different ways you can use and make the most of the Healthy Start entitlement, and encourage sign up to the digital scheme when it goes live mid-autumn.

What would I receive? Families who sign up for Get a Healthy Start! will receive a box of fresh fruit and vegetables delivered straight to their door in October, as well as a step-by-step guide on how to cook simple and delicious recipes together as a family using the produce. The recipes are suitable for weaning age children and have modification suggestions to suit your tastes.

The recipes included are

- Singapore Style Stir Fry Noodles
- Mighty Minestrone Soup • Garden Pie
- Tasty Tagine with Butternut Squash
 - Easy Omelette Bites
- Creamy Rice Pudding with Autumn Fruit Swirl

Boxes will be delivered directly to your door between 18th and 31st October – delivery information will be provided after sign up via email. How do I sign up? Determine your eligibility and order a box directly at

<https://devon.cc/getahealthystart>



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We are seeking to appoint 2 temporary Mealtime Assistants to be based at Heathcoat Primary School. These Grade A posts are to cover 5 lunchtimes, Monday to Friday, term time only. Applicants must be supportive, reliable and adaptable in order to meet the daily needs of the school. Please contact the school office on (01884 252445) or email admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk for an application form.

Closing date: Noon on Wednesday 15th September

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.

Secondary School Applications

The application window for Year 7 secondary school admission in 2022 is now open. It is important that all Year 6 parents make their applications on-line at [Citizen Portal - Sign in \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/citizen-portal) by **31st October 2021**.

It is important that the application is made on time so that parents can secure a place for their child at the secondary school of their choice. More information about applying for a secondary school place can be found on the Devon County Council website [Apply for a secondary place - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-place)

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, Becky Budden, Josie Hambly, Hannah Gleeson 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**





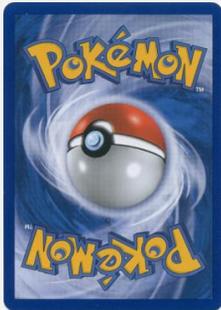
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Pokeman & football trading cards

Just a reminder that Pokemon & football trading cards are **NOT** to be brought to school.

Sunningmead Youth Club

We are closed for 2 weeks for our our summer holidays, open again on Thursday 30th Sept. New members welcome. 8-11 years, Thursday nights 4pm-5.45pm. £1 per session. £1.50 annual membership, Arts crafts, Games, Tuck shop, challenges. For more information email sunningmead-youthclub@yahoo.com

Kenya Trip

Darcie an ex pupil of HPS is Fundraising for her trip to Kenya with Tiverton High school. She is raising money by going without her smartphone. Each £50 raised will be one extra day without her phone! Starting on Monday 13th September 2021.

Darcie has been given an amazing opportunity through Tiverton High School to go on a volunteer trip to Kenya, where she will be helping to teach pupils at Kenyan schools and helping out at local projects.

To sponsor Darcie visit <https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nophone>





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Tiverton Town Ability Counts

We are recruiting!

We believe in flexible, inclusive and accessible playing opportunities for everyone, and are committed to delivering a range of opportunities for players with a disability to access football at various levels.

SUNDAYS 10 AM - 12 PM

Juniors - open to boys and girls aged 8 to 15 years.

Adults - open to male or female players AGE 16+ (no upper age limit)

Further details Please contact

Adults Secretary: Tony Wheeler 07595 867371

Juniors Secretary: Lisa Hodsdon 07922 032772

www.tivertontownfc.co.uk/ability-counts



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