



Newsletter

11 October, 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. The attendance email goes to all the office staff as well as members of the leadership team. Please **do not** email the class teachers directly to report an absence.

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

School Photographs

School photographs are being taken on Wednesday, please can the Year 2 & Year 4 children come to school in the school uniform and wear a pair of trainers, so that they can still take part in PE, after having their photograph taken.

Fidget toys from home

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that children should not be bringing in fidget toys (or any other toys) from home. We offer fidget toys to some of our children with SEND - and some of them do bring in their own fidget toys (this has been agreed with the SEND team). However, the vast majority of our pupils do not need these to support them to access their learning and they act as a distraction in class. Please kindly leave them at home from now on. Thank you.



Learner of the week



FSDB Molly
FSG Leo
1BA OB
1P Grace
2D Charlie G
2P Lola
3E Alfie D
3P Ruby
4K Kelsie T
4W Murray
5F Heidi
5S Robert
6C Nathan
6F/J Lizzie

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Ivy
FSG Everly
1BA Isla
1P Harry S
2D Tilly R
2P Fausta
3E Mayzie
3P Layla
4W Sienna
5F Keeley
5S Cailen
6C Emily B

Best Attendance

2D – 99.1%





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Diary Dates



Parents evenings
8th & 10th November

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

Heathcoat Heroes

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

3E – Matilda

4W – Esmee

4K – Poppy

6C – Bailey, Jayden & Alfie

6F/J – Harley, Freddie, Olivia,
Tilly, Macey, Isabelle & Desmond

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge at Tiverton Library this summer. I am delighted to say that of the 19 schools in the local area, Heathcoat Primary School ranked 4th in terms of the number of children completing the competition, with 38 of our children finishing. Well done to all those who took part. It's lovely to hear that you enjoyed reading over the summer.



Accelerated Reader Achievement

100% quiz results - Imogen & Summer (6C)



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Black history month

October is Black History Month. The children will be learning about the lives of people of Black heritage and the impact they have had on our lives.

Hate crime awareness week



This week is hate crime awareness week. More information can be found at [National Hate Crime Awareness Week – Nationalhcaw](https://www.nationalhcaw.org/)

CHAT

Mark from CHAT will be talking to the children in assembly this week.

Parking

Please can we ask that you all do your part to keep all members of our community safe by not parking on double lines or in front of the school gates and not turning your car in front of the gates or Age concern.

Please can we remind parents about dropping children off safely and walking them to the school gates. Children should **not** be dropped off outside the school gates as this is a health and safety risk.



Road Safety



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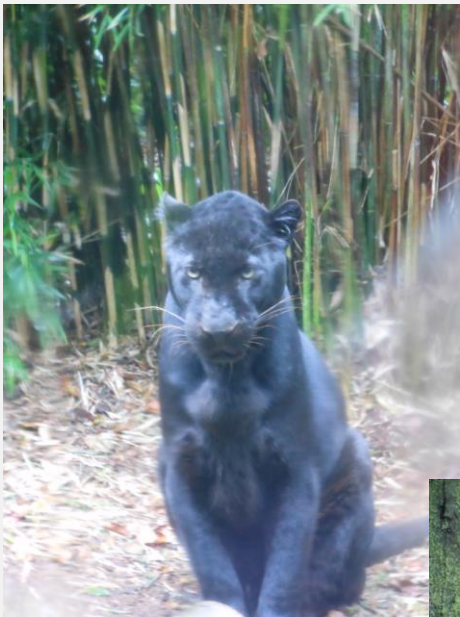
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Year 2 Exmoor Zoo Trip

On Thursday 30th September, the children in Year 2 went to Exmoor Zoo. This term, we have been learning about Animals and Their Habitats. It was a great way to end our topic and for the children to see some animals they had not seen before and to find out how the zoo create habitats for the animals to live in.

The weather wasn't the best! We did get a bit wet and got stuck in a little traffic on the way but we had a brilliant time anyway! Some of us were lucky enough to see the famous 'Exmoor Beast' and lots and lots of other amazing animals; pumas, wolves, storks, flamingos, cheetahs, otters, meerkats, tapirs and many, many more! We were even joined for lunch by some very friendly peacocks!

The children were well behaved and an excellent example for our school. We all had a fantastic day!





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Support for Parents of children with SEND

Did you know that in Devon there is a free, confidential advice service for parents who would like further information or support about any aspect of SEND? It is run by the Local Authority and is completely independent of our school.

Devon IAS provides a service for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, aged up to 25, and their parents or carers. They give support around SEND issues at every stage of a child's education, including into further education and adulthood.

Their website is very helpful, <https://devonias.org.uk/> or you can always give them a ring to find out more, 01392 383080

This Autumn, DiAS are running some free Information Sessions for parents. If you are interested, do click on the links to find out more and to sign up.

[Education Health and Care Plan \(EHCP\) Reviews](#) – Myth busting parent sessions. Breaking through some of the misconceptions around the Education, Health and Care Plan review processes.
2nd November or 23rd November Online 10.30am - 12.30pm.

[Demystifying SEND](#). For parents and carers of children with SEND about how to find clear information and support.
28th September, 20th October or 30th November 2021. Online 10.30am - 12.30pm.

[Parent Workshop – Listening to Your Child's Views](#). Helping your child to express themselves and tell you how they feel about life at school (and life in general) is important. It helps to make sure they get support that's going to work for them. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end of the session.
18th October or 16th November 2021. Online 10.30am - 12.30pm.

DiAS
Devon Information
Advice and Support
for Special Educational Needs and Disability



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TIVERTON MUSEUM of Mid Devon Life

SPOOKY SPELLS

SPOOKY SPELLS TRAIL

Explore the museum through a trail featuring old Wives' Tales, traditions and charms. Watch out for some spooky additions to our displays. Free with normal admission. Add extra fun by visiting in your favourite Halloween costume!

23rd TO 30th OCTOBER

MAKE A WITCH'S OR WIZARD'S HAT

Explore the museum through a trail featuring old Wives' Tales, traditions and charms. Watch out for some spooky additions to our displays. Free with normal admission. Add extra fun by visiting in your favourite Halloween costume!

TUESDAY 26th & WEDNESDAY 27th OCTOBER

MUSEUM AT NIGHT HALLOWEEN THEME

Visit the museum by torchlight (it will be darker from 6pm) and see if you can find the museum ghosts! £3 per child plus normal admission for adults (£2 per child and half price adult admission for museum members). Come dressed to impress and look as scary as you can!

THURSDAY 28th OCTOBER, 5-7 PM



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**TIVERTON
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Pumpkin carving competition



Win!

12 months membership
to the museum and
items from our shop
(of your choice) to the
value of £20.

- 1) You carve a pumpkin
- 2) Bring it to the museum on Wednesday 27th
or by noon on Thursday 28th October.
- 3) We'll put all the pumpkins out on display for
our Halloween Museum at Night (Thursday
28th October 5-7pm)
- 4) We'll announce the winner via social media
on Friday 29th October.

www.tivertonmuseum.org.uk

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