



Newsletter

4 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

Fun & Active Playgrounds competition

We've entered in the [Fun & Active Playgrounds](#) competition and are in with a chance of winning a playground transformation worth £3000 in time for the new academic year! We're crossing our fingers as the [Silver Sports Package](#) includes 6 bright and colourful playground markings that encourage physical play and activity. With a Netball Court, Dance With Me, Active Trail, Jump Game, Dartboard and 4-Way Hopscotch – the range of markings can be used to enhance breaktimes and PE lessons!

Find out more at <https://fun-play.co.uk/playground-competition/>

School Photographs

H Tempest Photography will be coming into the school on Wednesday 13th October and they will be taking photos of your children and (if you have chosen to do so) their siblings (a letter will be sent home this week). Unfortunately, this year siblings that do not attend HPS will not be able to come into school to have a family photograph. Tempest will not be passed any information such as names and addresses. Instead, the photographer will pass the photos back to the school for us to pass to you, so you can make a decision on whether to purchase them directly from Tempest. Information on H Tempest's data protection can be found on their website <https://www.htempest.co.uk/gdpr>

Learner of the week



FSDB Jersey
FSG Everly
1BA Phoenix
1P Lacey-Faith
2D Cooper
2P Holly B
3E Charlie
3P Mason
4K Faith-Jade
4W Lilly-Anne
5F Isabel
5S Matilda
6C Alissa
6F/J Ryan

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Evie L
FSG Winnie
1BA Lydia
1P Saffy
2D Lola
2P Lily F
3E Alfie D
3P Jasmine
4K Reuben
5F Miley P
5S Nicola

Best Attendance

6C – 99.3%





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Diary Dates



School Photographs
13th 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

Heathcoat Heroes

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

**3E- Alfie R, Orlaith,
Emily, Lexi, Saffy, Charlie
& Freya**

Become a Morrisons Growing school and get Free garden equipment for your school!

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help our school get everything we need to get growing. Download the My Morrisons app* or log into your online account today to start collecting Grow Tokens and select Heathcoat Primary School to donate them. Simply scan your digital 'My Morrisons' or physical card in store, or link your My Morrisons card to your online account to get Grow Tokens every time you shop.



World Mental Health Day - #HelloYellow

This coming Sunday is World Mental Health Day and to help mark the occasion, we would like the children to wear something yellow this Friday, the 8th October.

The theme is celebrating the little things we can do to look after ourselves and support each other, after a year that has been full of ups and downs. The little things are those things that have helped us get through, such as walking in nature, watching your favourite film or your best friend that has made you laugh.

The little things we can do make a big difference to our own mental health and that of our friends.

More information can be found at www.youngminds.org.uk

Accelerated Reader Achievement

4W highest average quiz percentages



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Attendance

We pride ourselves on good attendance at Heathcoat Primary School. Where attendance is lower, we try to speak regularly to those parents and children to offer support and help children to attend school on time, every day.

At HPS we know that pupils with good attendance records generally **achieve higher grades and enjoy school more**. Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life. Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behaviour. We have spoken to a selection of children about what they enjoy about school, what they would like to improve, and how they would like to improve attendance.

One of the ideas that they suggested was each child that had good attendance would go into a 'raffle' and have the chance of winning a prize, such as a hot chocolate and cookie 'tea party' with Miss Higginson, or having a non-uniform day just for the winners.

We thought that this was a great idea and so at the end of each term, we will put the names of all children who have 97% attendance or higher, into a 'raffle' and select names at random for the termly prize. The prize for this term is the 'tea-party' with Miss Higginson.

We do understand that some illness cannot be avoided. Children must stay at home if they have any covid symptoms, a hacking cough or a really severe cold. They must also stay at home for 48 hours after any sickness and diarrhoea. However, if your child has a bit of a headache or feels a little under the weather, and you are unsure whether to keep them home or not, please do send them in and we will keep a close eye on them and notify you if they don't improve or they begin to feel more unwell.

Thank you for working with us to give all pupils the best learning opportunities by being in school on time, every day.





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Year 4 Football Tournament

"I really enjoyed it and we scored 19 goals altogether. The weather was bad, but it was still great fun!" Eva



On Tuesday, some of our Year 4 pupils attended a football tournament, against local surrounding schools. Despite the children having little training together and playing in torrential rain, this did not stop their determination to work as a team to continually fire the ball into the net. With Heathcoat A finishing 1st and Heathcoat B coming 2nd, the children did the school proud!



"I had a great time playing matches. I loved it and wish I could do it again!" Kai





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On Thursday, 7th October 2021

Is your child in Reception, Years 1 and 2 or entitled to free school meals in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6? If so, please can you help by ensuring that your child has a school dinner on Thursday, 7th October 2021.

This is the day when the School Census is taken and if all of our children have the meals they are entitled to, the school will be given the money required to offer free school meals to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils and those pupils entitled to free school meals in Key Stage 2. If children do not take up their provision on Thursday, 7th October, but have meals throughout the rest of the year, the cost has to come from the school's general budget which means there is less money to spend on teaching and learning. You will be aware from the media of increasing financial pressures on schools and at Heathcoat Primary School we would like to spend all of our money on the children's education.

If you feel that you can help us in achieving this and your child is in Reception, Years 1 and 2 or entitled to free school meals in Years 3-6 please encourage them to take up their school meal this Thursday and help us to help your children.

Thank you for your support

Goodbye to Mrs Hambly

On Thursday 14th October we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hambly our family support officer as she is moving onto a new role. We would like to thank her for all her hard work in supporting pupils and parents at our school. We will all miss working with her but wish her all the best for the future.



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Our New School Council



Congratulations

Congratulations to Alexis who recently took part in a Majorette tournament. She won a trophy and a medal for her outstanding work





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TIVERTON HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING



Tuesday 5th October, 5pm to 7pm
with talks from our Headteacher at 5pm and 6pm

Experience life at our school through different activities and challenges.
Meet our Headteacher, subject teachers, current students – and school dog, Bramble.
See our excellent facilities.

To book a school tour contact mhepworth@tiverton.devon.sch.uk
Morning tours 9.30am, afternoon tours 2.00pm on October 6th, 7th and 8th.

To help reduce the spread of Covid-19 we are trying to limit numbers so politely ask
that only parents or carers attend with Year 6 pupils and bring a mask to wear in
indoor communal areas (unless exempt).

Tiverton High School, Bolham Road,
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CHAT booster food boxes

If you are **NOT** entitled to free school meals but would find an additional Food Box during October half term helpful for your family please let us know.

We know its been a tough 18 months and people's circumstances have changed. If you feel a booster box of food would be helpful for you and your children please email:

josiehamby@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk by 11th October 2021

****This would mean you consent to us passing your details onto CHAT who would deliver the box direct to you.****

Your e-mail will be treated with the upmost discretion.

PLEASE NOTE: *This is a scheme eligible only for those families NOT RECIEVING FREE SCHOOL MEALS and live in Tiverton*****





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CHAT MYTHBUSTERS



CHAT is only there for people on benefits or homeless.



NOT TRUE. We are here for anyone in Mid Devon who needs us - everyone needs help at some point.

Asking for help means I've failed and I will be interrogated.



NOT TRUE. Asking for help is a sign of strength and we are not here to judge. We will talk with you about your situation to see if we can help.

I have to be referred by another agency and CHAT will refer me to social services



NOT TRUE. We treat everyone as an individual and so we like you to contact us yourself. There is no limit to the amount of help we give.

Everyone will know I've been to CHAT or the foodbank.



NOT TRUE. Everything is confidential and you don't have to queue.

The food from the foodbank is all tinned.



NOT TRUE. We offer fresh vegetables, fruit and chilled food and always talk to you about what you need and like.





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HOW CAN WE HELP?



FOODBANK

If you need food we can help. Please ring us between 10:00-12noon Monday - Friday and we will assess how we can best help

SUPPORT AND ADVICE

We have a team waiting to help. Ring during our opening hours and we will do our best to answer your questions.

HOUSING AND FINANCE CONCERNS

Are you concerned about your housing? Need help negotiating with your landlord? Rent arrears? Need debt and money advice?

Free impartial advice. available across Mid Devon

Call 01884 255606, 9:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday