



Newsletter

1 November, 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

Parents evening booking

We are holding face to face Parent Consultation Evenings on Monday 8th and Wednesday 10th November from 3.30pm until 5.30pm.

Each appointment will be 10 minutes in length and will give you an opportunity to find out how your child has settled back into school life and how they are doing in their maths, writing and reading/phonics. The class teacher will also inform you of a next-step target for your child to work towards and how you can support them at home. The consultation will also be a chance for you to ask any questions or give the teacher any other relevant information about your child.

All appointments need to be booked through the online Scopay system. The appointment booking system will open from 6pm today and all appointments will need to be booked by 2pm on Friday 5th November. <https://www.scopay.com/login.html>

Mr Ferdinando's parents evening appointments will be rescheduled following his return to school.



The Scopay app can be downloaded from the app store on your phone/device.

Learner of the week



FSDB Ivy
FSG Cassidy
1BA Grace
1P Kade
2D Kayleb
2P Freddie S
3E Izzy
3P Wilbur
4K Amelia R
4W Frankie
5F Harry N
5S Cailen
6C Jayden
6F/J Maggie

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Dexter
FSG Ben
1BA Halie
1P Arlo
2D Cooper
2P Caelan
3E Jonah
3P Freya
4K Isla
5F Kayla
5S Oliver R
6C Maisie H
6F/J Lizzie

Best Attendance

4K – 98.7%



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Diary Dates



UK Parliament week
1st - 7th November

Term Dates



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

Last Day of the Spring Term
Friday 8th April 2022

First Day of the Summer Term
Monday 25th April



Health and care working in partnership with local communities
in Plymouth, Torbay and the rest of the county

TogetherForDevonTogetherForDevonAntenatalto5

Together For Devon is a group of partners committed to supporting the speech, language and communication skills of children and young people

<https://padlet.com/TogetherForDevonAntenatalto5>

Affinity Support Group

Affinity is a support group who meet twice a month, we're here for parents, friends and carers who care for a child (or children) who have had a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder or on their pathway to getting a diagnosis.

<https://tivertonclubs.co.uk/club/6BHV/affinity-support-group>

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSDB – Ivy, Jack, Theo & Hanna

3E – Lexi, Mayzie, Matilda, Jesse & Freya

4K – Mason W, Jake P & Faith-Jade

4W – Cushla, Kelsey & Lily-Anne

5S - Katie

6C – Lucas, Ella, Findlay, Poppy & Bailey

6F/J – Isabelle, Archie M, Olivia, Georgia, Macey

Accelerated Reader Achievement

Year 6 highest average quiz percentages





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A message from Miss Higginson

We hope that you have all enjoyed the half term break, despite the wet weather!

We are looking forward to a busy second half of term in the run up to Christmas. Next week we will be holding parents evening.

Several children in school community have tested positive over the half term. Please can we remind you that if your child is showing any symptoms then they need to self-isolate and to take a PCR test. LFD are taken regularly during the week and as part of the programme to identify people who are asymptomatic rather than to be used by people who are displaying symptoms. The quickest way to get a PCR test is to book online and go to the nearest local testing centre.

There are also colds and other virus in the community at the moment. Sometimes people testing positive for COVID have symptoms similar to a cold. Please don't send your child to school if they are not well or full of cold. We would suggest that if you, your child or a member of your household has a cold then they take a PCR test to ensure it is not COVID. If you are identified as a close contact, you are advised to take a PCR test if you are double vaccinated or exempt from self-isolating. Whilst waiting for the results of this PCR test you are advised to test daily with LFD.

It is school policy that children have healthy snacks on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. They can save the crisps for Thursday and Friday. No chocolate. Drinks bottles that children access during lesson time should contain tap water and not flavoured water or squash.

Our school values are Teamwork, Respect, Aim high, Independence and Never give up. Our focus this term is teamwork. We will be covering this during assembly in the coming weeks.

This week we will say goodbye to Miss Ford who is starting her maternity leave. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing her and the baby in the future. We will keep you updated. Mrs Scott will be starting today as Assistant SENDCo and will be covering Miss Ford whilst she is on maternity leave.

If you have any questions, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance or email the year group email.

UK Parliament week

UK Parliament Week (UKPW) is a celebration of people power. Get informed about your UK Parliament, take action and make an impact on the issues you care about. For more information visit the website

[Home | UK Parliament Week](#)





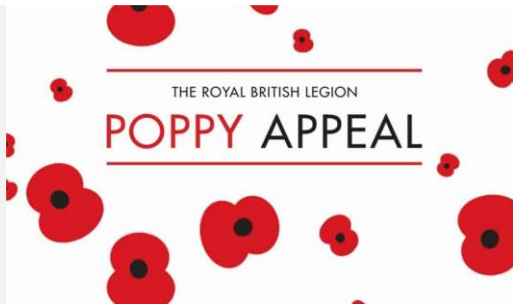
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Poppies

We will be selling wristbands, slap bands, bracelets and other poppy related items, most of which are either 50p or £1. If your child wants to buy something please send them in with some money.

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, 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



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

Singing club

We are very pleased to be able to start our singing club again this half term, preparing for some planned Christmas events. If your child is Year 3 and above and is interested in joining Mrs Evans and Mrs Bard's club then please remind them to go to Mrs Bard's room at 12.30pm every Wednesday.

Conversation starters

We all know that the more we talk to children, the more language they learn. Here are some great ideas for fun conversation starters that you can use at home, when sat around the table for tea, when in the car or when you are walking. <file:///W:/MTA%20-%20lunchtimes/ideas%20for%20newsletter/conversation-starters-for-family-mealtimes%20to%20put%20in%20newsletter.pdf>