



Newsletter

8 November, 2021

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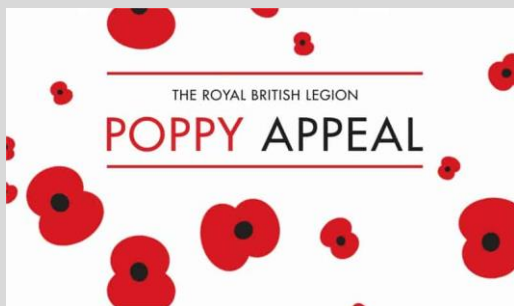
Absence reporting email

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

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.



Changes to breakfast & after school club sessions

If you would like to make changes to the sessions that your child has from January 2022 onwards, please email alisonwilliams@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk with details of which sessions you require by Friday 19th November.

Anti-bullying workshop Year 6

Anti-bullying week begins on 15th November. We are very fortunate to have the charity Stand Against Violence coming into school to share an assembly with our year 6 children. The assembly will encourage the children to look at choices and the impact of these choices and how a split second's decision to make a bad choice can impact their lives and those around them.

Learner of the week



FSDB Kobie
FSG Charlie
1BA Scarlett
1P Lylla
2D Edward
2P Charlie
3E Jonah
3P Morgan
4K Reuben
4W Thomas V
5F Heidi
5S The whole class
6C Ella-Mai
6F/J Harley

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Hanna
1BA Dylan
1P Florence
2D Lola M
2P Grace H
3E River
3P Jasmine
4K Amelia
4W Kaitlyn
5F Harry N
5S Isabelle
6C Sophie
6F/J Harley

Best Attendance

4W- 97.3%



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Diary Dates



World Diabetes Day
14th 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

Ofsted

As you will be aware we had our Ofsted inspection last Wednesday and Thursday, where 3 inspectors spent both days in school.

Thank you to those parents who completed the parent survey and spoke to the inspectors at the start of the school day.

It will be several weeks before the Ofsted report will be published. Once we have the report we will be sharing a copy with you.

Parents evening

We look forward to welcoming parents into school to talk to their child's class teacher. You should have booked an appointment online for Monday or Wednesday this week.

Please can we remind you that you should not attend if you are showing any signs of COVID or have been asked to self-isolate.

Please can only one parent attend the appointment via the outside classroom door. Both the main gate and the park gate by the orchard will remain open.

Children in need - 19th November 2021



We will be celebrating Children in need at school on Friday 19th November by encouraging children to wear something yellow or spotty. Donations to Children in need can be made via the website [Donate to BBC Children in Need](https://www.bbc.com/children-in-need) or at any high street Bank.

Heathcoat Heroes

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

1BA – Dylan

5S – Aiden

6F/J – Lizzie & Desmond

Accelerated Reader Achievement

6C highest average quiz percentages



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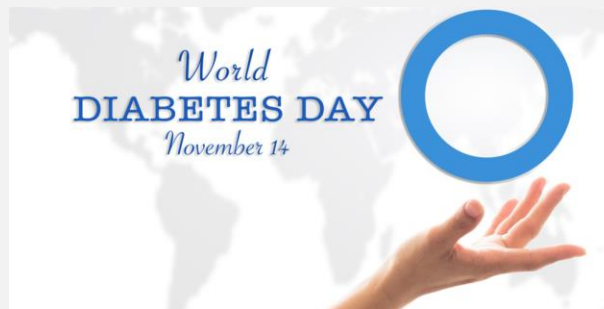
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Polite request: Dropping off children at the Main Gate

Please can we politely ask that parents drop children off on the main road, Broad Lane, and do not drive towards the gates of school to drop off children in the morning. This area is very busy. Several parents are still dropping their children in the entrance to the Haven Centre next door, or in the road opposite this, and today there was a very near miss where a car nearly reversed into two children who were crossing. The driver was not aware that they were there.

We will continue to speak to individual children and parents to remind them as our priority is the safety of all of our school families.

World Diabetes day



Sunday 14th November is World diabetes day. We will be celebrating the day on Friday and we are asking children to come dressed in non uniform but in as much blue as possible. Also in assembly this week we will be talking about World diabetes day.

We have 2 children in school who are diabetic and we are hoping to raise money for Snack Pack, which is a support group in Exeter. Please can we ask children to bring in a minimum donation of 50p on Friday, and give the money to their class teacher.





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Family Dinner Conversation Topics

Talking together as a family has immense benefits for children, boosting their communication skills and emotional wellbeing. Try to sit down together to eat as a family as often as you can. Even if you can only do this once a week, it's better than nothing. And try some of these ideas to get the conversation started. It may be worth setting some rules before you start, for example no one is allowed to laugh unkindly at someone else's opinions, everyone has the chance to speak, it is OK to challenge someone's opinion or have a different opinion to them, and so on.



All these ideas are great for the whole family, but particularly suitable for younger children.

Who is your best friend? Why? What makes a good friend?	What is it like to be a child? A parent?	Do you know how your name was chosen? What about your parents' names?
What does it mean to be brave?	If you had one superpower, what would it be? How would you use it to help people?	Why are rules important?
If your pet could talk, what would he/she say?	What are you most looking forward to about your new class/the summer/Christmas/this weekend?	What makes you feel loved?
If you could do anything you wanted all day, what would you do?	If you could choose a meal, what would it be?	If you were a teacher, what would you teach your class?
If humans get butterflies in their tummies, what do butterflies get? If humans count sheep to fall asleep, what do sheep count?	What one thing would you like to ask your parents/grandparents about when they were children?	Long ago, people called giraffes 'camelopards', because they thought they were a cross between a camel and a leopard! Think about some other animal names. Is 'elephant' the best name for an elephant? If you could change its name, what would it be? Try this with some other animals.
What is peace?	Tell us one thing you are thankful for.	

You can choose a different topic each mealtime, or invite the family to take turns to choose a topic. Let the initial question become a platform for a discussion - you may be surprised how deep and meaningful your conversations become! Happy talking - and enjoy making these connections with your family.