



## Newsletter

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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](mailto: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](mailto:attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk)

### Christmas Cards

If children would like to bring in Christmas cards for their friends or teachers, they may do so from this week onwards.

- Children may bring in cards for children within their own year group - but cards will not be sent across year groups to minimise risks due to Covid.
- To be environmental friendly, children may want to send a card to the whole class rather than to every individual class member, but this is optional.
- We are unable to send home class lists for GDPR reasons.

We would like to wish all of our HPS children and families a very Merry Christmas.

### Outstanding Money

Yet again we are having to ask parents to pay for dinners, breakfast and after school club. We are currently owed **£399** for school dinners alone. **All of these items should be paid for in advance.** A considerable amount of time is spent by the office staff chasing up parents who are consistently running up debts. It is not acceptable to walk out of a supermarket without paying for your shopping and it should be no different at school. We obviously realise that sometimes children forget their lunch, but they should not be owing more than the cost of one meal which is £2.40. If you have unpaid debts please pay them immediately or contact the school office with an offer to repay by instalments.

### Learner of the week



FSDB Lilly  
 FSG Empathy  
 1BA Leo  
 1P Boris  
 2D Theo  
 2P Wyatt  
 3E Zack  
 3P Riley  
 4K Mason W  
 4W The whole class  
 5F Lily C  
 5S Cohen  
 6C Summer  
 6F/J Desmond

### Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Ronnie  
 FSG Empathy  
 1BA Lola  
 1P Ellyse  
 2D Ava  
 2P Grace  
 3E Jesse  
 3P Lola  
 5F Angel  
 5S Cameron

### Best Attendance

4W – 99.6%





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## Diary Dates



Christmas jumper day  
10<sup>th</sup> December

## Term Dates



Last Day of the Autumn Term  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

First Day of the Spring Term  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Spring Half Term  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February-  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Last Day of the Spring Term  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

First Day of the Summer Term  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

## Changes to staffing

We will be saying goodbye to Mr Watson at the end of the term, as he will be joining the fire service. We wish him all the best and would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication towards the pupils at HPS.

Mrs Kinver will be teaching year 4 after Christmas. She is spending the day in school today getting to know her class. We are looking forward to her joining the team.

Mrs Drew will be starting her maternity at the end of term. We wish her and the baby all the best. We look forward to meeting the new arrival next term.

As you know Mrs Hambly our safeguarding and Early help officer left to start a new post before half term. We have appointed Mrs Gleeson as our new safeguarding and early help officer and she will be starting her role after Christmas. We are excited that she has been successful in this appointment.

## New Governors

We are pleased that Mrs Gibbins and Mrs Weaver have been elected as parent governors to the federation governing body.

## Heathcoat Heroes

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

3E – Safferty & Alfie R

4K – Megan G

## Christmas jumper day



This Friday is Christmas jumper day. The school council would like children to come to school in a Christmas jumper rather than their school jumper and donate a minimum of 50p. They are hoping to raise money to buy some more equipment for playtimes.

## Accelerated Reader Achievement

4W highest average quiz percentages



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## School Absence Procedures

We would like to remind you of the schools procedure if your child is absent from school:

- If your child is unwell, you should contact the school office by 9.15am on the first day of the absence (by telephone 01884 252445 or by email [attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk) and telephone or email every day thereafter unless your child has a doctor's certificate.
- The school will contact you if your child is absent and no contact has been made. If no contact is made, we will continue to try to contact you and the other emergency contacts that you have provided us with.
- If after 1 day with no contact, the school may ring 101 and ask the Police to make a welfare call to your address.
- All requests for time off must be on the absence request form which can be found outside the school office and should be returned at least 2 weeks in advance. Any requests for absence will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Should you choose to take your child out of school without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measures could be instigated. This could mean receiving any of the following:

- A Penalty Notice may be issued by Devon County Council. A penalty notice offers a parent the opportunity of dealing with a potential offence without going to court, by paying a penalty. If parents can't afford to pay, or for any reason do not take the offer of paying the notice within a set time, then the case will proceed to a magistrate's court.
- A summons to the Magistrate Court could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months. The provision of penalty notices is set by Regulations and the amount of the penalty, timeframe for payment or payment method are not able to be varied by Devon County Council.

Parents should note that only one penalty notice per parent per child will normally be issued within a two-year period. Any second "offence" within a two-year period will be referred straight to court.

## KS2 children

On Wednesday, 8th December, the KS2 children are recording the Christmas service that they have all been practising. Each year group will record their performance and the whole of KS2 will not be in the hall at the same time. Please ensure they look smart in their correct school uniform and they can **bring** a Christmas hat or other Christmas head gear, just to wear during their performance. We look forward to being able to share the whole performance with you before the end of term.





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## Christmas at HPS





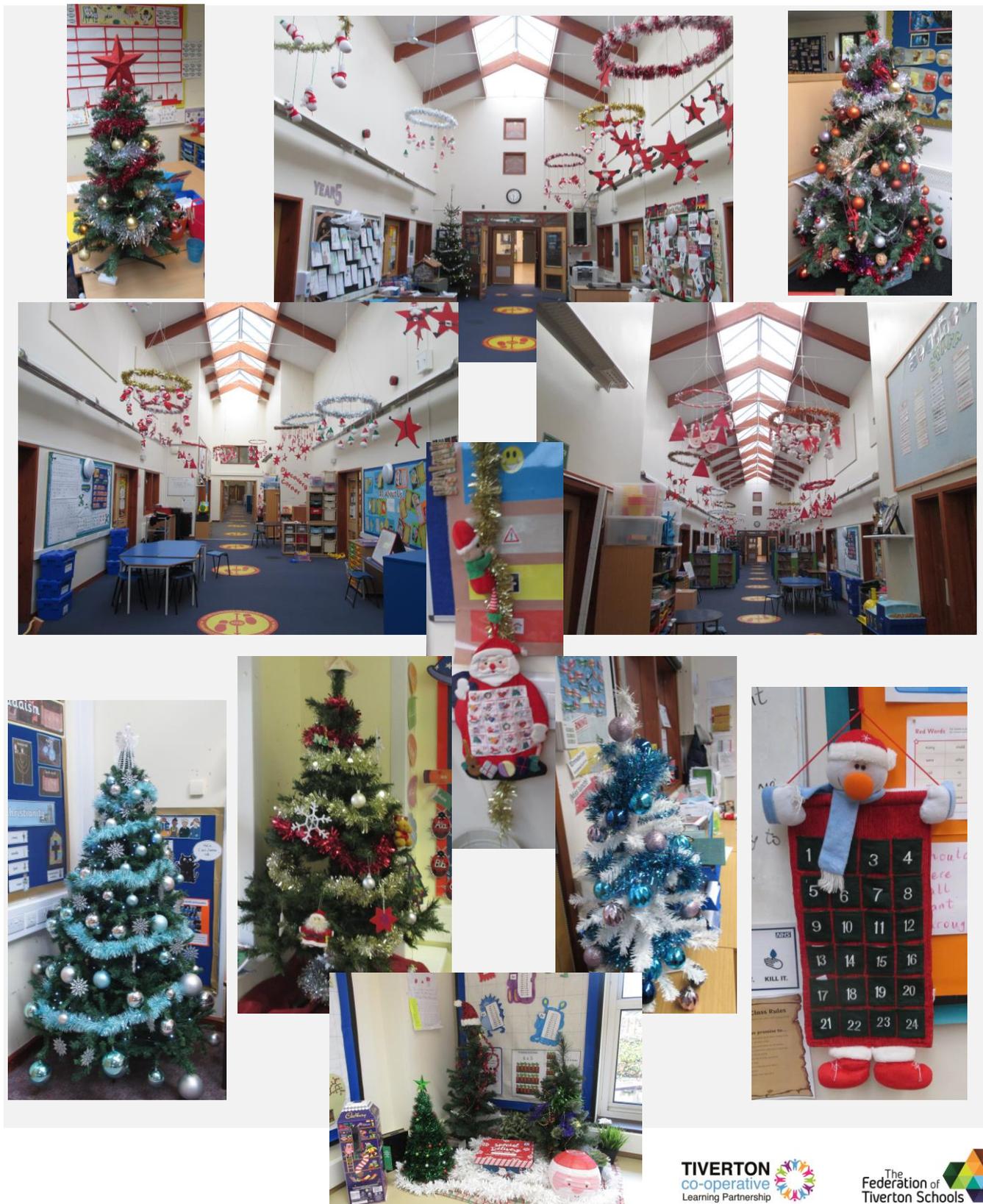
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## TIVERTON FOOD GIVEAWAY



# CHRISTMAS EVE FOOD GIVEAWAY



**Christmas Eve December 24th 2021, 5.30- 7.30pm**

Refreshments available from 5.30 - 7.00pm\*

Food collection between 6.30 & 7.30pm

\*Pending any changes due to Covid restrictions

**St George's Extension (behind church),  
Fore Street, Tiverton EX16 6FA**

For more information, to donate food or to help out, please call 07899 700900

