



Newsletter

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Starting School in Reception September 2022

The deadline is fast approaching for applications for a school place. If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you need to get your application in to Devon County Council by Saturday 15th January. It's easy to apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or you can fill in a hard copy of the application form, which can be requested by calling our Education Helpline on **0345 155 1019**.

Are your contact details up to date?

Update Your Contact Info



If you have received a new mobile phone for Christmas or have changed home phone numbers/contact details, please could you advise the school office to enable us to keep your child's records up to date. It is the responsibility of parents to keep this information correct at all times.

Missing Hat

A child in reception is missing a hat. It is very distinct, from Disneyland and looks like Thumper the rabbit with bunny ears. If found please could it be returned to school as understandably the child is very upset about it. Thank you

Learner of the week



- FSDB Ronnie R
- FSG Ronnie T
- 1BA Harley
- 1P Florence
- 2D Logan L
- 2P Fausta
- 3E Daisy
- 3P Mason
- 4K Erin P
- 4Kin Cushla
- 5F Frankie
- 5S Cohen
- 6C Myles
- 6F/J Archie M

Lunchtime Behaviour



- FSDB Harry W
- 1BA Grace R
- 1P Kade
- 2D Lola
- 2P Tommy
- 3P Poppy G
- 4K Jake P
- 5F Tiana
- 5S Nicola

Best Attendance

FSG – 98.1%



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Diary Dates



6C - Swimming
Friday 14th January

Term Dates



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

May Bank Holiday
Monday 2nd May

Summer Half Term
Monday 30th May-
Friday 3rd June

Winter Weather Warnings



On the rare occasion that we might need to close the school due to severe weather, such as snow or flooding, please check the following media platforms for information. Updates will be posted on the school website as soon as a decision is made about a school closure.

School website <https://heathcoat.devon.sch.uk>

Devon Live <https://www.devonlive.com>

HPS Facebook site

<https://www.facebook.com/heathcoatprimaryschool/>

As always, we will endeavour to give a decision about school closures as early as possible to help you to make arrangements.

WANTED!

We are looking for donations to replenish our stocks of board games, toys and puzzles for children to use during wet playtimes and for clubs. If you have had a clear out and a sort over Christmas to make way for new toys and have any unwanted items, that you wouldn't mind donating, please bring them into your child's class teacher. Items need to be of a good quality with no missing parts and no electronic games or soft toys please.

Heathcoat Heroes

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

3E- Matilda, Edward T & Saffy

5F- Miley

6F/J - Zach

Accelerated Reader Achievement

5S highest average quiz percentages



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Message from Miss Higginson



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and managed to stay safe and well. It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school.

Returning to school

We have returned to school following the Christmas break and we continue to follow our COVID 19 risk assessment which is a live document and we have the following protective measures in place:

good ventilation - windows will be open and when appropriate doors will also be open to allow a flow of air. However, we will be mindful that children and staff are not getting too cold.

regular handwashing - both children and adults. Wash hands on arriving at school, when changing rooms, using the toilets, before and after eating.

good respiratory hygiene - ensure children know and understand catch it, bin it, kill it.

face coverings - staff to continue to wear face coverings in communal areas only. *Children do not need to wear face coverings as health advice continues to be that children under 11 should not wear face coverings.* Face coverings in classrooms have been introduced for children in year 7 and above only.

Regular cleaning - cleaning of toilets and touch points will take place during the day.

Regular testing - staff will continue to test twice a week using LFT.

One parent only - only one parent per family onsite to collect children. This reduces the risk of spreading the virus as well as reducing congestion.

We will continue to minimise the number of visitors to the school site to those who are essential only and where possible hold meetings with external professionals virtually. All visitors will be asked to take a LFD before coming into school and to wear a face covering in communal areas.

Illness

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell or have any of the COVID symptoms. If they have any of the COVID symptoms or have a cold they need to get a PCR test and self-isolate until they get the results. LFT are for identifying people who don't have symptoms but are carrying the virus.

If your child has been identified as a contact for someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 they are advised to take lateral flow tests every day for 7 days and can continue to attend school as long as they don't have any symptoms.



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Uniform

Our pupils are proud to attend Heathcoat Primary School and it is important that children continue to wear the correct school uniform. Thank you to all those children who have returned to school in the correct uniform. If your child is not wearing the correct uniform or footwear, their class teacher will discuss this with them and you. Information about our uniform policy can be found on the school website. We expect all parents and pupils to follow our school policies.

[Uniform - Heathcoat Primary School](#)

We do have a selection of second hand uniform available.

Contacting staff

If you wish to contact the class teacher you can email the year group email addresses, which goes to all the teachers who teach in that year group. These will be checked on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday during working hours and staff will respond within 48 hours. Staff are unable to check emails whilst they are teaching the children. If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please use these email addresses and not their personal email. If you wish to pass on any important information that needs to be addressed urgently, please contact the school office who will be able to pass that information onto the relevant staff. You can also speak to the teacher briefly at the end of day, once all the children have been sent home. Please remember the gates are locked at 3.25pm.

The emails are all the same but with a different prefix for each year group:

year1@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk
year2@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk
year3@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk
year4@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk
year5@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk
year6@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

Nursery and Reception teachers can be contacted via Tapestry.

Please speak to child's class teacher in the first instance before contacting the team leader for your child's key stage.

Mrs Pickford - Nursery and Reception
Mrs Budden - Years 1 and 2
Mrs Firth - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6



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Healthy snack and drinks

We are a healthy school and our curriculum and school policies both teach and promote a healthy lifestyle. As you know from our Ofsted report we need to develop further the children's understanding of a healthy lifestyle so it important that all children and parents follow our school policy.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are healthy snack days where children can bring in healthy snacks such as fresh fruit or raw vegetables as snacks for morning break. Crisps can be brought on Thursday and Friday but no chocolate. Children in EYFS and KS1 will continue to receive free fruit as part of the governments provision. Please remember we are a nut free school. Drinks bottles that children access during lesson time should contain tap water only. NO squash, fizzy or flavoured water.

Staff will speak to you if children are bringing in unhealthy snacks for breaktime at the beginning of the week or if they have squash in their drink's bottles.

Behaviour



As you know our school values are Teamwork, Respect, Aim High, Independence and Never give up (TRAIN).

Our focus for this term will be Never give up. This will be discussed in assembly as well as in the classroom.

We look forward to working with you and your child over the coming term.

Chocolate tub collection



If you have any empty chocolate/sweet tubs from Christmas Miss Higginson is collecting them for recycling, please could you give them to the class teacher. Many thanks

Congratulations

We are delighted to announce that Miss Ford welcomed a beautiful baby boy into the world on 22nd December. He weighed 7lb 1. They are both doing well.

