



## Newsletter

17 January, 2022

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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)

### Outstanding Money

Yet again we are having to ask parents to pay for dinners, breakfast and after school club. We are currently owed **£412** 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.

### Big garden bird watch



Be wowed by your local wildlife. Big Garden Birdwatch is for everyone, whether you're a complete beginner or a birding expert. Simply count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 28 and 30 January 2022. For more information and to sign up visit the website

[Big Garden Birdwatch | The RSPB](https://www.rspb.org.uk)

### Learner of the week



FSDB Hattie  
FSG Alicia  
1BA Halie  
1P Arlo  
2D Lola M  
2P Millie G  
3E Mayzie  
3P Dylan G  
4K Isla  
4Kin Joseph  
5F Tiana  
5S Joshua  
6C Emily  
6F/J Braydon

### Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Eric  
FSG Maya  
1P Florence  
2D Lilymay  
2P Tommy  
4K Alexis  
5F Angel  
5S Cameron  
6C Sophie  
6F/J Annabelle

### Best Attendance

FSDB – 94.9%





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### Diary Dates



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watch  
28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> January

### Term Dates



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

May Bank Holiday  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Summer Half Term  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May-  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### Heathcoat Heroes

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

**1BA- Freya & Harley**

**4K- Amelia**



**On Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 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**





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## Hannah Gleeson – Safeguarding & Early Help Officer



My role as Safeguarding & Early Help Officer is to provide support to families and school staff with any safeguarding concerns and lead in Early Help.

I provide specific support to Miss Higginson Designated Safeguarding Lead, and work closely with professional agencies including Social Workers, Police, Youth Intervention Team and health professionals to ensure families and children are supported and kept safe. I also represent the school by attending multiagency meetings.

As lead in Early Help R4C, I provide intensive work with individual pupils and their family to identify barriers and access support services and interventions. Early Help brings together support around the family from a range of services and teams who will work together with the whole family to help improve the situation for everyone. More information on Early Help can be found here - [Early Help](#)

I am a point of contact for families who would like to talk about any concerns or barriers they may have, and provide advice and guidance in accessing support services. I provide support for families by signposting and/or delivering parent support programmes and work closely with our teaching staff and SEN Team to effectively engage pupils and their families with support for low attendance, school refusal, bereavement, antisocial behaviour, wellbeing/mental health and barriers learning.

I have a really varied role and can support families from Leading in TAF (Team Around the Family) meetings, supporting in applications to services, acting as an advocate to just being an understanding ear when you need one. I aim to support families by accessing the right avenues of support through referrals and enabling you to positively access and engage in the support you may need for yourselves and you family.

As a school we access many services such as CHAT, Balloons, Young Carers, local Parent Progression Team and Family Intervention Teams.

If you would like to talk about any difficulties we could support you with, or would like any information on services that may be of help to you please don't hesitate to email me at [hannahgleeson@heathcoat.devon.gov.uk](mailto:hannahgleeson@heathcoat.devon.gov.uk), call the school directly or speak to me at the school gate.



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### Positive cases & self isolation

As you are aware we have had positive cases amongst staff and children across the school. We have seen fewer children test positive over the weekend than last weekend. The majority of children who tested positive had a headache or felt slightly unwell, therefore it is important that you don't send your child to school if they are feeling unwell.

The rules around self-isolation change today and you can start testing on day 5. The day that you had the initial positive result is day 0 and then you need to complete 5 full days before testing on a LFT. If you have a negative result on day 5 and 6 you can then stop self-isolating after the 2 negative LFT.

Staffing across some year groups remains difficult due to staff absence and the high demand for supply teachers. We are working hard to keep the school open for all year groups.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

## URGENT SHORTAGE



**With the cold weather upon us  
we have an urgent need  
for items of  
Mens Clothing**

**You can drop off at the CHAT office in Phoenix Lane  
(9:00 - 4:30 Mon - Fri)**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

If you would like to give financially please scan here to donate  
or see <https://chatmid.org/donating/>





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**"CINDERELLA  
'WHAT'  
HAPPENED  
NEXT?"**

*By Alison Holly*

**Willand village hall**  
**25th of January 7:30pm**  
**26th of January 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

**Tickets: £5/children £10/Adult**  
**Willand post office and pharmacy**  
**Alternatively you can purchase tickets online at:**  
**[ticketsource.co.uk/willandtheatricalsociety](http://ticketsource.co.uk/willandtheatricalsociety)**



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# WORLD WAR TWO DAY

TIVERTON MUSEUM  
of Mid Devon Life

**Saturday  
29th January**

Visit the museum on this special day to enjoy handling real WW2 objects, see an American jeep, explore rationing, dressing up and more!  
**Entry as part of normal admission**

Registered charity 118976

[www.tivertonmuseum.org.uk](http://www.tivertonmuseum.org.uk)

Beck's Square, Tiverton EX16 6PJ