



# Newsletter

24 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.

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Kingsley in year 5 who recently wrote a poem (about a sad friend called Blue Peter and a happy person (him) called Yellow Bob) and sent it into Blue Peter. Kingsley has been awarded a Blue Peter badge.

## PE kit

Just a reminder that children need to wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE. The PE kit is black or navy shorts or tracksuits trouser with either a white T shirt or a T shirt of their house colour and their school jumper. A huge thank you to all those children who are wearing the correct PE kit. Any jumper that isn't their school jumper is not part of our PE kit and needs to be kept at home.

We do have a selection of second hand uniform if you would like to buy one.

## Bubbles

We continue to work in bubbles this week and have seen a decrease in the number of staff and children testing positive last week. With children testing regularly we will see the number of cases increase as those who are asymptomatic are identified. Please continue to keep your child at home if they are not feeling well.

We will seek further guidance from PHE at the end of the week to decide if we can stop using bubbles.

Please remember that only one adult per family should be coming onto the school to collect children from nursery to year 6.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Learner of the week



FSDB Isabelle  
 FSG The whole class  
 1BA The whole class  
 1P Tomas  
 2D The whole class  
 2P The whole class  
 3E Jack E  
 3P Finlay  
 4K Connor  
 4Kin Kobi  
 5F Bella  
 5S Kovi  
 6C Cameron  
 6F/J Phoebe

## Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Evie  
 FSG Cassidy  
 1BA Isla  
 1P Lacey-Faith  
 2D Alfie  
 2P Holly  
 4K Robyn  
 4Kin Lily-Rose  
 5F Keeley  
 5S Matilda  
 6F/J Hayden

## Best Attendance

4Kin – 94.3%



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## Diary Dates



Theatre Alibi  
25<sup>th</sup>-27<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.

1P- Lacey-Faith

3P- Williams

4K- Mason P

6F/J - Tilly

## Let's Stop Abuse Together



At least **one in ten** children experience sexual abuse before they turn

**16.**

[Find out more](#)

Let's Stop Abuse Together.



It's estimated that one in ten children in England and Wales will experience sexual abuse before they turn 16 years old. That's equivalent to three children in every classroom.

Most children won't tell anyone at the time of their abuse. That's why it's important for everyone to know how to spot the potential signs of child sexual abuse and where to go for support if they're concerned.

[The government's new Stop Abuse Together website](#) can help you learn to spot the signs, and have regular conversations with your child which can help keep them safe, and know when to reach out for more support.

If you feel something's not right, you can call the NSPCC helpline on **0808 800 5000**. No matter what's happened, there's always someone who will listen to you and take what you say seriously.

All children have a right to be safe from sexual abuse, and we all have a role to play in keeping them safe.



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### Take part in our latest childcare survey



Are you a parent or carer? Whether you currently use childcare or not, your voice counts. [The answers you give in this short survey](#) will help our Early Years and Childcare team to plan and make sure that there is enough childcare to enable parents and carers to work or train. Please [complete the survey](#) and share your thoughts on the childcare services available in Devon. **The deadline for responses is Sunday 13 February.**

### NHS Food Scanner app



Research shows that nearly 28% of pupils in Reception are overweight or obese, rising to over 40% of pupils in Year 6. The NHS food scanner app makes it easier to find healthier food and drink options. Download the app and be inspired to make healthier swaps at home.



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# We are here to help You

Citizens Advice Torrige, North, Mid & West Devon helps people to solve their problems.

We provide free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities.

We value diversity, promote equality and challenge discrimination.

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## Are you struggling with fuel costs this winter?

### Household Support Fund

This fund is available to people in Mid Devon who have a prepayment meter and are struggling to afford fuel and food bills this winter.

This fund is available until 31st March 2022.

If you have a pre-payment meter and are struggling with bills or you know someone else who is, we can advise on eligibility and help you to apply. Simply turn over to see all the ways that you can contact us.

If you do not have a pre-payment meter but are also struggling with essential bills and you live in Mid Devon, contact Mid Devon District Council on

01884 255255 or

visit

[www.middevon.gov.uk](http://www.middevon.gov.uk)





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## Here are the ways you can contact us

Call our local, free AdviceLine on  
**0808 27 87 999**

Get advice and webchat via  
<https://ruraldevoncab.org.uk>

Email us on [info@ruraldevoncab.org.uk](mailto:info@ruraldevoncab.org.uk)

## Message us

[www.facebook.com/TorridgeNorthMidWestCA](http://www.facebook.com/TorridgeNorthMidWestCA)

[citizensadvice.org.uk](http://citizensadvice.org.uk)



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### EarlyBird, EarlyBird Plus and Teen Life parent sessions

We are running free EarlyBird, EarlyBird Plus and Teen Life sessions for parents with autistic children. With extra information on coronavirus and post-pandemic recovery support.

#### About the training

#### Have you missed out on support during coronavirus?

Thanks to Barclays, we are able to provide free training for parents with autistic children. We have multiple dates available but spaces are limited so please sign up early to avoid missing out!

Book now to find out more about dates and times via the link below

[EarlyBird, EarlyBird Plus and Teen Life parent sessions \(autism.org.uk\)](https://autism.org.uk)

#### What is included?

- Each course includes a 2 hour session at the same time each week, for 6 weeks in total
- All of the training is online

#### Course requirements

- You haven't undertaken any EarlyBird, EarlyBird Plus or Teen Life courses
- You must be able to commit to all sessions on the days and times allocated
- Your child/children have an autism diagnosis
- You will need to be able to access the training online



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**"CINDERELLA  
'WHAT'  
HAPPENED  
NEXT?"** *By Alison  
Holly*

**Willand Village Hall**

**25-02-22 7:30pm**  
**26-02-22 2:30pm & 7:30pm**

**£5/Child    £10/Adult**

**Tickets can be purchased online at:  
[ticketsource.co.uk/willandtheatricalsociety](http://ticketsource.co.uk/willandtheatricalsociety)  
Or from Willand pharmacy and post office**