



Newsletter

14 February, 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, 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.

Online school lunch ordering



As you are aware, the new online lunch booking system, via Scopay, will go live at the end of this week.

Parents will need to have booked their child's meal choice, in advance, for the week commencing 28th February 2022.

Children will no longer be able to order their meal in class on the day. Meals can only be booked if your child's Scopay account does **NOT** have a debit balance.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals or is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, **parents will still need to pre-book meals for their child via the Scopay system, even though payment is not required.**

Please ensure that all outstanding lunch money is cleared by Friday 18th February to enable you to order online.

You will need to ensure you have registered with Scopay to be able to book your child's school lunches. If you have registered before with Scopay but have forgotten your log on details, you will need to go to the Scopay website and click on "I've forgotten my password". If you have not yet registered with Scopay, please contact the school office for a registration code.

Learner of the week



FSDB Evie L
FSG Dilans
1BA Lola
1P Luna
2D Lilymay
2P Travis
3E Lloyd
3P Raven
4K Jake
4Kin Murray
5F Angel
5S Katie
6C Maisie P
6F/J Lizzie

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Eleanor S
FSG Phoebe S
1BA Kayla
1P Harry S
2D James N
2P Logan F
3E Zack
4K Lianna
5F Edward
5S Tammy

Best Attendance

5F – 99.3%



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Diary Dates

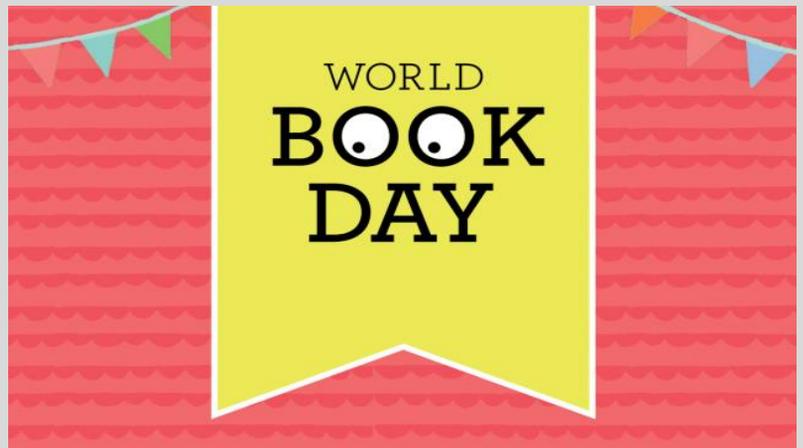


**World Book Day
3rd March**

World Book Day -Thursday 3rd March

This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March. We would like the children to come dressed up as a book character from their favourite book. It does not have to be a shop-bought costume; homemade is great! It could be as simple as pyjamas ('Midnight Gang').

Costume ideas are available at [World Book Day Dress Up Ideas](#)



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

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSG – Cassidy & Lottie

1P – Boris & Ellyse

2D – Lilymay, Matthew & Irisa

5S – Kayamai & Paul-John

6C – Bailey & Maisie P

6F/J - Georgia

Accelerated Reader Achievement

6C highest average quiz percentages



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Staffing changes

We will be saying goodbye to Mr Webber on Friday, as he moves onto a new challenge at Petroc. We will wish him all the best and thank him for all his hard work during his time at HPS.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Johnson, in Year 6 as Mrs Cornish will be returning from maternity leave after half term. We wish her all the best and thank her for all her hard work. I am sure we will be seeing her again when she comes in for supply cover.

Friends of HPS

Before COVID we had an active Friends committee who put on a range of fundraising events such as discos and cake sales. The money raised was used to fund transport for school trips, therefore lowering the cost for all parents and play equipment, for example. We are looking to set up a new committee of Friends and we already have one keep Year 5 parent. We are looking for other volunteers to organise events for static play equipment and furniture for the new library.

All members of the Friends committee would need to be DBS checked. If you are interested in joining the committee, please give your name and contact details to the school office. We will then aim to have an initial meeting in the first few weeks after half term.

Saving the planet one crisp packet at a time!

In 4K, we have realised the impact that not recycling has on the environment. Therefore, we have decided to collect the empty crisp packets from break and lunch times to reduce the amount that end up in land fill.

We have been collecting, washing and packing them away to post to the Crisp Packet Project who turn them into survival blankets, sleeping bags, wash kit bags, pillows and so much more for people who are less fortunate.

Did you know it takes up to 80 years for a crisp packet to decompose?



So far, in one week, we have collected over 300 packets!



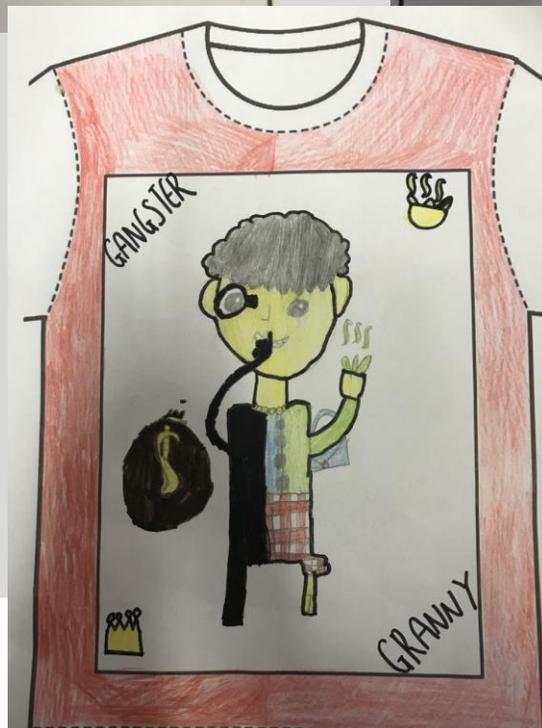
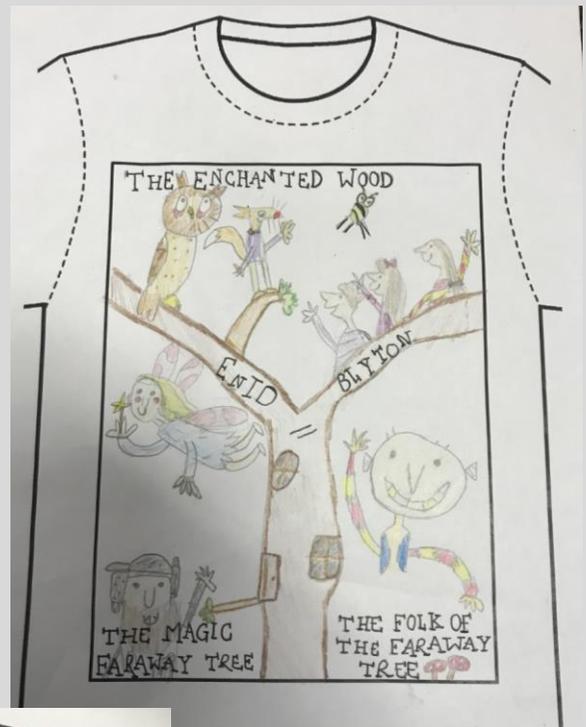
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World Book Day- T-Shirt competition

Thank you to everyone that entered the World book day T-shirt competition, we had so many wonderful entries. The following designs by Flynn D, Ella D & Alexis P have been picked as the finalists for the World Book Day T-shirt Competition from Heathcoat Primary School.





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Science Workshop

We are very pleased to inform you that **British Science Week 2022 will be happening on Monday 14th – Friday 18th March**. To help us celebrate Science Week at school, we have organised for a school workshop group, **Sciencedipity**, to come to School on Friday 18th March for the children in Reception to Year 6

The children will take part in a “**Roald Dahl Chemistry**” workshop, linking the science learning of potions and things that go fizz, pop, bang, with a well-known childhood author.

We are asking for a contribution of 91p per child towards the cost of this visit. If we are unable to cover the costs of the show, we may not be able to offer other lovely opportunities such as this in the future. We are therefore grateful to everyone for paying this small amount. We please ask that you make your payment through your Scopay account no later than **Friday 18th February**.



Safeguarding and Child Protection

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and all child protection concerns need to be acted on immediately. If you are concerned that a child may be at risk or actually suffering abuse please contact Demelza Higginson, Becky Budden, Hannah Gleeson or Mike Payne within school or alternatively if not in school hours please contact MASH (Devon County Council multi agency safeguarding hub) who are available to discuss your concern and advise **0345 155 1071**.





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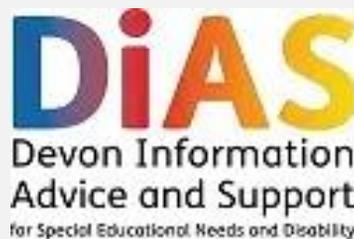
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Free training for parents and carers who have a child with SEND - Information for childcare providers

Devon information advice and support are running a selection of free training sessions for parents and carers who have a child with SEND. For more information please click on the link below

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eys/free-training-for-parents-carers-demystifying-send-education-health-and-care-plan-ehcp-review-mythbusting-and-listening-to-your-childs-views/>



A free workshop for parents and carers looking at turning tantrums into calm connections

**Do you ever feel you are about to explode?
That your child might too?
We can help turn tantrums into calm connections**

Presented by Advisory Teacher, Linda Willmott and Family Worker, Jeff Cornish from the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team

A free, informal workshop for parents and carers of Devon Primary School age children

This event will be held virtually on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 10am - 11.30am

There are times when we all feel overwhelmed with our emotions. Children feel like this too. In this workshop, we will explore why your child behaves in the way that they do; how you can respond to help them calm and how to re-connect to strengthen your relationship with them. We will also offer some specific de-stressing techniques that both you and your child can start using straight away.

We are joined by a parent who will share his own experiences of family life and the transformational impact it had on his family when he changed his approach as a parent.

Come and join us to find out how you can help build a healthier relationship with your child and develop a sense of inner calm.

To book a free place, please email Sue Vanstone- sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com