



Newsletter

28 February, 2022

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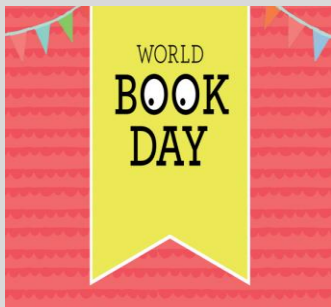
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Absence reporting email

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.

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](#)

Blundell's in space concert

Some of the Year 5 and 6 children from the singing club were invited to Blundell's school on Wednesday 16th February, with Mrs Evans and Mrs Bard. The children at Blundell's had been practising hard to produce a concert called Blundell's in Space. The orchestra played various classical pieces of music around the space theme and other well-known melodies, including the Star Wars theme. Our children were impressed with their talent and mesmerised through the whole performance. We hope to set up an opportunity for some of the orchestra to visit us in school in the summer term, so all the children will get a chance to hear a live music performance.

Secondary school allocation for September 2022

Year 6 parents please look out for an email from Devon County admissions, regarding the allocation of secondary school places for September 2022. This email will be with parents by 9am tomorrow morning.

Learner of the week



FSDB Ellie
FSG Vinny
1BA Lillie
1P Lacey-Faith
2D Irisa & Sophia
2P Emily H
3E Orlaith
3P Oakley
4K The whole class
4Kin The whole class
5F The whole class
5S Oliver R
6C Bailey
6F/C Macey

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Riley
FSG Everly
1BA Halie
2D Theo W

Best Attendance

6C – 98.3%



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Diary Dates



World Book Day
Thursday 3rd March

Term Dates



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

Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday
Monday 4th July

Heathcoat Heroes

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

1BA –Isla & Dylan

2D - Jack B 3P – Raven

5F – Kingsley & Ryan

6F/J – Cody & Ryan

Keeping Babies safe



Devon Children and Families Partnership want to keep children safe and pass on key information that allows everyone to understand and act early to prevent harm.

Having a baby provides parents with lots of learning opportunities to understand what their baby is telling them. Understanding of this is really important and will inform how they respond to their baby when they cry.

Babies do cry, part of this is how they tell their parents what they need. They cry because they may be hungry, tired, need a nappy change, need some stimulation, over stimulated, too hot, too cold, unwell or just need to be close to their parent. It is a big new world out there that they are not used to with many sensations, emotions and new experiences. Like us they can be overwhelmed. They need reassurance of the world they have been born into.

For information and resources to share with families go to the [Keeping babies safe – Devon Childrens' and Families Partnership \(dcfp.org.uk\)](http://dcfp.org.uk)

Accelerated Reader Achievement

3E highest average quiz percentages



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Comic relief Friday 18th March

To celebrate Red Nose Day we would like to encourage the children to come to school wearing red and to be able to tell a joke! (The joke must be appropriate for school). All clothes and shoes need to be appropriate for the school day so, no high heels, crop tops, off the shoulder tops or short skirts or shorts, for example. Any coloured hair needs to be returned to normal for school on Monday 21st March.

To make a donation please visit the Comic relief website [Donate | Comic Relief](#)

Contacting staff

Please can we remind you to contact the school office with important message for your child's class rather than passing messages onto the staff at the school gate. They are busy supervising the children and are likely to forget to pass the message on. The year group email can be used to contact the class teacher if the message isn't urgent and this will be checked 3 times a week.

Updated Risk Assessment for COVID 19

As you are aware the Government updated the rules in response to COVID 19 and we have updated our risk assessment to reflect these changes.

The following protective measures remain in place to reduce the risk:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

If someone develops symptoms or has a positive test result the [guidance](#) still advises people to stay at home to avoid passing the infection on to others. Children who test positive should not attend school. Many people may no longer be infectious after 5 days and so as previously, if people have no temperature and negative LFD tests on day 5 and 6 the risk of them being infectious greatly reduces and so can safely return to normal routines.

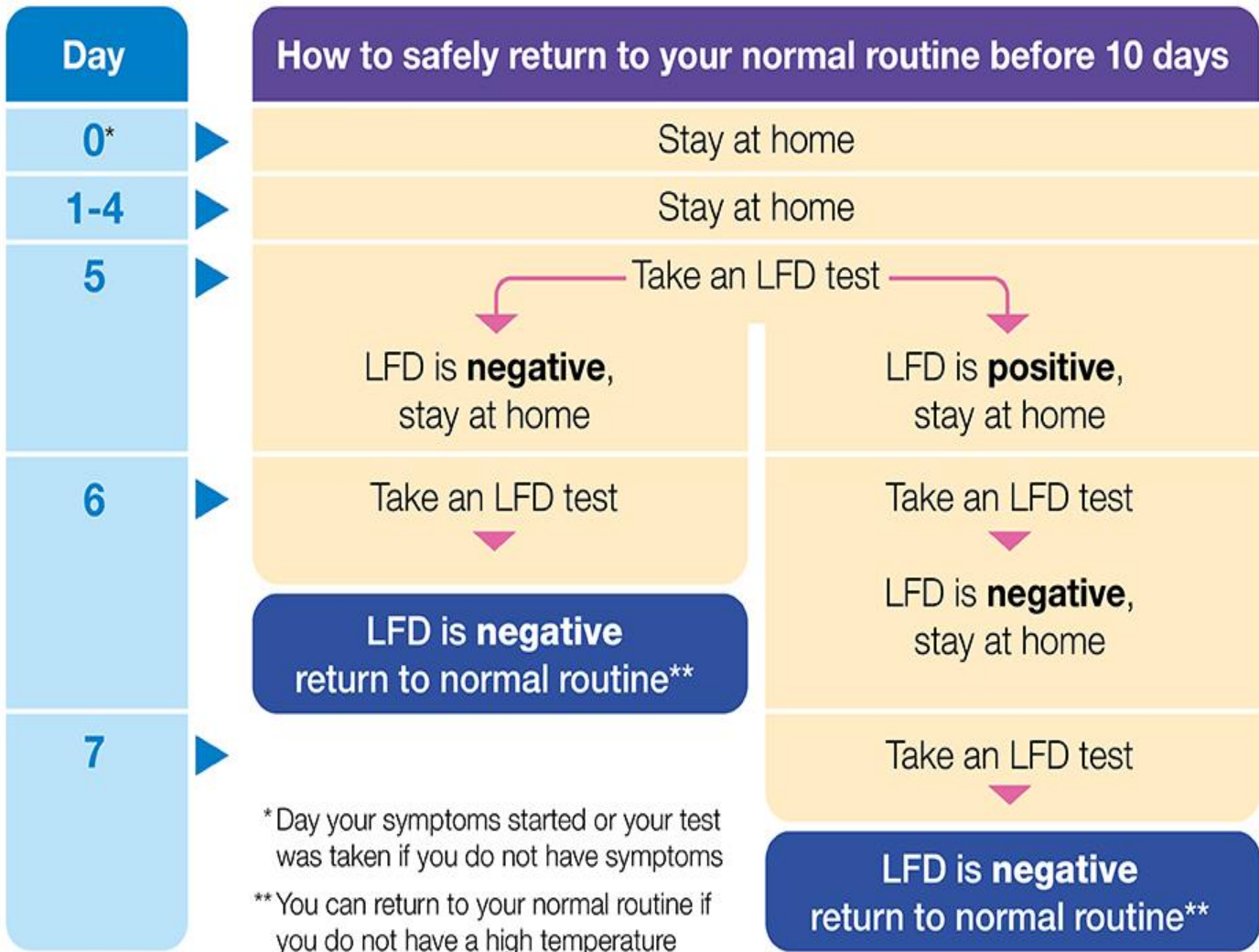
We are still required to report positive cases of staff and pupils to the Local Authority. Please continue to keep your child at home if they are unwell and if they have or develop one of the 3 symptoms of COVID they should self isolate and take a PCR test. All absences should be reported to school via the attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk email address.

Thank you for your continued support and for working with us to reduce the spread of the virus to all members of our community.



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How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



Free webinars to help parents and carers of teenagers or pre-teens

The webinars aim to help you understand and support teenagers to navigate the challenges they might face as they grow up in today's world. For more information please click on the link below

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CHAT MYTHBUSTERS



CHAT is only there for people on benefits or homeless.



NOT TRUE. We are here for anyone in Mid Devon who needs us - everyone needs help at some point.

Asking for help means I've failed and I will be interrogated.



NOT TRUE. Asking for help is a sign of strength and we are not here to judge. We will talk with you about your situation to see if we can help.

I have to be referred by another agency and CHAT will refer me to social services



NOT TRUE. We treat everyone as an individual and so we like you to contact us yourself. There is no limit to the amount of help we give.

Everyone will know I've been to CHAT or the foodbank.



NOT TRUE. Everything is confidential and you don't have to queue.

The food from the foodbank is all tinned.



NOT TRUE. We offer fresh vegetables, fruit and chilled food and always talk to you about what you need and like.



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HOW CAN WE HELP?



FOODBANK

If you need food we can help.
Please ring us between 10:00-12noon Monday - Friday
and we will assess how we can best help

SUPPORT AND ADVICE

We have a team waiting to help.
Ring during our opening hours
and we will do our best to answer your questions.

HOUSING AND FINANCE CONCERNS

Are you concerned about your housing?
Need help negotiating with your landlord?
Rent arrears?
Need debt and money advice?

FREE IMPARTIAL ADVICE. AVAILABLE ACROSS MID DEVON

Call 0800 0590104 or 01884 255606,
9:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT
If you would like to give financially please scan here to donate
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