



Newsletter

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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



We are introducing a new way to order your child's school lunches via the Scopay system. This system will be available from Saturday 19th February for you to start booking. Parents will need to have pre-booked their child's meal choice in advance for w/c 28th February. Children will no longer be able to order a meal on the day in class and **meals can only be booked if your child's Scopay account is in credit.**

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.

For Sale



We have a selection of HPS logo sun hats for sale, at £1 each. If you would like to purchase a hat for your child please come to the school office at the end of the day.

Learner of the week



- FSDB Alfie W
- FSG Tala
- 1BA Aria
- 1P Iris
- 2D Miller
- 2P Freddie
- 3E River
- 3P William K
- 4K Reuben
- 4Kin Sienna
- 5F Ashton
- 5S Cohen
- 6C Demi
- 6F/J Freddie

Lunchtime Behaviour



- FSDB Hattie
- FSG Phoebe
- 1BA Grace
- 1P Quinn
- 2D Sophia
- 2P Emily
- 4K Kaitlyn
- 5F Miley
- 5S Daisy

Best Attendance

2D – 98.2%



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Diary Dates



Safer Internet Day
8th February

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

Use of bikes and scooters in and around school

We are delighted that so many of our children choose to walk to school, or use bikes or scooters, as it is a healthy way to come to school, and also reduces the number of cars that are outside at the start and end of the school day.

Unfortunately, a car was damaged outside school last week, and whilst we can't be sure it was a scooter or bike handle that broke the light, it is likely that this is the case.

The teachers have therefore spoken to the children in their class to remind them about walking their scooters and bikes whilst on the school site, and also about being careful when passing cars and pedestrians on the roads and pavements outside of school. We have discussed being kind and courteous to other road and pavement users and giving them some space to pass.

Please can you reinforce this by ensuring children are keeping away from parked cars and stay in single file. Please also ensure that children are wearing helmets when riding bikes to keep them safe.

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSG- Leo 1BA- Freya

2D – Cooper, James N & Lola M

3P – Freya C, Riley & William 3E - Tanner

4K – Mason W, Jake P & Faith

5S – Cameron 5F - Miley

6F/J – Harley, Desmond, Braydon, Zach, Izzy, Olivia, Freddie, Macy & Archie C





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Theatre Alibi - Stand up and Boogie 25th- 27th January 2022



As you are aware, Theatre Alibi recently came and visited all the children from Reception to year 6. The children all really enjoyed the performance which had them enthralled, engaged, spellbound and laughing a lot!

The children thought that they would be watching a video in the hall about their topic. When they arrived, the two performers were in the hall: One performer spoke to the children and explained that they were there as an inspector, checking on the teachers, whilst the other was cleaning the room. The children watched the short animation film and, as it ended, the inspector character began playing a musical instrument and singing, and so the performance began. The theme of the show that children picked up on were hobbies, talents, resilience when things go wrong, and blossoming in different ways in life.

Here are some quotes from the children:

- "I was laughing so much that I fell on my back. It was great!"
- "The film I watched made me feel calm, confident and shocked me because the volcano erupted. But the bird didn't get hurt... Then the lady started playing her ukelele. The man was so, so funny!"
- "They told us stories about when they were young and the man began to dance."

I hope that you got a chance to see and hear the performers playing and singing as you left school on Thursday when they were out on the playground.

Thank you to everyone who has already paid for the Theatre Alibi performance and also thank you to St George & St Paul's Tiverton for their kind donation towards the costs of Theatre Alibi. We still have **£454** amount outstanding, even after the Church's kind donation. Please ensure that you pay your child's money as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, if we don't get the money to cover these fabulous performances, we may not be able to ask the Theatre Company to come in and visit us for their next show.



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Year 5 Poetry

Year 5 have been writing poems inspired by Robert Macfarlane & Jackie Morris in English. Here is a poem by Cameron in 5S.

I am tall I am broad,
I never get bored,
I don't mind the rain because
I'm like a drain,
My friend Moss helps me collect the rain.

He's like a jacket (I'll never wack it)

Here comes Lichen my enemy,
I really don't like him climbing on me,
So I try and wack him off
with out hurting my Moss.

Animals live in me they really like a good old tree.





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Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. We at Heathcoat Primary School will be celebrating it with an assembly and doing various activities within each class. If you feel you need more support at home internet safety, here is a link to the national website which has lots of good tips and advice for keeping your children safe at home using technology.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



Saturday 12th February

10am - 2pm

St. George's Extension, Tiverton

Donations gratefully received.

If you have any school uniform that your children have outgrown please bring along and take any you need.

**School
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Giveaway**



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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Thank you

We would like to thank the Tesco Community, especially Nicky Cook and Sue Middleton for their kind donation of £305 to spend on books and toys. We really appreciate their kindness and we look forward to spending the vouchers on the children's suggestions.

Chinese New Year



Last week the Reception children had been finding out about how people celebrate Chinese New Year. This year it is the year of the Tiger. They had lots of fun retelling the story of the Jade Emperor, making chinese masks, decorating chinese lanterns, peg dragons and learning the Chinese dragon and lion dances. We then performed the Dragon dance and drumming to children within school.

Children's Mental Health Week



As you know this week is Children's Mental Health Week, the theme being Growing Together.

To mark the occasion our Mental Health Ambassadors are inviting the children and staff to wear non-uniform on Friday 11th February. Clothes need to be appropriate for school, so no high heels, crop tops, off the shoulder tops or short skirts or shorts, for example.

We are not asking for donations to be sent into school for this event but if you would like to donate to Place2Be, please do this via their website www.place2be.org.uk



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Autism awareness parent programme



We are delighted here at The Communication & Interaction Team (Babcock LDP) to launch and offer our new Parent Autism Awareness programme, following our recent offer of the Cygnet programme online during the pandemic period.

The programme is for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis.

We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the Autism awareness parent programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting presenting needs.

Full programme details and application process attached.

4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

No.	Topic	Date and Time
1	Autism overview	Fri 11 Feb 10a.m - 12
2	Communication	Fri 18 Feb 10a.m - 12
3	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Fri 4 Mar 10a.m - 12
4	Sensory	Fri 11 Mar 10a.m - 12

If this programme dates/times are not suitable. More programme details will be published asap giving wider options for your access on different days/times.

3 further programmes will be offered during this academic years Spring and Summer terms.

Apply direct by email to: LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com

To secure a place on the above programme dates, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes.

Additional information will also be released shortly relating to a suite of additional topic based workshops.





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Sunday 27th February 2022 11.30am and 2pm
Tiverton Community Arts Theatre, Within Tiverton High School
A children's play the whole family will love!
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