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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.

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](#)

Online lunch ordering

Thank you to all parents who have used the new online lunch ordering system. It has been a very smooth transition to the new system and we hope that you have found it easy to use at home. Before pre-ordering lunches, please can we ask that parents talk to their children to see what they like to eat, as there has been an increase in waste and also some children not liking the food that has been ordered for them.

If a lunch has been pre ordered for your child and they decide to have a packed lunch instead, you will still be charged for this meal unless you log on to Scopay in advance (the day before) and cancel the order.

Learner of the week



FSDB Freddie
FSG Eli
1BA Harry
1P Jessica
2D The whole class
2P The whole class
3E Emily
3P Willow
4K The whole class
4Kin Tylan
5F Edward
5S Felicity & Kayamai
6C Nathan
6F/C Rebecca

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Hanna
FSG Mollie
1BA Freya
1P Harry
2D Lola
2P Fausta
3E Mayzie
3P Riley P
4K Jake
4Kin Mileja
5F Ryan
5S Joe

Best Attendance

2P – 100%



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Diary Dates



Young Carers Action Day
16th 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 last week.

1BA – Dylan

3E – Freya & Jesse

Packed lunches

We have noticed that some children are having a really well-balanced packed lunch box with wraps, fresh fruit and vegetables. Thank you and well done!

However, there are still quite a considerable number of children who have a lot of processed foods in their lunchbox e.g. a dairylea dunker is fine if it is the only processed item in the lunchbox, but that alongside a packet of crisps and a sausage roll means that your child is potentially eating more than their daily salt allowance in one meal.

Having a mini roll, a cake slice plus a packet of mini cookies will most certainly take them over their daily sugar allowance. This also can mean that children feel a sugar rush which then means they feel more tired in the afternoon. This can impact on their learning. Please only include one sweet item - and consider whether this is daily or just once/twice per week.

Please note that chocolate bars should not be included in your child's lunchbox. We are also a nut-free school, so please do not send in any nutella products or chocolate spread.

Here is a link to give you some more ideas for healthy lunchboxes. [A Healthy Lunch - Parents Information - PhunkyFoods](#)

Young carers day - Wednesday 16th March

Wednesday is Young Carers Action Day, Further information about Young Carers can be found on [Young Carers Action Day 2022 resources](#)





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Team Leader contacts

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning, or wish to discuss or notify us of any incidents that have happened, please speak directly to your child's class teacher in the first instance. They are best placed to answer questions as they teach your child every day. If you continue to be concerned, then please speak to the team leader for the year group.



Mrs Pickford
EYFS team leader
(Nursery and Reception).



Mrs Budden
KS1 team leader (Year 1 & 2) &
Assistant Head of School.



Mrs Firth
KS2 team leader (Years 3,4,5 & 6)
& Assistant Head of School.

New toys for Reception



The Reception have been really excited this week with the arrival of lots of new toys to play with. Mrs Gunn, Mrs Bard and Miss Daniel went to spend the kind donation from Tesco's on Wednesday evening. Before we went the children helped to make a list of toys they would love to play with and luckily, we were able to buy most of them. The children then helped to unpack them from their boxes and sort them out. We have all enjoyed playing with them and looking after them. Once again, we would like to thank Lottie's Nanny, Tala's Mummy and the Tesco community for their kind donations.



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Friends of Heathcoat

We would like to call out to parents, family members, friends of the school and ask for your help. Would you be able to support us by being part of the 'Friends' of Heathcoat?

Our aim this year is to gain as much support from the community to raise money for the benefit of the children at Heathcoat Primary School. The money raised plays a vital role in enhancing the children's learning and experiences.

We are not asking you to give more time than you are able to, sometimes just a fresh point of view and a new idea is all it takes. If you are interested and would like to find out about joining the 'Friends' of Heathcoat we are hold at meeting on 1st April at 9.15am at school. It will be a friendly and informal meeting to get to know each other. Please meet at the school office.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ukraine appeal



A huge thank you to everyone who came wearing blue and yellow on Friday and made a donation to support those affected by the conflict in Ukraine. We raised a massive £511.50, which is being donated to the Rotary Club of Tiverton who are supporting the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. This is an example of how the money you donated will be used:

- **£10** could provide essential hygiene supplies for one person for one month
- **£20** could provide emergency food for one person for one month
- **£50** could provide blankets for 4 families to keep them warm
- **£80** could provide essential hygiene supplies for 8 people for one month
- **£100** could provide emergency food to a family of 5 for one month
- **£300** could provide blankets for 24 families to keep them warm

Tips and advice for parents and carers about talking to young people about the invasion of Ukraine

This [guidance and advice](#) article is written by Dr Sheila Redfern, Consultant Clinical Psychologist at the Anna Freud Centre, and published by BBC Bitesize.

In the article, Dr Redfern shares advice for parents and carers on how to talk with young people about the invasion of Ukraine - a time that will be extremely unsettling and scary for many. There is advice for parents and carers on managing their own reactions and feelings, as well as ways to reassure and support children.



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Online safety

Many of our children have access to a range of devices to use at home ranging from a phone, to a tablet to an Xbox. They will use these devices to access the internet, various apps and games. It is important that you check you have the filters in place to prevent them from seeing inappropriate content and that you regularly check your child's devices for messages sent, games accessed and their internet search history. Some resources to support you can be found below.

We regularly talk to the children about staying safe online and that they are best placed to keep themselves safe.

Please see the links below for more information

[Check Your Child's Web History | Children's Rights Council \(crckids.org\)](#)

Your support is critical to our cause! CRC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, so your donations are tax deductible. www.crckids.org

[Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)



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The online world gives us access to a huge amount of information and services, but the scale of information available also means that there is content that is inappropriate for children. What is or isn't appropriate is up to individual parents and carers to decide, and could be based on things ...
www.nspcc.org.uk

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online - saferinternet.org.uk



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CARERS TRUST

WHO'S MISSING? IS IT YOU?



Are you missing out on social activities, class or opportunities because you're looking after someone in your family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction?

You might be a young or young adult carer and there's support available for you.

Find out more at Carers.org/young-carer-support

Young Carers Action Day

16 March 2022

On Young Carers Action Day we are asking people to see who is missing out because they are a young or young adult carer. We want them to take action and help tackle young and young adult carer isolation.

Find out more:

Carers.org/YCAD

#YoungCarersActionDay



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PREMIER EDUCATION - TAUNTON EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP



Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd April
Wilcombe Primary School, Tiverton
EX16 4AL

MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITY DAY



Some of our Sports:

Dodgeball - Working as a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!

Nerf Games - Children will be split into teams where they will build unbreakable forts to take cover from the other teams!

Football - One of the more classic sports we run. Children will be put in teams to play a 5-a-side tournament.

Gymnastics - Children will be in various groups where they will learn new gymnastic techniques and routines!



£22.00

Childcare
Vouchers
accepted

**COOKED HOT SCHOOL
LUNCH PROVIDED!**
Please wear casual
clothes.

Featuring-
once a week our Storyteller &
Music Specialists

9:30am-
3:30pm

How to book:

Online- www.premier-education.com
Call Andrew- 07776 108281



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Taunton Instagram and facebook page!

