



# Newsletter

4 April, 2022

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## Absence reporting email

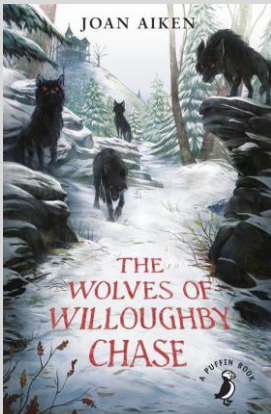
If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by 9.15am by telephone 01884 252445 or email [attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk), on **each day** that your child is absent. The attendance email goes to all the office staff as well as members of the leadership team. Please **do not** email the class teachers directly to report an absence.

## Thank you



We would like to send a huge thank you to Emily from Exeter, who has kindly donated lots of super books to the school. The children will really enjoy reading these wonderful stories.

## The Wolves of Willoughby Chase



Last week a group of Year 5 pupils went with Miss Higginson, Ferdinando and Miss Kneller to Blundell's to watch the performance of The Wolves of Willoughby Chase.

Pupils in Year 7 and 8 from Blundell's were performing for us.

Our children were fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed the show. Some of the comments were "That was better than some films I have watched." "I can't believe it is the interval already, it's been an hour already."

## Teddies for the Ukrainian children

Thank you to Denise Bacon who has donated over 20 handmade teddy bears to the Ukrainian children.



## Learner of the week



FSDB Eric  
 FSG Winnie  
 1BA Flynn  
 1P Saffie  
 2D Miley  
 2P Olivers  
 3E Lloyd  
 3P Dylan & Riley  
 4K Ryan  
 4Kin Lucas, Frankie, Esmae & Mileja  
 5F Ryan  
 5S Elif  
 6C Thomas  
 6F/C Phoebe

## Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Jasper  
 FSG Eddie  
 1BA Isla  
 1P Lacey-Faith  
 2D Cooper  
 2P Grace  
 3E Orlaith  
 3P Archie  
 4K Faith-Jade  
 5F Harry N  
 5S Neve

## Best Attendance

2P – 99.5%



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## Diary Dates



Parent drop in session  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

## Term Dates



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

Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July

## Heathcoat Heroes

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

**2D – Willow, Penny, Nathaniel, Jack, Irisa, Matthew, Cooper & James**

**2P – Logan, Olivia, Freddie, Emily & Archie**

**3E – Toby, Orlaith & Edward T**

## Fire Safety Visit

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Year 2 & 5 had a visit from the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. They found out all about the different jobs that the fire service do as well as putting out fires.

Year 2 learned how to keep ourselves safe around fire and learned the rhyme:

**Matches, matches, never touch,  
They can hurt us very much!**

Using roleplay, the children found out what the phone operator would say to us if we ever needed to ring 999. They also learned how to Stop, Drop and Roll if our clothes ever caught fire. We were told that it is important to regularly check the smoke alarms in our houses to make sure that they are working properly.

**FREE HOME SAFETY CHECK**

*Make the call!*  
**0800 05 02 999**  
Text info line: 078 00 00 2476

**Call now for your free Home Safety Check**

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service offer free home fire safety visits. The service is completely **free** and could save the lives of you and your family.

If you would like to book a visit call **0800 05 02 999**



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## COVID update

As you may be aware the government have released new guidance in regard to 'next steps for living with COVID-19 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. [next steps for living with COVID-19](#)

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

## MTA Vacancy at HPS

# JOB VACANCY

We are looking to recruit a Meal Time Assistant on a temporary basis, for the Summer term only, £9.50 p/h, working from 11.45am to 1pm each Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Duties will include:

- setting up the tables and benches in the hall
- assisting children with their lunches (cutting up food if required)
- encouraging children to eat and helping to make lunchtimes a really fun and positive time
- safeguarding
- encouraging children to play and keeping them safe on the playground
- first aid and completing the first aid forms
- liaising with teachers

Please contact the school on (01884) 252445 or email [admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk) for an application form or further information. Closing Date: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 12 noon.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This role requires a DBS disclosure.

This role requires the ability to fulfil all spoken aspects of the role with confidence and fluency in English.



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## KS2 Guitar and Drum lessons

In the Summer term we will be starting instrument lessons for the KS2 children. There will be individual drumming lessons available with Ella Partridge who used to teach drums here and she also teaches at Rackenford Primary. Guitar lessons will also be available for individuals or in groups of 2 taught by Chris Harris who teaches at Tiverton High School and Bolham Primary too. Both the drumming and guitar lessons will be in school time, each session lasts for half an hour and they will be for 10 weeks. They will be offered at affordable prices and we will send out contact details and prices at the beginning of next term.



### Guitar Lessons



All ages and stages welcome. You don't need a guitar to start - we have guitars you can borrow. We have lots of children's groups running on different days of the week. First lesson FREE OF CHARGE

Contact Dan Maynard 07890311186

[www.dmguitarlessons.com](http://www.dmguitarlessons.com) [danmguitarlessons@gmail.com](mailto:danmguitarlessons@gmail.com)





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**BOOKING  
ESSENTIAL**



St George & St Paul  
Tiverton

**Crafts | Celebration | Food**

# Messy Easter

**Saturday 9th April 4pm to 6pm**

**St. Paul's Church, West Exe**

Book at <https://bit.ly/stpmessyeaster>



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**SUSTAINABLE  
TIVERTON**  
TIVERTON AREA COMMUNITIES TRANSITION



# GIVE OR TAKE

**Tuesday to Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**10am - 2pm**

## CreaTIV Hub shop, TIVERTON

(Next to the Cinema)

Bring along stuff you don't need

Take away anything you can use

You don't have to **Give to Take!**

# All for Free

*The purpose is to reuse items*

- All items donated must be in fair condition and useable
- NO clothing please



**Don't let Devon go to waste**







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## Brain Architecture Game – Helping to Build Babies Brains



**Would you like to learn more about building babies' brains in a fun and interactive way?**

**The Brain Architecture Game is an effective and engaging way to be introduced to the science of early brain development – but there's so much more to know.....**

Your goal is to build a brain that is as tall as possible, which represents functionality, and as sturdy as possible, which represents the ability to withstand stresses.

**The session is completely FREE to attend!**

The session will help to increase your knowledge/ confidence of baby brain development, bonding and resilience and to be more confident in passing this information on to parents/ carers and communities.

**For more information, please contact us at:**

**[communityaction@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:communityaction@actionforchildren.org.uk)**

**The sessions will be run by your local Action for Children Community Development Worker and further courses are upcoming in all areas of Devon over the coming months**