



Newsletter

3 May, 2022

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Attendance informing letters

Many of you will have received an attendance information letter at the end of last week. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, these were sent out on advice of the local Education Welfare Officer (Rachel Bell), to inform parents if their child's attendance is 95% or below. (The government target for good attendance is 96%). We understand that Covid has had an impact on many families over the past year, and that many children weren't able to attend school. If your child was absent due to Covid, this absence is included in the percentage attendance and therefore their attendance might appear lower than you would usually expect. If you have received a letter, it is simply to make you aware of your child's current attendance as we begin to move forward and get back to some kind of normality after the pandemic.

Celebrating good attendance

When we are celebrating attendance with rewards in school we do not count any covid absences as we do understand that this has been unpreventable. In addition, children with ongoing medical issues are not penalised when we celebrate good attendance.

Reception age children

We have not sent letters out to children in Reception to inform about their attendance as many of them have not reached the age of 5, at which attendance is a legal requirement. We do, however, monitor the attendance of all children, from Nursery to year 6, so that we can support parents at an early stage in their child's educational journey.

It is important that we help all children settle back into the positive routines of attending school so that they can make the most of all the opportunities that we have to offer during the remainder of the year, and moving forward into September. We thank you for your ongoing support regarding attendance at HPS

Learner of the week



FSDB Naaya
FSG Maya
1BA Freya
1P Layla-Jane
2D Tilly
2P Freddie & Lola
3E Jasper
3P Finlay
4K The whole class
4Kin The whole class
5F Tiana
5S Theodore
6C Harry
6F/C Henri

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Jersey
FSG Daniel
1BA Dylan
1P Ashleigh
2D James
2P Libby
3E Matilda
3P Layla
5F Blake
5S Kovi
6C Harry
6F/C Taiyla

Best Attendance

4Kin – 100%





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Diary Dates



Sports Day
15th June

Term Dates



May Bank Holiday
Monday 2nd May

Summer Half Term
Monday 30th May-
Friday 3rd June

Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday
Monday 4th July

Last day of Summer term
Friday 22nd July

PSHE

As you are aware we follow the PSHE scheme of work called Jigsaw which covers all the aspects of the PSHE curriculum.

This term our two topics are relationships (1st half) and changing me (2nd half). Due to the more sensitive nature of these topics, we teach these in the summer term where children are familiar and confident with both their peers and the adults in their class. Below is a link to the progression of skills for PSHE across the school, at the bottom of the document is the vocabulary we use, for you to be aware of the vocabulary your child will be introduced to from year 1 to Year 6 and that staff will be using.

<https://heathcoat.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/HPS-PSHE-progression-of-skills-2021-22.docx>

Parking on Broad Lane

Over the last week we have had several complaints from Broad Lane residents regarding parent parking during school drop off and collection. Please can we remind parents to park considerately and safely, this includes not parking on double yellow lines or blocking driveways. The Broad Lane residents have informed the school that they will be reporting any further parking incidents to the police.

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSDB – Isla, Molly B, Effie & Ivy

5F – Lily, Max, Heidi, Ella & Kingsley

6F/C - Desmond





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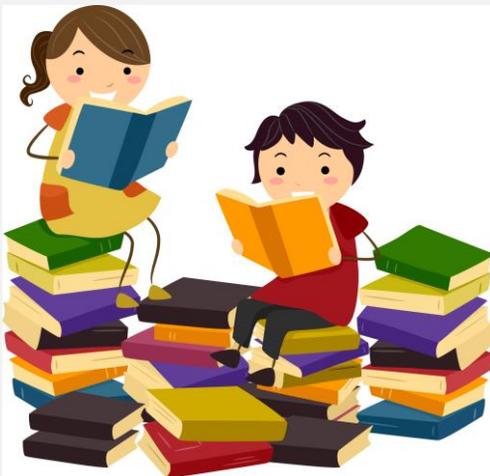
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Attendance tea party

At the end of the Spring term we celebrated children who had excellent attendance by reading out their names in class, giving house points and lots of praise. We want the children to understand how important it is to be in school on time every day. (Because it has been a tricky time, we didn't count covid absences - and we do not count any absences for children who have ongoing medical issues and who therefore have to attend hospital or medical appointments). 14 children from reception to year 6, who all had excellent attendance were chosen at random and each chose a friend who also had excellent attendance, and the 28 of them enjoyed a fun tea party with Miss Higginson at the end of last term. This is a reward that was suggested by children and it is the 2nd tea party that we have held. There will be one more tea party at the end of the summer term, and children who have attendance of 96% and above will all be in with the chance to attend.

Thank you for your ongoing support regarding attendance at HPS.

Year 2 visitor



Last week, a special visitor came to school to complete reading activities with some Year 2 children. The visitor was extremely impressed with how hard the children worked and how engaged they were with the learning. They were all asked to talk about the activities that they had completed, and could confidently do this. The visitor also said that the children's behaviour was excellent and that they all demonstrated great perseverance when completing their work.

Well done Year 2!



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Key stage 2 music lessons

For our Key stage 2 children, we are excited to be able to reintroduce private instrument lessons. There are **drumming** and **guitar** lessons available which take place within the school day as the visiting teachers come to our school on a particular day each week. All contact and payments will be made directly with the instrument teacher once the lessons have begun. Lessons are for **10 weeks** which is **paid in advance** and lessons will start week beginning 9th May.

The drumming lessons are taught by Mrs. Ella Partridge who also teaches at Rackenford Primary. Previously, her lessons were very popular and the children made good progress which is why we have asked her to return. The cost is **£90 for 10 weeks** for an **individual 30 minute lesson**. We have a drum kit in school for the lessons but the students will need to have access to a drum kit to be able to practice between lessons.

The guitar lessons are taught by Mr Chris Harris who is a professional performer and also teaches at THS. He is new to HPS so he will be coming in to introduce himself to the children in our assembly on Thursday, 28th April and do a short demonstration. He offers electric and acoustic guitar lessons but will begin with acoustic as more people have access to one and they are cheaper to buy. The cost for **10 weeks is £60** for a **shared 30 minute lesson** with another student or **£120 for individual lessons**. Students would need to remember to bring in their guitar on the day of the lesson as the school doesn't have any spare ones.

If you have any questions about the lessons offered or would like to put your child's name on the list then please contact Mrs. Evans directly on year3@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk or ring the school to leave a message. Please can you let us know if you would like your child to have instruments lessons by the end of today, **Tuesday, 3rd May** to allow the instrument teachers time to organise payment and schedules.





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**Halberton Community Association
and Mid Devon Singers present a**

Musical Evening for Ukraine

**With the MiDS, local musicians and dancers
St. Andrew's Church & Halberton Village Hall**

**Saturday 14 May 2022
7pm—10pm**

**Tickets £10 (£5 if contributing to the Bring &
Share Buffet). Accompanied Children free.**

Bar and Raffle.

**Tickets from The Busy Bee, Fore Street,
Tiverton or hca@halberton.org**

**Enquiries, to perform or offer help:
01884 820081 / 07973 890947 (Terry)**



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From Saturday May 7th .. **MINI - POLO** At Exe Valley Leisure Centre

*Saturdays 2-2:25
or 2:30 – 2:55
£3 per session
For children
approx. 5-9years*

*Have fun
and build water
confidence*

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A vibrant poster for 'Kidzone Summer Term Incoming!'. The background is a colorful, abstract painting in shades of blue, purple, and yellow. The text is arranged in several sections, each on a semi-transparent colored box. The main title 'KIDZONE' is in large, bold, yellow letters with a white outline. Below it, 'SUMMER TERM INCOMING!' is in smaller, bold, yellow letters. The event details are in white text on dark blue and green boxes: 'Starting on May 3rd every Tuesday evening', 'Tidcombe School Hall', '6:15-7:15pm', 'Primary School Age', and 'Bring a friend! Cost £1'. At the bottom, contact information is provided in white text on a dark blue box: 'For more info: whatsapp: 07446622115, email: tidcombecommunitychurch@gmail.com, phone: 07951521155, landline: 01884 257242'.