



Newsletter

20 June, 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, 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.

HPS performers will be at Tiverton Pannier Market TOMORROW!

Come along and support our young singers and dancers who will be performing at the market in Tiverton tomorrow at 9.45am for 20 mins.

The theme is: Songs from the Movies.

Payment for school dinners in September 2022

Just a reminder that children who are currently in Year 2 will start paying for school dinner in September (unless they are eligible for free school meals). The price of a school dinner is £2.40 per day.

Class photographs

Just a reminder that you have until this Thursday, to order your child's class photograph and have it delivered to school before the end of term. If you order after this date home delivery is available for £5 postage and packing.



Learner of the week



FSDB Kobie
FSG Ronnie
1BA Hazel
1P Ashleigh
2D Sophia
2P Travis
3E Wesley
3P James
4K Eva
4Kin Ellie
5F Lily
5S Nicola
6C Alfie
6F/C Maggie

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Ellie E
FSG Empathy
1BA Lydia
1P Harry
2D Theo
3E Maisie
3P Edith
4Kin Cushla
5F Oran
5S Oliver R

Best Attendance

4K – 100%





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Diary Dates



Year 1 - 6 parents evenings
27th & 29th June

Term Dates



Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday
Monday 4th July

Last day of Summer term
Friday 22nd July

First day of Autumn Term
Wednesday 7th September

Autumn Half Term
Monday 24th October –
Friday 28th October

Last day of Autumn Term
Friday 16th December

Heathcoat Heroes

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

1BA – Freya

2D – Lola M

3E – Matilda 3P – Edith

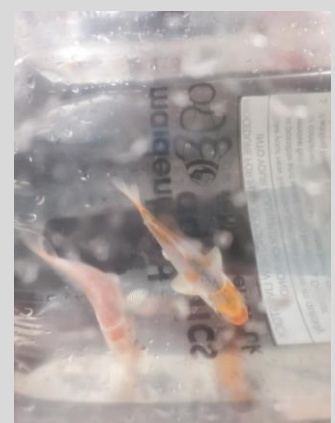
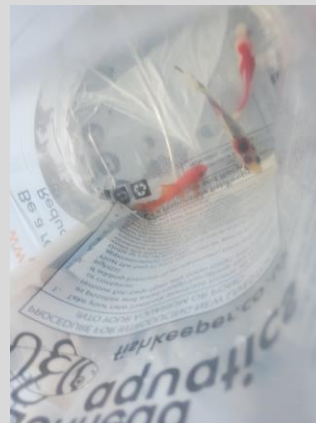
4K – Isla 4Kin – Joshua

5S - Solly

New arrivals at nursery

This week we were given some new fish for the fish pond. Mrs Rutley-Frayne donated 7 and Maidenhead Aquatics in Taunton donated 5 new fish including 3 koi carp.

All the children were very excited to see the new fish and enjoy watching them and feeding them.



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.



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Tiverton Primary schools swimming gala



On Wednesday 15th June, Mr Newsome, Mrs Taylor and Miss E Southcott (swimming assistant) took 18 pupils from across years 4,5 and 6 to the Tiverton Primary Schools Community Swimming Gala to compete against 9 other local primary schools.

The competition was set out with 2 timed 25m heats for each of the following strokes:

Freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke

A girl and a boy from each of the three year groups competed and points were awarded to each competitor for their individual time. All the swimmers performed to the best of their ability.

The afternoon was rounded off with a 6x 25m relay for girls & boys, each team consisted of two year 4's, two year 5's and two year 6's.

The girls team came 2nd in a time of 2 mins and 30 secs.

The boys team came 1st, in a time of 2 mins and 32 secs beating their nearest rivals by half a length.

At the end of the gala the points were tallied and the results were given in reverse order. We had a very tense wait to find out that we had won. Heathcoat Primary swimmers retained the trophy for another year.

All the children showed great sportsmanship by encouraging to all competitors and a fantastic time was had by all involved.

We would like to say a big Thank You to all the spectators who came and supported us, the organisers and the pupils from Tiverton High school and Blundell's school who were timekeeper and also escorted swimmers to each of their races.



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School Absence Procedures

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- If your child is unwell, you should contact the school office by 9.15am on the first day of the absence(by telephone 01884 252445 or by email attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk and telephone or email every day thereafter unless your child has a doctor's certificate.
- The school will contact you if your child is absent and no contact has been made. If no contact is made, we will continue to try to contact you and the other emergency contacts that you have provided us with.
- If after 1 day with no contact, the school may ring 101 and ask the Police to make a welfare call to your address.
- All requests for time off must be on the absence request form which can be found outside the school office and should be returned at least 2 weeks in advance. Any requests for absence will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Should you choose to take your child out of school without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measures could be instigated. This could mean receiving any of the following:

- A Penalty Notice may be issued by Devon County Council. A penalty notice offers a parent the opportunity of dealing with a potential offence without going to court, by paying a penalty. If parents can't afford to pay, or for any reason do not take the offer of paying the notice within a set time, then the case will proceed to a magistrate's court.
- A summons to the Magistrate Court could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment for up to 3 months. The provision of penalty notices is set by Regulations and the amount of the penalty, timeframe for payment or payment method are not able to be varied by Devon County Council.

Parents should note that only one penalty notice per parent per child will normally be issued within a two-year period. Any second "offence" within a two-year period will be referred straight to court.

Some absence facts:

- There are 365 days a year – children only have to attend school for 190 of those.
- If your child is 5 minutes late every day... that adds up to 3 days of lost learning per year.
- If your child is 15 minutes late every day... that adds up to almost 10 days lost every year.
- If you are absent from school for 1 day a week throughout your school life... you will be missing 2 years of your education.
- If you are absent from school for 1 day every half a term throughout your whole school life, you will miss, in total, 3 months of education, 90% attendance throughout your school life = missing 1 whole year of education.



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School Uniform

We appreciate it has been hot last week but it is important children still come to school dressed appropriately and following our school uniform policy. Shorts should be to the knee and should be tailored. Cycling shorts are not part of our daily school uniform. Several children last week wore shorts that were too tight and too short for school.

Second hand uniform will be on sale again tonight.

Hot weather

We can we remind all children they should have a drinks bottle in school so they can have access to water when they need it. Please apply sun cream to your child before the come to school. As a parent it is your responsibility to ensure your child is wearing sun cream. Some children came to school on Friday without any on.

Queen's Jubilee Book

This week all the children from reception – year 6 will be bring home a Queen's Jubilee commemorative book, which has given by the government to all school aged children.





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Everyday items for 1p at Iceland



Iceland has reduced prices on a selection of everyday essential items at Iceland.co.uk with items like milk, bread and butter on sale for just 1p each. Items will see their prices cut from Saturday 18th June until Friday 24th June.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Georgia, William and Emily who completed the 5km rainbow run at Escot park yesterday. They raised lots of money for Children's Hospice South West and crossed the line together!

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