



Newsletter

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Thank you

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

As you are aware, every child's attendance at school is really important and we want children and parents to understand how important it is to be in school on time every day.

At HPS we are really keen to involve the children in discussing what they like about the school and any improvements they would make. As part of this discussion, some children came up with the idea of recognising everyone who has good attendance, and having a prize draw where children could be in with the chance of going to a special tea party.

We thought that this was a lovely idea and so at the end of each term, the teachers have celebrated all children who have had excellent attendance by reading out their names in class, giving a round of applause, house points and lots of praise. Miss Higginson, Mrs Williams and Mrs Budden have also had termly tea parties with the winners of the attendance raffle.

Today is the final tea party of the year and, due to the lovely weather, the children will be having an ice pole instead of a hot chocolate!

(Please note – for the purposes of celebrating attendance, covid-related absences were not counted, and children with ongoing medical issues are not disadvantaged).

Thank you for your ongoing support regarding attendance at HPS

Learner of the week



FSDB Jack L
FSG Phoebe
1BA Dylan
1P Boris
2D Logan L
2P Wyatt
3E Matilda
3P Freya
4K Lacey
4Kin Frankie
5F Ella
5S Kovi
6C Desmond
6F/C Poppy

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Naaya
1BA Phoenix
1P Jessica
2D Logan L
2P Oscar
3E Tanner
4K Riley
5F Ella
6C Noah
6F/C Shanaya & Macey

Best Attendance

3E – 97.5%



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Diary Dates



First day of Autumn Term
7th September

Term Dates



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

First day of the Spring term
Wednesday 4th January 2023

Congratulations



Congratulations to Flynn who completed a 10K canal walk in aid of Young Lives vs Cancer. Flynn raised an amazing £301 for the charity.

Request for toys and other items in year 1

Can you help us? We are planning an exciting continuous provision curriculum for our year 1 children. If you are having a tidy or a clear out of toys over the summer holiday, we are looking for a donation of any unwanted, good condition toys such as:

- Lego
- Playmobil
- Small world - e.g. toy people, animals, cars
- Dolls houses
- Farms
- Tractors

We are also looking for small sections of carpet and astroturf (2 to 3m x 3m max) to line our tuff spot play areas.

If you are able to help, please email year1@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk or speak to Miss Davis (year 2) or Mrs Bowkett (year 1).

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSDB – Jack & Effie

FSG – Cassidy

1BA – Phoenix 1P – Quinn

4K – Megan 5F - Max

5S – Felicity & Kovi

Accelerated Reader Achievement

3P highest average quiz percentages



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Message from Miss Higginson



What a busy year it has been! It has been lovely to return some sort of normality following 2 years of changes. It was a pleasure to welcome parents into school for sports day and the Year 6 show. All the year 6 children worked hard to learn their lines and practice ready to perform for their parents. They were a credit to themselves and our school.

It is that time of year when we say goodbye to our year 6 pupils. We have watched them grow and develop into well rounded young people and we wish them all the best for the next stage in their education. We would encourage them to make the most of all opportunities on offer.

We wish you all a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 7th September.

Transition booklets

If you look on Google Classroom (or on Tapestry for EYFS children), you will find some little booklets to read with your children about their new teachers / new classes for September. While some things will be different, it is important to remind them of how much will stay the same. This poster '10 tips to parent your anxious child' may be helpful for you, in preparing them for the new school year. Do reassure them that a little bit of trepidation is a normal feeling, but that they are ready for this next step in their lives. Please also let them know how much the staff are looking forward to welcoming them back and to making next year happy and successful for them all.





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10 Tips to Parent Your ANXIOUS Child

By Anne Marie Albano, PhD, author of *"You and Your Anxious Child"*, with Leslie Pepper



1. Respect and validate your child's feelings! Anxiety is a real emotion and not pleasant.
2. Teach your child deep, slow, belly breathing. This is an easy and very portable skill for self-soothing and calming.
3. Listen to your child and ask "Tell me what you are thinking?" This will help to reveal scary thoughts and scenes that build up in your child's mind.
4. Rather than swooping to reassure, ask your child "How likely is (that thing you're afraid of) to happen?" You'll be teaching him to challenge his anxious thinking.
5. Prompt your child with "Tell me some things you can do to handle this situation" and help her to brainstorm, rather than just giving her solutions. She'll feel empowered.
6. Give up the idea of "mental health days" "skip days" "sleep with mom nights" or other ways of avoiding feared situations. This just makes the anxiety stick more firmly and lead to further avoidance.
7. Encourage your child's attempts to be brave, no matter how small they may seem to you. Use labeled praise such as "I'm so proud of you for sleeping in your own bed last night!"
8. Work with your child to outline small steps leading to a bigger goal.
9. Create opportunities for your child to practice being brave and coping, and then high-five his/her efforts!
10. Recognize when you are anxious and say aloud what you can do to calm down and solve the situation. You'll be modeling coping for your child, but be mindful and don't overshare your anxiety!



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Mid Devon Show Art Competition



Mid Devon Show

KNIGHTSHAYES | CHETTISCOMBE, TIVERTON

SATURDAY 23RD JULY 2022

Congratulations to the following children who all won a prize in the Mid Devon Show art competition:
Everly C, Molly B, Hanna K, Migle Z, William H, Harlee G, Flynn D, Emily H, Fausta S, Leo T & Lyra B.
Some of the artwork will be displayed in the food hall at the Mid Devon Show, on Saturday 23rd July.





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Toys and Childhood

**Summer family activities,
27th July to 31st August.**



**TIVERTON
MUSEUM**
of Mid Devon Life



**Follow our Toy Trail around the
museum, and stop off at play
stations along the way.
Part of normal admission.**

**Toys object handling on
Thursdays 4, 11, 18, 25 August,
part of normal admission.**

**Crafty Tuesdays - making
toys on 2, 9, 16 & 23
August. £3 per child with
paying adult. Drop-in.**



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Fun for all the family

Don't forget that our refreshed family activities and trails are always on offer as part of your visit to the museum, including our themed explorer backpacks.



MAY HALF TERM, 28 May - 4 June
Hunt for Jubilee items around the museum, and make a crown at our craft station.
Part of normal admission.



COMING SOON

Watch out for news of our family activities for October Half Term.



BECOME A MEMBER

As a member of Tiverton Museum, you can save money with unlimited entry throughout the year, plus discounts for special events. Pick up our Membership leaflet, or go to the website.



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Stuck with what to do with the kids during the summer holidays? Need the little blighters out of your hair for a few hours? Then send them to our Summer Climbing Camp.

Once a week throughout August. You can pick morning, afternoon or even both. Well even give them lunch upon request. they will get a full, comprehensive course on all aspects of climbing!

The dates and options are as follows:

5 - 7 years old: every Thursday from the 4th - 25th August. 9.00 - 12.30, 1.00 - 4.30 or both.
For the 5 - 7 year old is £25.00 for the whole 4 weeks. That's only £6.25 for the week!

8 - 14 years old: every Friday from the 5th - 26th August. 9.00 - 12.30, 1.00 - 4.30 or both.
For the 8 - 14 year old it's just £35.00 for the whole 4 weeks. That's only £8.75 for the week!

If you would like to book please text Andy on 07401 560406 to make it so!

Birthday Party

So fancy the event and not have the headache of running it! we'll do all the work, including food! if it's up to 8 children, it is £9.00 per child. Any more than 8 children it's £8.00 thereafter.

If you wish to have food it's an extra £6.00 per head.

We have a conversation with you about the dietary requirements (allergies, religious restrictions etc etc)

So what are you waiting for? Let's get this sorted!

Call us on 01884 251155 or Andy 07401560406



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Kids Climbing Clubs

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Wall in the Hall is an indoor climbing wall based at the Old Heathcoat School Community Centre in Tiverton.

Climbing provides children with a mental and physical challenge as they tackle ever-changing routes to reach the top of the wall. It can help build confidence as well as provide a safe environment for young people to challenge themselves or just meet new people.

Kids Club (for 5-7 year olds)

These sessions are about having fun and building confidence on the wall. We climb, play games and learn some of the basics.

Kids Club (Mixed)

Over the course of the sessions we teach children how to kit themselves up, basic climbing techniques and peer belaying, as well as play games designed to help develop good movement and balance skills.

- **Wednesdays (4pm-5.30pm) Kids Club**
- **Thursdays (4.30pm-6.30pm) Kids Club Mixed**
- **Fridays (4pm-6pm) Kids Club Mixed**
- **Saturdays (10am-12pm) Drop in**

Payment is by subscription which costs £25 a month, this covers your child's attendance at one of week sessions and free access to our drop in club on the Saturday. That equates to only £3.12 per session!

We are also offering a **free** trial session for prospective new members. If your child would like to attend one of these sessions or you would like to book your child in to one of our climbing clubs,

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Tiverton Town Majorettes Recruiting now!



Old Heathcoat School Community Centre
£4.00 per week! (Bring 3 and the 3rd is free!)

Tiny Tots (Age 4- Yr4) Wednesdays 5:00-6:30

Juniors (Yr5-Yr9) Thursdays 5:30-8:30

Seniors (Yr10- Age 21) Wednesdays 6:30-9:30

Email: tivmajorettes@hotmail.co.uk

Phone: 07773312791



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Food for Families

A Community Food Project

Summer Holidays can put a lot of pressure on guardians to feed their children, Thanks to funding from Western Power—Holiday Hunger we have arranged three fun filled sessions for kids to eat FREE and enjoy a lovely 2 course lunch, which they will help to prepare. *One adult meal is £6.50 and up to 2 kids can eat for free.

Spaces are very limited, contact our helpful staff by calling 01884 242099 or email: communityhub@middevonmobility.org.uk to book your space.

Booking is essential to secure your space. Book and pay before Monday 1st August.

**£6.50 per adult,
Kids are FREE! ***

THE
COMMUNITY
HUB

THE
HUB
KITCHEN



Wednesday 17th Aug
Wednesday 24th Aug
Wednesday 31st Aug
10am — 2pm

'What's on the Menu!'

- **Wednesday 17th August**
Chicken Goujons Hand Carved Ham, Twice Baked Potatoes, Coleslaw, Homemade Dip and Crudites followed by 'Crunchies' (Homemade Biscuits)
- **Wednesday 24th August**
Homemade Pizza, Crudites and Homemade Dip followed by Strawberry Shortcake
- **Wednesday 31st August**
Picnic Wraps, Healthy Hummus and Crudites followed by Apple Muffins

Event being held in our Community Hub, Mid Devon Mobility, Level 6 Multi Storey Car Park