



Newsletter

31 October, 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. Please could we ask that you include the child's name, class and reason for absence (ie sickness).

Are your contact details up to date?



Please advise the office of any changes in your contact details by emailing admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

Flu Immunisations

If you haven't already done so, please could all parents of children from Reception up to Year 6 complete the electronic Flu immunisation consent form, even if you **do not** wish for your child to have the vaccination.

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2022/devon>

Safeguarding

Safeguarding and Child Protection Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and all child protection concerns need to be acted on immediately. If you are concerned that a child may be at risk or actually suffering abuse please contact Demelza Higginson, Becky Budden, Hannah Gleeson or Mike Payne within school or alternatively if not in school hours please contact MASH (Devon County Council multi agency safeguarding hub) who are available to discuss your concern and advise 0345 155 1071. If we have any safeguarding concerns regarding your child, we will discuss these with you unless we feel that doing so would put your child at greater risk.



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Learner of the week



- FSDB Orli
- FSA Charlie
- 1B Ronnie
- 1D Thomas
- 2CP Harry
- 2SP Megan
- 3E Bethany
- 3K Miller
- 4C Raven
- 4P Finlay & Edith
- 5F Sienna
- 5K Elliott
- 6S Lily
- 6F/C Darcy

Lunchtime Behaviour



- FSDB Leo T
- FSA Maisie
- 1B Eli
- 1D Kobie
- 2CP Grace & Halie
- 2SP Iris
- 3E Emily
- 3K Sophia
- 5F Kelsey P
- 5K Josh
- 6S Oaklee
- 6F/C Daisy-Mai

Best Attendance

3K – 99%



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Diary Dates



Theatre Alibi

31st Oct & 1st Nov

Term Dates



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

Spring Half Term
Monday 13th February –
Friday 17th February

Last day of Spring Term
Friday 31st March

Harvest

During an assembly about homelessness, some children at HPS asked if they could bring in food items to help others who are in need. They have been thinking about the wider community and looking after people around us. These food items have been donated to CHAT.



Heathcoat Heroes

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

2SP- Luna

3E- Cooper & Theo

5K – Josh 6S – Lily B

Mobile Phones



Just a reminder that we have a no mobile phone policy at Heathcoat Primary School to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff. Please ensure that mobile phones are **NOT** used on the school premises

Accelerated Reader Achievement

5F- highest average quiz percentages



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Message from Miss Higginson

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term, we hope you all had a lovely half term despite the weather! There is lots to look forward to this term including Christmas lunch on 8th December and this will also be Christmas Jumper day. Our EYFS pupils will be performing their nativity on 7th December and KS1 carol service will be on 15th December. Our KS2 pupils will also be recording some music to share with you.

Changes to staffing

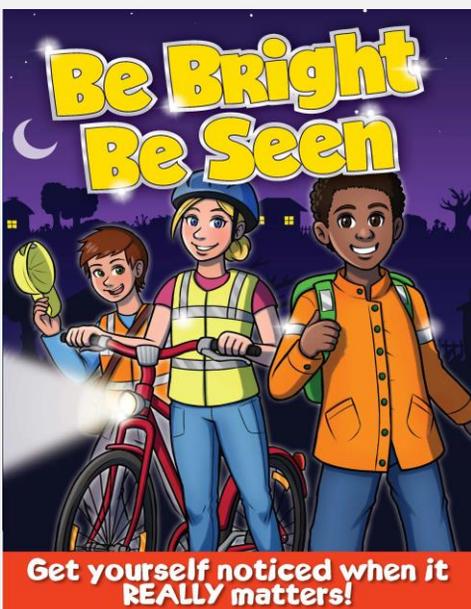
We said goodbye to Mrs Firth at half term as she secured a promotion to Head of School at a school closer to her home. We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Sullivan as our new Assistant Head of School, Year 6 teacher and KS2 team leader. Mrs Sullivan is an experienced teacher and is currently Assistant Head at a local school. As she is currently in post, she is unable to start until January. Mr Keenan an experienced teacher who knows our school well will be covering Mrs Firth teaching commitment until Christmas.

Mrs Budden will be the team leader for KS2 whilst until Mrs Sullivan starts in January.

Healthy snacks and drinks

Thank you to all the children who are having a piece of fruit or vegetables for morning snack. Please can we remind you that if children want access to a drink during lesson time, then it is plain water only in the bottles. They can have squash or flavoured water at lunchtime.

Road users reminded to 'Be Bright, Be Seen' as clocks go back



We're getting used to fewer day light hours as we move towards winter, but very early this Sunday morning, 30 October, the clocks go back, marking the end of British Summer Time.

It means it'll be a little lighter in the mornings, but that it'll start to get darker earlier in the afternoon, notably during the time most people are travelling home from work or school.

So we're encouraging everyone to be alert, and to 'Be Bright, Be Seen'.

Motorists are asked to look out for other road users, including cyclists, motorcyclists and horse riders.

Cyclists, pedestrians, motorcyclists and horse riders are all encouraged to wear reflective and fluorescent clothing to ensure that they can be seen clearly.



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Attendance



Missing days of education is a bit like a puzzle with some missing pieces. You can get a rough idea of what is happening, but you don't get all of the information. Missing out on days at school can make it really tricky for children to understand what is being taught in lessons when they return.

Attending school is essential - every day counts. Pupils need to attend regularly to take full advantage of all the educational opportunities open to them. If they do not, their education and career opportunities suffer. Research shows that children who miss school are more likely to be drawn into patterns of anti-social behaviour, commit crimes or become the victims of crime.

What can you do to help?

- Make sure that your child's 'excuses' for not going to school are genuine. (If in doubt, send them to school - we will let you know if they are poorly).
- Take holidays during school breaks.
- Make medical appointments outside of school time.
- Take your child to school yourself whenever possible.
- Take part in parent meetings – take an interest in your child's progress at school. Support and encourage them – praise what is going well.
- Be firm and consistent – “You have to go to school – it's the law!”





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Worried about Christmas?



Are you anxious about Christmas approaching and the cost of living Crisis? Are you struggling to afford gifts for your children and food for the family over the holidays? If you are worried about Christmas and struggling financially please reach out for a confidential chat with Hannah Gleeson to discuss what help and support is available. Call the school number or email hannahgleeson@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk if you find this easier.

Holiday Activities and Food programme

The Holiday Activities and Food programme is being delivered by a number of different individuals and organisations across Devon.

To access the programme, simply book a place directly with the provider, click on this list for the list of providers. [HAF providers – Christmas 2022 – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food). All clubs will be operating for a minimum of four hours, including a hot meal. Please note that booking details differ depending on each provider. The schemes are fully inclusive and accessible, so please discuss your child's needs with your chosen provider.



Children in need Friday 18th November



To help celebrate children in need we are inviting all children to come to school wearing something yellow or spotty instead of their school uniform and to make a donation to children in need via the Children in need website. [Donate to BBC Children in Need](https://www.childreninneed.org.uk)



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Stay warm safely this winter



Think **fire safety**
when saving money

If you're looking for ways to save money, take a moment to think about fire safety - it'll save you money in the long run, and maybe even save your life.

Click on the link below for more information

[Stay warm safely this winter | Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service \(dsfire.gov.uk\)](http://www.dsfire.gov.uk)

Theatre Alibi

Theatre Alibi will be performing their fabulous show "The Parcel" for the children in school this week. We will give you the children's feedback about the show in next week's newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has paid already for the Theatre Alibi visit. If you haven't paid - there is still time to do so. As we mentioned previously, we really need all monies to be in to be able to book this fabulous treat.

Dr Elaine Faull will be visiting some classes to speak to the children about the show and ask them a few questions about what they have learnt from it, as part of her research into the impact of theatre on children's learning and wellbeing. She will also talk to them about what they remember about previous Theatre Alibi shows. All information from children will be anonymised.





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Year 4 Blundell's Trip – Friday 14th October 2022

Year 4 had a fantastic day at Blundell's School before half term. The children were taught some new and exciting things in Science all about the body, our digestive system and about the animals we might see around us!

The children got the opportunity to explore the science labs, test out some equipment and have a rather mucky digestive experiment done right in front of them! They also had the chance to do some sporting activities with the older children; there was cricket, rounders and other fabulous active games.

Mr Olive was our host for the day and it is safe to say every child thoroughly enjoyed their experience. We are grateful to Mr Olive for organising such a wonderful day for us all.

We look forward to more exciting and inspiring days at Blundell's.





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WeMatter

An online group work programme for children and young people affected by domestic abuse

WeMatter is a totally digital service providing specialist support to children and young people aged 8–17 years old, who have been affected by domestic abuse. WeMatter delivers the CYP Domestic Abuse Recovery Toolkit, which offers a range of activities and discussions informed by Trauma Focused Cognitive Behaviour Therapy. This group programme is designed to help child and young people understand their own experiences, develop healthy coping strategies, increase levels of safety and achieve positive future relationships.

To contact the team please call: 0300 373 0258

Email: wematter@victimsupport.org.uk

If you are in immediate danger call: 999

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