



Newsletter

7 November, 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).

Poppies



We will be selling wristbands, slap bands, bracelets and other poppy related items, most of which are either 50p or £1. If your child wants to buy something please send them in with some money.

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>

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



Learner of the week



FSDB Joshua
FSA Callie-Marnie
1B Jasper
1D Vinny
2CP Lila-Lily
2SP Harry
3E Emily
3K Alfie
4C Mayzie
4P James R-F
5F Taylan
5K Kiki
6S Cailen
6F/C Tyanna

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB George
FSA Maisie
1B Ronnie
1D Ellie E
2CP Phoenix
2SP Jaymes
3E Charleigh
3K Nathaniel
4P Lewis
5F Isla
5K Reuben
6F/C Beatrice

Best Attendance

5F – 99.2%



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Diary Dates



Men's mental health awareness month
November

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

Christmas card competition

Richard Foord MP for Tiverton & Honiton has launch his first annual Christmas card competition, which is open to primary school pupils across the Tiverton & Honiton constituency.

Prizes:

- **Overall Winner-** design used as Richard Foord's 2022 Christmas card, a £15 book token and signed certificate.
- **Runners up(2nd & 3rd places)-** a £5 book token and signed certificate.
- **All schools** – a personal thank you note.

Tips for entries:

- The design must fit onto either a piece of A4 or A5 paper
- Its best to avoid glitter and collage/stickers as these do not reproduce well on card.
- Use bright colours
- Please ensure that the pupil's name, class, school and age are clearly marked on the reverse of the picture.

All entries need to be given to the class teacher by 9am on Thursday 24th November

Heathcoat Heroes

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

2SP – Saffie, Luna & Jessica

3E – Olivers

3K – Grace & Alfie

5F- Poppy G

6C – Heidi, Billy & Harry W

6S – Phoebe, Faith, Oaklee, Tammy, Cameron, Nicola, Matilda, Katie, Oliver H, Joshua, Aiden, Solly & Amelia

Accelerated Reader Achievement

3K highest average quiz percentages



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Anti bullying & Road safety week

Next week as a school we will be taking part in Anti-bullying week and Road safety week (WB 14th November). The theme of Anti-bullying week this year is 'Reach out' and the week will start with a whole school assembly on Monday. All classes will be taking part in activities related to anti bullying week within their PSHE lessons this week. **We would like to start the week by asking all pupils and staff to wear odd socks to school on Monday 14th November to celebrate that we are all unique.**

The school council have worked hard recently with Miss Higginson, Mrs Alpey and Mrs Lane to discuss what makes a good friend and how we can be kind to each other and also what bullying is. From this work they have produced two posters which are displayed in all areas of our school including each classroom. The first poster is 'We say NO to bullying at HPS' and the second is 'We say YES to kindness at HPS'. The link to these posters is <https://heathcoat.devon.sch.uk/policies-and-other-documentation/>

We regularly see and hear children being kind to each other during the school day and children may be rewarded with a house point for acts of kindness. Visitors to our school recently commented on how well behaved and polite our pupils are. They noticed that children held doors open for each other and the visitors and they said hello to the visitors in school. We are very proud of all our pupils.

The road safety week theme this year is 'Safe roads for all'. We will be talking to the children this week how they can keep themselves safe on the roads. We mentioned in the newsletter last week how important it is that children wear bright and reflective clothing at this time of year as it can be getting dark on the way home from school. Remember be bright, be safe, be seen.

This Anti-Bullying Week,
let's come together and **reach out**
to stop bullying.

**REACH
OUT**

**Monday 14th to
Friday 18th November**
#AntiBullyingWeek
#ReachOut



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Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

Have your circumstances changed?

If so you could be eligible for free school meals.

Parents and carers are encouraged to apply for free school meals if they claim certain benefits, as the school can access additional funding to support children's learning. If parents or carers claim any of the following benefits then you should apply for free school meals, regardless of which year group your child is in:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or carer, can also get free school meals.

Parents should apply through the Citizen Portal which is the quickest and easiest way and will result in you getting an instant decision. If you have more than one child you will need to apply for each child individually. The portal can be found at

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_LIVE%2f

If your application is successful you will need to either print the confirmation screen or email the confirmation letter to alisonwilliams@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

We don't want anyone to miss out on this vital support, so if you think that you might be eligible please apply today via the link about or by calling the education helpline on **0345 155 1019**.



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Theatre Alibi

The fabulous Theatre Alibi came and performed their show “The Parcel” at HPS on Monday and Tuesday of last week.

We tried not to let the children know exactly when it was as the show started with a very large parcel in the hall which was making some very strange noises! A delivery driver asked one of the teachers to sign for the parcel and so the show began.

Here are some pictures taken from the Theatre Alibi website:





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Here are some quotes from children at HPS:

Year 5: Lily-Rose: It was actually really good – really funny. They lived in a massive package. I liked it when Tobin was singing – I love them coming in to school. I was pleased when I knew it was them. I want to see them again when I am in year 6 as they always make us laugh. It's always a new story and I can't wait to see the next one.

Year 3. Wyatt: I liked it best when the person peeped out of the parcel. I was like "Hello!". Then when they opened the box I was like "Wow!". There was a lot of stuff in there. I looked forward to seeing them (Theatre Alibi) I didn't know it was going to be them, I just thought it was a parcel full of a million laptops. I would like them to come again. They are great.

Year 6: Tiana: I liked how they designed the whole package and how she acted. It was great how the song changed when she looked at her parent's pictures. When things were sad it was sad music and when it was happy it was a happy song. I really liked how the songs changed. I liked how they had decorated the package and how it had all the old things from home and things that they had collected, and how her mum and dad had made all the statues of her dog. I think it's really important that they come in every year. We can all see the new ideas that they have come up with and it gets everyone super-excited. I like to see everyone getting excited. It's a change from our normal learning.

Year 2: Phoenix: It was really amazing and really, really funny! I liked it all.

Harry: It was really good. The best bit was when Kit showed the dog that Tobin made out of playdoh. I also liked the first bit when there were lots of sounds coming out of the box. I would love to see the next show that they do.

Florence: I liked the 1st bit when he started snoring in the box. The lady pulled the flower out from under the box and thought it was ok, but then it went over and was broken and he went crazy about it. I enjoyed it last year too when they did the music show (Stand up and Boogie). My cousin has a black ukulele and he taught me how to hold it. Theatre Alibi makes your day feel much better.

Year 4: Wesley: It was really good – I was excited about seeing the show. I knew it was Theatre Alibi and I really like their shows. I liked seeing the wasp next. The stories they told were really good.

We are delighted that the children enjoyed the show so much. Thank you to everyone who has paid the £4 per child for the show. We still have some monies outstanding, and even with a kind and generous donation from St Paul's church, there is still about £400 left to pay.

We would love to book Theatre Alibi again for next year, however this may only possible if we are able to cover the performance fee. Please can any outstanding monies be paid by the end of this week. Thank you.



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SELF HARM SUPPORT

Zoom Workshop with Parental Minds

Do you support a loved one that struggles with self harm? Join Parental Minds for advice and support.

Sharing knowledge and insights. Answering your questions. Helping to make informed choices about your loved one.

Please book here:
<https://bit.ly/ParentPlusSelfHarm>

Monday 7th November 2022
19.30 – 21.00
Zoom

PARENT+ SUPPORT HUB
 PARENTAL MINDS C.I.C.
Mental Healthcare - Exploring Pathways

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Every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday (8.30am to 4pm)

Ready for Christmas Markets



Throughout November at Tiverton Pannier Market

- Something for everyone
- Gifts galore, including local food, drink, arts, crafts and much more
- Lots of new traders – and more welcome!
- In-house café and bar
- See Facebook for updates



LIVE MUSIC Every Friday and Saturday (from 11am)!

Friday 4th – Sasha and Kev | Saturday 5th (Tiverton Farmers Market)* – Chris Pope and Mother's Ruin (music from 10am) | Friday 11th – Sam McCrory | Saturday 12th – Ali and the Swing Cats | Friday 18th – Peter Luke | Saturday 19th – Rhythm and Shoes | Friday 25th – Jimmy Ireland | Saturday 26th (Electric Nights)* – Chris Ostler and Luis Martelo (music from 5pm)