



Newsletter

5 December, 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).

Year 6 SAV workshop

On Tuesday 6th December the Year 6 children will be involved in an exciting workshop led by the charity SAV (Stand Against Violence). They will be thinking about violence and its consequences. Activities will include drama, art and discussion. SAV tackle the issue of violence from multiple perspectives, including the impact on perpetrators, highlight the consequences of violence and challenge young children to consider their actions on others, to make positive future choices.



Changes to lunch menu

Please note the changes to the lunch menu for this Wednesday.

Wednesday 7th December:

- Main: Beef Lasagne (Gluten Free Alternative: Spaghetti Bolognese)
- Veggie: Singapore Style Noodles (Gluten Free Alternative: Pasta with Vegetables)
- Jacket: Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
- Pudding: Iced Chocolate Cake

Learner of the week



FSDB Jack
FSA Keir
1B Tala
1D Alfie
2CP Scarlett
2SP Beatriz
3E Matthew
3K Irisa
4C Alfie R
4P Lucca
5F Isla
5K Megan
6S Nicola
6F/C Joey

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Tiana
FSA Aaron
1B Daisy
1D Isabelle
2CP Dylan & Scarlett
2SP Harry S
3E James
3K Fausta
4P Saffy
5F Jameela
6S Nicola

Best Attendance

5K – 99.2%



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Diary Dates



KS1 Carol service-
15th December at
2pm

Term Dates



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

First day of Summer Term
Monday 17th April

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSA – Migne 3K – Lola

5F – Seth 5K – Coral

6S- Katie, Lauren, Kovi,
Phoebe & Isabelle

6F/C – Oran & Ella

BAKE SALE
HEATHCOAT
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Tuesday 13th December
3:00 - 3:30pm
Location: Outside the office
Run by our School Council to
raise money for Diabetes UK!

Diabetes UK
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.

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Christmas Lunch

Just a reminder that this Thursday is Christmas Lunch day. Children can wear a Christmas Jumper on this day. If your child does not wish to order a Christmas lunch, they will need to bring a packed lunch.





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Sound of Music

THS are performing The Sound of Music in February and have asked for 2 of our year 4 pupils to share the role of Gretl. 5 children auditioned last week, and they all performed well at the audition. They had to sing and read through a script. Ava and Isabelle were successful in securing the role. Year 4 will be able to go and watch the dress rehearsal.

Chocolate tubs

We will be collecting plastic chocolate and sweet tubs such as Heroes to be recycled. Please bring them to school and give them to the class teacher.

Free school meal vouchers

Families in Devon on low incomes, whose children receive free school meals, will get support this winter to help them buy food during the school holidays.

Once again, we're providing holiday food vouchers for children and young people who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals.

If you have children at school and your financial circumstances have changed, your children may be eligible for free school meals.

You can find out by applying online through our [Devon Citizen's Portal](#). 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

The deadline for applications, in order to receive free school meal holiday vouchers for the Christmas school holiday, is **Friday 16 December**, so please apply as soon as possible.

Before the end of this term, we'll be sending eligible families free school meal holiday vouchers to cover both the Christmas and February 2023 half-term holidays at the same time. That's to give families more flexibility to prioritise and budget their winter food expenditure themselves.

Vouchers can be used at the following supermarkets: Aldi, Iceland, Tesco, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Asda, Waitrose and M&S Food.



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Free online courses

The AIM Group are delivering **Free online Level 2 Accredited Courses** for adults 19+ to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing your own school-based careers.

Here's some of the most popular subjects available:

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences** (designed to help understand traumatic events that could affect a young person's development)
- **Children and Young Peoples Mental Health** (this course is essential for any adult concerned about a child or young person's mental health in their care)
- **Understanding Autism** (Autism in Context, Positive Behavioural Support, Management Of Transitions, Social Interaction and, Resilience)
- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties** (ADHD, ADD, dyslexia and dyscalculia characteristics, various assessment methods to help with early diagnosis)
- **Neuroscience in Early Years [Start Date 23rd January]** (how children can learn to self-regulate their emotions, and develop key skills to overcome external situations)

These are just the popular qualifications, but there are many other different subjects available! The qualifications are completed within an 8-week period in your own leisure. They are equivalent to a GCSE Grade C, so you are required to write comprehensive answers for some questions, so they aren't multiple choice courses. You can do as many as you like, however you can only do one at a time.

The only criteria you must meet to be eligible, is:

- **Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2022**
- **Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years**
- **Not already on a Government funded course**
- **Ready to complete a course starting in the next week (10 WEEKS TO COMPLETE to allow more time during the Christmas holidays)**

If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses or would like further information, then please complete the following link. This will then allow The AIM Group to contact you to discuss and get you started on your chosen course:

[Tiverton Co-operative Learning Partnership Schools - link to register course interest](#)

If you have any questions prior to expressing interest, call **Chris Greenfield on 0203 900 3091 extension 213** or drop him an email at christopher.greenfield@theaimgroup.co.uk





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Tiverton Signpost Club Presents

It's 77th annual pantomime

Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves

25th January - 4th February 2023

Come and join the cast and crew in our 77th annual pantomime "ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES". Fun for all the family.

Book now to avoid early disappointment

25th January – 4th February 2023
New Hall- Tiverton

Adults £11 Child £9

Tickets available from:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/tiverton-signpost-club





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Learn exciting new skills!



Take advantage of FREE Health and Social Care courses in person or online!

For more information, visit devon.cc/HSSAP





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Learn something new!

A variety of FREE courses available including:

- Understanding Epilepsy
- Understanding Autism
- Mental Health Awareness Award
- Suicide
- Care and Children's and Young People's Mental Health
- Emergency First Aid
- Dementia Awareness
- in Volunteering
- Awareness Understanding the Management of Diabetes

And many, many more!

Courses are available at colleges across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay, either in person or online with flexible start dates.

To access a course, you need to:

- Have the right to live and work in the UK
- Be over 18 years old (or if under 18, not be in education, employment or training (NEET), or at risk of becoming NEET)
- Live in a Devon post code area (Devon, Torbay, and Plymouth).



Find a course today, visit devon.cc/HSSAP

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sometimes feeding
can feel hard

Find support
in Devon

Don't struggle alone

Devon
County Council

'Autism and Us' Parent Programme and autism themed workshops (Spring Term 2023)

Support for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary children who are either on the autism waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Our 'Autism & Us' programme and themed workshops delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the forthcoming Spring term for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis.

We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs.

For more information please click on the link below

[Support from the Communication and Interaction Team - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](http://devon.gov.uk)



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Please register your interest by booking on via this Eventbrite link

[Occupy the Airwaves - Taster Session Tickets, Thu 8 Dec 2022 at 12:30 | Eventbrite](#)

An illustration of three women of diverse backgrounds and styles, shown in profile from the chest up. They are holding a large, light-colored rectangular sign. The woman on the left has dark skin and is wearing a gold headwrap and a large gold earring. The woman in the middle has dark skin and is wearing a black top and a large gold earring. The woman on the right has light skin and is wearing a large afro and a large hoop earring. The sign they are holding contains the following text:

Tell your Story
LEARN TO PRODUCE RADIO FEATURES.
TAKE PART IN
Occupy the Airwaves
FREE TASTER WORKSHOP -
8TH DECEMBER -
ST DAVIDS COMMUNITY CENTRE - IRON BRIDGE
12:30 - 2:30PM

Below the sign, there is another illustration of five people of diverse backgrounds and styles, shown from the waist up, standing in a line and talking to each other. The background is a simple, light-colored gradient.



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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Old school cafe @ ohsc
On 17th December 2022
3pm-5pm
Bouncy castle, disco, party games and Xmas buffet
Ages 8 and under
Must be accompanied by parent/guardian
£6 per ticket available from cafe .
Party wear

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