



Newsletter

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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).

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, Angela Sullivan, 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.



Learner of the week



- FSDB Isaac
- FSA Migle
- 1B Jack
- 1D Josie
- 2CP Archer
- 2SP Ellyse
- 3E Olivia
- 3K Penny
- 4C Matilda
- 4P Jasmine
- 5F Ryan
- 5K Lucas
- 6S Daisy
- 6S/C Beatrice

Lunchtime Behaviour



- FSDB Florence
- FSA Molly
- 2CP Orson
- 2SP Beatriz
- 3E James
- 3K Lola
- 5F Joseph
- 6S/C Beatrice

Best Attendance

2CP, 3K & 4P – 100%



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Diary Dates



**5F – swimming
Starts Friday 13th
January**

Term Dates



**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**

**May Bank Holiday
Monday 1st May**

**Summer Half Term
Monday 29th May –
Friday 2nd June**

Winter Weather Warnings



On the rare occasion that we might need to close the school due to severe weather, such as snow or flooding, please check the following media platforms for information. Updates will be posted on the school website as soon as a decision is made about a school closure.

School website <https://heathcoat.devon.sch.uk>
Devon Live <https://www.devonlive.com>
HPS Facebook site
<https://www.facebook.com/heathcoatprimaryschool/>

As always, we will endeavour to give a decision about school closures as early as possible to help you to make arrangements.

Heathcoat Heroes

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

1D – Jack L

4C – Emily

5F – Erin & Jameela

Are your contact details up to date?

Update Your
Contact Info



If you have received a new mobile phone for Christmas or have changed home phone numbers/contact details, please could you advise the school office to enable us to keep your child's records up to date. It is the responsibility of parents to keep this information correct at all times.

Accelerated Reader Achievement

3K highest average quiz percentages



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Christmas celebrations at Pannier Market

As part of the Christmas celebrations, a group of KS2 singers & dancers performed at the Tiverton Pannier Market, on the last day of term. The event was well received by the general public and it was lovely to see so many of our parents supporting the children too.



Spring 1 Extra-curricular Clubs

We are excited to be offering the following extra-curricular clubs to children across the school, starting from today. The children were informed about the clubs before Christmas and were told last week if they had successfully gained a place in their chosen club. Each club will run until half term.

Monday - Drawing and art club -Miss Kinver - year 3 and 4 children

Monday - ICT club - Mrs Holman - year 5 and 6 children

Tuesday - Book Club -Miss Higginson -year 3 and 4 children

Wednesday - Lego club - Mrs Sullivan - year 5 and 6 children

Wednesday - Quiet and peaceful club- Mr Pitt -year 1 and 2 children

Thursday -Just Dance club -Mrs Addy -reception children



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Connecting conversations with your child

Would you like to connect more with your child and have better conversations?
 Would you like to find out more about what your child has been learning at school?
 Here are some top tips and prompts to help with chats at home.

Try asking them 2 or 3 of these questions each day to get them to open up and discuss their day with you:

- who made you smile today?
- who was kind to you today?
- who were you kind to today?
- what made you laugh today?
- what is the funniest thing that you heard/saw today?
- what new things did you learn today?
- can you tell me 1 fact that you learnt today?
- what are you thankful about today?
- what is the hardest thing that you had to do today?

These prompts may encourage your child to open up and chat to you about their day. These questions require more than a 'yes' or 'no' answer but don't require too much from them either. Once they have started talking, ask more questions. Try to make it a daily habit - and make it fun!

Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever



As pupils and students return to school following the Christmas break, UKHSA is reminding people that winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels. Click on the link below for more information.

[Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)



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Message from Miss Higginson

Welcome back to the new school term, we hope you all had a good break. We would like to welcome all our new pupils who have started in nursery and across the school, we look forward to working with you and your child in the coming year. We also welcomed back Mrs Drew from maternity leave, and she is working within our EYFS team. Mrs Sullivan has started with us this term as our Assistant Head of School (KS2 team leader) alongside Mrs Budden. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Our children are proud to be at HPS and following our school uniform policy is important. All children must be wearing the correct uniform including on PE days. Skirts and shorts must be to the knee. We have some second hand jumpers in school, please just ask if you would like one.

Please can we remind you that break time snacks should be a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables. Drinks bottles for lesson times should contain tap water only.

The work on our roof continues with the scaffolding still being erected before the work on the roof can start. We would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation with the changes to the school site. Please could I remind parents who use the park entrance not to block the path so that children can enter in the morning, and nursery parents can leave the school site.

We are still collecting plastic chocolate tubs to be recycled and to help raise money for Dartmoor Zoo. All tubs need to be handed in to school by Wednesday 25th January.

The school gates are opened at 8.45am and closed at 8.55am. The register is taken at 8.55am and if your child arrives after this they are late. It is important all children arrive at school on time.

As you will be aware from the news there are high cases of flu, COVID and scarlet fever circulating. The government is providing the following advice:

- If your child feels unwell and has a fever, they should stay at home until the fever has resolved and they feel better.
- Regularly washing hands and catching coughs and sneezes in tissues.
- Having the flu vaccination
- Please don't send your child to school if they are feeling unwell and have a temperature

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



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A welcome from Mrs Sullivan



I have been teaching for over 20 years and for the last 11 years have been at a local school in Cullompton. I am married to Jamie, who is a Headteacher, and we have 2 girls who are 18 and 16 massively into their sports of netball and gymnastics so we spend a lot of time driving them around!

In my spare time I love to read children's books and am really excited to be able to share all of my books with the children here...and I also love crisps!!

I am really excited to be a part of the team at Heathcoat and look forward to meeting you all.

Support from the Communication and Interaction Team

The Communication and Interaction Team will be involved in organising and delivering parent programmes such as Autism and Us and themed workshops. For more information please click on the link below.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/send-local-offer/about-send-and-the-local-offer/areas-of-need/speech-language-and-communication-needs/support-from-the-communication-and-interaction-team/>

Year 1 end of day collection

Thank you for your patience and flexibility with the changes to the teaching spaces due to the building work. At the end of the day, please can we ask you to wait in a single file line (as you did in Reception) from the double door of the hall and around the side of the building towards the reception outside space. This means we can dismiss the children at the end of the day quickly and safely.



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IF YOU ARE A PARENT OR CARER

You can text a Health Visitor on

07520 631 721

We can help with all kinds of things like....

CHILD HEALTH & MENTAL
DEVELOPMENT HEALTH
ADJUSTING TO SLEEP &
PARENTING FEEDING
ROUTINES
TOILETING CONTINENCE
FAMILY HEALTH

Text us for confidential advice & support

Unless you give permission, a health visitor will not pass on anything you say to anyone else except in extreme circumstances like if the health, safety or welfare of you or someone else is at significant risk. We hold information that you tell us on electronic records that can be seen by other healthcare professionals who all follow the same confidentiality rules.





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YOUNG ARTISTS, SINGERS, MUSICIANS,
PERFORMERS, DANCERS, STREET ARTISTS
& CREATIVE WRITERS**



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We need you!

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The Unnamed Arts Festival on Instagram & Facebook

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