



Newsletter

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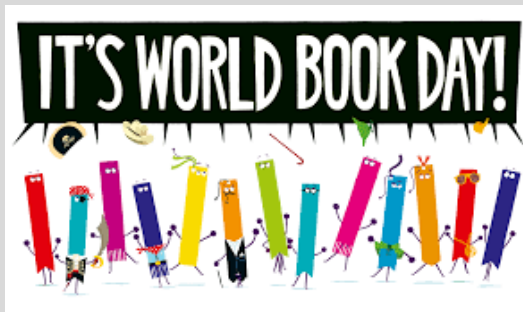
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Absence reporting email

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).



This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. The children across the school will be working with chosen authors and spend the day sharing our love of writing and reading!

We are asking them to dress up in character costumes or pyjamas - to reflect their love of reading! Remember you don't need to go and buy anything special or spend lots of money - Danny Champion of the World wears jeans and a jumper!

As well as a special lunch there will be book vouchers and book prizes!

(Unfortunately Y4 are at Blundell's so will need to come in their PE kit as planned. They will still get their vouchers)

Roof update

The work on the roof continues with the construction of more scaffolding. During half term they have built scaffolding up along the side of the year 3 and 6 classrooms so they can access the roof. This week they are building the same scaffolding along the side of year 4 and 5. You will still be able to collect your child/ren from the outside doors but we ask that you are mindful of others when you are waiting for the children to be released from class.

Learner of the week



FSDB Leo R
FSA Aaron
1B Lottie
1D Harry
2CP Dylan
2SP Jaymes
3E Lola
3K Tulisha
4C Isabelle
4P Zack
5F Mileja
5K Ellie D
6S Kovi
6S/C Harvey

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Charlie P
FSA Toby
1D Everly
2CP Scarlett
2SP Florence
3E Miley
3K Willow
4C Morgan
4P Wesley
5F Lacey
5K Coral
6S Daisy
6S/C Oran

Best Attendance

2SP – 100%



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Diary Dates



**King's Coronation
Bank Holiday
Monday 8th May**

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**

**King's Coronation Bank
Holiday- Monday 8th May**

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

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSA – Ava 1B – Eddie

3K – Fausta & Charlie

**4C – Emily K 5K – Robyn &
Mason**

5F – Sienna, Jake & Kai

School roof pictures

Pictures taken by Ryan Clist of
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Accelerated Reader Achievement

5K - highest average quiz percentages



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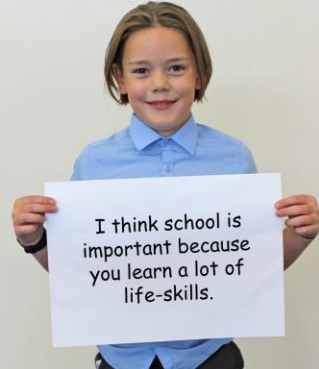
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Attendance

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As you can see from above - the children at HPS know how important attendance is. The National Target for attendance is 96%. Our school target is 97%.

Our current whole school attendance is 94.25% This shows that we are right to focus our attention on prioritising attendance. We will continue to promote and celebrate good attendance in school, and thank you for your support regarding this.

Missing days =Missing out!

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is....	over 13 years schooling
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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Good attendance is important because statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school.

Studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically. With the focus and development on the curriculum that has taken place at school, children who are absent will find gaps in their sequential knowledge.

Our learning day starts as soon as children arrive -there is always morning work on the board which practices the work that they did previously as well as setting up some new learning for the day.

The current attendance from the start of the academic year across the school is:

Year 1: 94.83%

Year 2: 95.57%

Year 3: 95.10%

Year 4: 93.63%

Year 5: 94.52%

Year 6: 94.42%

The class with the best attendance each week gets an extra bit of playtime on a Monday lunchtime.



Thank you for your ongoing support.



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Assemblies at HPS

Each week children have assemblies on various themes.

Monday: an assembly led by a member of staff, celebrating special days or events such as World Book Day or National Science week. It might be about an inspirational person or a **Healthy Me** assembly. Healthy Me assemblies are teaching children about how to stay safe physically and mentally. Topics will include healthy eating, internet safety, road safety, what to do in an emergency (including how to ring 999), dental hygiene etc.

Tuesday: Class assembly - **British Values** assemblies teach children about the rule of law, democracy, individual liberty, tolerance, diversity and respect for others within our society.

Wednesday: as per Monday, however alternate weeks we have visitors from the Church who perform 'Open the Book' assemblies. They tell a story from the bible, explaining what Christian people believe. They involve the children who enjoy holding props or acting out the story.

Thursday: Class assembly about current news topics. (Picture this)

Friday - a weekly **Celebration** assembly led by Miss Higginson (head) or Mrs Sullivan (assistant head of school).

This week's British Values assembly is about Democracy - how do we use this at school? (Some examples are children vote for their class school council rep, the school leaders talk to children during pupil voice - what they like/don't like about school. Year 6 House Captains are voted for. Children might vote for which game to play at lunchtime).

Next week the British Values assembly is about the Rule Of Law. We will be thinking about why we have rules, why they are important, and looking at the story of Goldilocks. What rules did she break?





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Lunchtime Behaviour targets

At HPS we like to notice children getting it right and encourage everyone via praise. Children earn 'golden tickets' throughout the week for showing good lunchtime behaviours. On Thursday each week, a child's name is selected at random from the 'Golden Ticket' box in their classroom. They can then be on the 'Top Table' on a Friday.

What does this mean?

- That child can choose a friend to sit with them on top table (which is at the front of the dinner hall, with a tablecloth and flowers)
- They don't have to queue for their lunch -it is served to them at the table by a meal time assistant
- A member of staff eats their lunch with the Top Table children

The current lunchtime behaviour targets are:

OUTSIDE target-

- We will respect equipment and each other (kind and gently play)
- We will line up quickly and walk quietly into the school building. (This target is ongoing as it has not yet been met and is especially important with the building work that is taking place)

INSIDE target-

- We will try to cut our own food.





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Congratulations



Congratulations to the group of year 5 children who performed in Blundell's School's Spring Concert on 8th February. The children from HPS joined with children from 2 other local primary schools to perform songs from 'Ahoy!', which were energetic pieces composed by Alexandre L'Estrange. The composer is an award-winning British composer, arranger, jazz musician and choral animateur. The children all represented HPS brilliantly, performing with enthusiasm. They really enjoyed the rehearsals as well as the two shows. Well done to everyone involved.

This is a message from Blundell's that we received following the children's performance:

Please pass over our congratulations to all your pupils, what an amazing performance! They were brilliant when we first came to visit and kept that enthusiasm right the way through yesterday, not to mention being extremely well behaved as well. Really impressive.



Congratulations to Ava and Matilda in year 4, who both shared the role of Gretl in the Sound of Music at Tiverton High School before the half term. They dedicated themselves to an intense rehearsal schedule and both performed confidently. We are very proud of them.

Y6 Exmoor Challenge Returns- Parent/Pupil Meeting Thursday 23rd February 3:30-4:30 pm

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in entering this year's Exmoor Challenge on Saturday 20th May 2023. This prestigious event involves a team of four Year 6 pupils to work together, read a map and follow a route over the challenging terrain of Exmoor without adult supervision. If your son/daughter are interested, then please come along and attend a meeting after school on Thursday 23rd February at 3:30pm to learn more.