



Newsletter

15 May, 2023

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On Thursday, 18th May 2023

Is your child in Reception, Years 1 and 2 or entitled to free school meals in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6? If so, please can you help by ensuring that your child has a school dinner on Thursday, 18th May 2023.

This is the day when the School Census is taken and if all of our children have the meals they are entitled to, the school will be given the money required to offer free school meals to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils and those pupils entitled to free school meals in Key Stage 2. If children do not take up their provision on Thursday, 18th May, but have meals throughout the rest of the year, the cost has to come from the school's general budget which means there is less money to spend on teaching and learning. You will be aware from the media of increasing financial pressures on schools and at Heathcoat Primary School we would like to spend all of our money on the children's education.

If you feel that you can help us in achieving this and your child is in Reception, Years 1 and 2 or entitled to free school meals in Years 3-6, please encourage them to take up their school meal this Thursday and help us to help your children.

Thank you for your support



PC Lindsay Dell will be talking to the pupils in Year 5 and 6 this week about how to be safe online and how to keep themselves safe in the community.

Learner of the week



- FSDB George
- FSA Maisie
- 1B Cassidy
- 1D Effie
- 2CP Grace
- 2SP Harry
- 3E Wyatt
- 3K Sophia
- 4C Isabelle
- 4P Edward
- 5F Sienna
- 5K Amelia R
- 6S The whole class
- 6S/C The whole class

Lunchtime Behaviour



- FSDB Orli
- FSA Molly
- 1D Josie
- 2CP Lola
- 2SP Ellyse
- 3E Tilly
- 3K Nathaniel
- 4C Alfie D
- 5F Lily-Rose
- 5K Murray
- 6S Neve
- 6S/C Miley

Best Attendance

6S -100%



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Diary Dates



**Bags 2 School
collection
18th May**

Term Dates



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

**Last day of Summer term
Friday 21st July**

**First day of Autumn term
Wednesday 6th September**

**Autumn Half term
Monday 23rd October –
Friday 27th October**

**Last day of Autumn term
Friday 15th December**

Heathcoat Heroes

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

1B – Alfie

1D – Ellie E & Alicia

**3E – Matthew, Tilly, Emily,
Logan & Olivia**

3K – Willow & Lilymay

4C - Riley

15 to 21 May 2023

Mental Health Awareness Week



#ToHelpMyAnxiety

Next week is Mental Health Awareness week. The focus is anxiety.

Anxiety is **a feeling of unease, such as worry or fear**, which can be mild or severe. Everyone has feelings of anxiety at some point in their life. We will look at anxiety in class and give the children some fun activities and coping strategies to support them if they are feeling anxious.

What are symptoms of anxiety?

Common anxiety signs and symptoms include:

- Feeling nervous, restless or tense.
- Having a sense of impending danger, panic or doom.
- Having an increased heart rate.
- Breathing rapidly (hyperventilation)
- Sweating.
- Trembling.
- Feeling weak or tired.
- Trouble concentrating or thinking about anything other than the present worry.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a website that offers practical and accessible advice to parents and carers of children aged 4-11.

All of the content has been created by Place2Be's parenting experts and is based on evidence and their experiences of working with children, young people and their families. It contains over 40 articles with advice for parents about some common parenting questions.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



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A reminder about our Love of Reading session tomorrow (Tuesday) at 2.55pm. Please coming in and enjoy being able to sit and talk to your child about their book. We have asked for one parent per family due to space inside classrooms. Please enter and exit classrooms via the outside classroom door and if you would like to see your child in another classroom you will need to go around the outside of the building. Children must stay in the classroom with their teacher. They will not be moving classrooms. So, if you have more than one child, please split your time between their classrooms. At 3.10pm you will be asked to wait outside to collect children in the usual way.

Anyone wanting to go to the Book Fayre will need to wait by the Y3/4 cloakroom doors for 3.20pm when it opens.

This week is our Book Fair. Everyday from 3.20pm-3.45pm in the cathedral. Please wait by the Y3/4 cloakroom doors. You can pay by cash or through the QR code available to scan on your phone.



A huge well done and thank you to our Year 6 children and their parents for their support, hard work and resilience shown during SATs week last week.



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HPS Bike Shed



We have noticed that more and more children are coming to school on scooters and bikes. As a result of this, we have seen that the bike shed is becoming very busy. Some very clever children came up with the idea of how to store their scooters safely, please see pictures attached. This way of storing the bikes/scooters prevents them from being knocked over, getting damaged and causing damage to other scooters/bikes. It is important that all children are encouraged by parents (as well as teachers) to store bikes/scooters more carefully. One of our TRAIN values is RESPECT. Please ask children to respect each other's property as well as respecting one another by taking turns and waiting in the mornings/after school if there are already several children in the bike shed. Please enter the bike shed when it becomes less busy.



Bike & Scooter safety

We are delighted that so many children walk and ride to school as this is great for physical health, mental wellbeing and fabulous for our environment. It is, however, a concern that some children are riding back and forth across the road in front of the school's main gate in the mornings. There have recently been two incidents where children have ridden out in front of cars.

Please can we ask that:

- Children remain on the pedestrian gate side of the road outside of the main school entrance in the morning, and do not scoot/ride across the road outside of school.
- Parents do not drop off children outside the main school gates. Please note that this has been requested regularly in our school newsletter. **We do not want a serious accident to take place. We really need your support to keep our school children and local community safe.**



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WELCOME TO YOUR FREE COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL



EXHIBITIONS • LIVE MUSIC • MAKERS

MAY
20th & 21st
10am-4pm

**Phoenix
Lane &
Creativ
Hub**

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Kids art activities
Art Exhibitions
Creative Writing
Street Art demos
Musicians
Makers stalls
Food vans.*

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