



## Newsletter

22 May, 2023

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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](mailto: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).

### Smoking and vaping on school site

Smoking and vaping is prohibited on school site. If you need to bring a vape onto school, it must remain in your bag or pocket. Other parents have commented that they are having to breathe in smoke or vape from other parents whilst waiting to come onto the site as they are vaping/smoking outside the school gates. Please consider the health and well being of all members of our community.

### School uniform

Thank you to all those children who are coming to school each day in the correct school uniform. We would like to remind children that shorts and skirts should be down to the knee including on PE days. Nail varnish is not school uniform and should be saved for the holidays.

### Hot weather

It is important every child has a water bottle in school, so they regularly fill it up during the day. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing sun cream and has cream to reapply later in the day. A hat will also help keep the sun off their face.

### For Sale



We have HPS logo sun hats for sale, at £1 each. If you would like to purchase a hat for your child please come to the school office at the end of the day.

### Learner of the week



FSDB Summer  
FSA Keir  
1B Eddie  
1D Eric  
2CP Isla  
2SP Boris  
3E Libby  
3K Grace  
4C Mayzie  
4P William  
5F Liana  
5K Frankie  
6S Neve, Katie & Aiden  
6S/C Lily C

### Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Otis  
FSA Leo K  
1B Charlie  
1D Benjamin  
2CP Harry  
3E Bethany  
3K Lola  
4C Daisy  
4P Layla  
5F Isla  
5K Murray  
6SC Keeley

### Best Attendance

2SP – 100%



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### Diary Dates



**Class Photographs**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

### Term Dates



**Summer Half term**  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May –**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Last day of Summer term**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**First day of Autumn term**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**Autumn Half term**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October –**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Last day of Autumn term**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

### Heathcoat Heroes

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

**FSA – Kayde, Mia & Ava R**

**FSDb – Joshua, Ida & Taylor**

**1D – Jayden 2SP- Ashleigh**

**4P – Oakley & Finlay**

**5K – Lucas 6S - Phoebe**



Thank you to everyone who supported the school with the Bag 2 School collection. We raised an amazing £195 for the school.

### Contacting staff

If you wish to contact the class teacher you can email the year group email addresses, which goes to all the teachers who teach in that year group. Staff are unable to check emails whilst they are teaching the children. If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please use the email addresses below. If you wish to pass on any important information that needs to be addressed urgently, please contact the school office who will be able to pass that information onto the relevant staff. Staff on the gate will be unable to pass on messages, so please contact the office to share any information.

You can also speak to the teacher briefly at the end of day, once all the children have been sent home.

year1@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk  
year2@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk  
year3@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk  
year4@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk  
year5@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk  
year6@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

Nursery and Reception teachers can be contacted via Tapestry.

### Accelerated Reader Achievement

Year 2 highest average quiz percentages



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### Reception & Nursery Fire Service visit

Last Wednesday the children in reception and nursery had a very special visitor. We welcomed Gelvin Williams, a local firefighter to talk to the children about his role and responsibilities. He talked to the children about what the Fire and Rescue service do and how the emergency services can be contacted by dialing 999.

Gelvin said that his most common call out for fires was to do with people who are distracted when cooking and then things set on fire. He said that electrical fires were on the increase and talked about the importance of not charging devices such as mobile phones or laptops overnight.

Part of Gelvin's role is to educate home owners about the importance of fire safety. He talked about fire alarms and how to check they are working.

Mrs Bard got to try on some of the Fire PPE (personal protective equipment). The boots and helmet were very heavy and the clothing was thick and hot!

The children asked lots of really sensible questions and learnt where the nearest fire station was and a little bit of science about how to stop fires from spreading.

All children received a sticker and we shared the story of "Frances the Firefly" to highlight the importance of being safe around fires.







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### Police visit: Keeping safe online

On Wednesday last week, the children in year 5 and 6 had an educational visit from police officer, Lindsay Dell. She spoke to the children about her role in the police as well as how they can keep themselves safe online.

She explained:

- **PEGI ratings** on PS4 and Xbox games: These are in place to keep children safe. If children see and experience things which are scary or inappropriate, they cannot un-see them. This can cause worries and upsets for them or lead to confusion about appropriate ways to behave.
- **APPs** can also carry age ratings.
- **Did you know** that SNAPCHAT is rated as age 13+? This is because the messages that people send disappear after a short time and so this can lead to some people using it in an unkind way, believing that they cannot be traced.
- The age of **criminal responsibility** for children in UK is 10, and therefore anyone who sends threatening or unkind messages could be prosecuted for 'malicious communication'. She reassured them that the police do not want to prosecute children and give them a criminal record, but they want children to understand that the choices they make have consequences.
- The children learnt that the police can **retrieve messages** from SNAPCHAT or WHATSAPP. Even if you think they have been deleted or disappeared, the police have the power to get them back.

### Staying Safe Online



**Never give out your name, address, phone number, email, password or school name**



**Tell an adult if anything makes you feel uncomfortable, scared or confused**



**Never send a picture of yourself to a stranger**



**Tell an adult if anyone online asks to meet you**



**Never open emails, links or files from people you don't know and trust**



**Never tell a stranger where you are going or what time**



**Always check with an adult before downloading**



**Don't use rude language online**





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# Be Smart Online

## a parent guide



## To report online crime contact

**Devon & Cornwall Police**

**Non emergency** 📞 [dc.police.uk/reportcrime](https://dc.police.uk/reportcrime) ✉ [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk) ☎ 101  
**Emergency** ☎ 999

**Action Fraud**

📞 [actionfraud.police.uk](https://actionfraud.police.uk) ☎ 0300 123 2040



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# Top six tips

- 1 **Talk to your kids** about what website/apps they are using, how they work, why they enjoy them and who else is using them.
- 2 Encourage access to the internet from a family or communal room, it is **not recommended** to use devices in the bedroom.
- 3 **Check virus protection** is updated on all computers and mobile devices.
- 4 **Sign up** to your service provider's family filtering service, all the major providers now offer this service for free.
- 5 **Tighten up on privacy settings** for websites and apps. This prevents inappropriate people from viewing or contacting children.
- 6 Consider using **parental controls** on devices, which can limit the time used by apps/games or the internet.

## For further information

**Devon & Cornwall Police** [dc.police.uk](http://dc.police.uk)

**Get Safe Online** [getsafeonline.org](http://getsafeonline.org)

**Thinkuknow** [thinkuknow.co.uk](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)

**NSPCC** [nspcc.org.uk](http://nspcc.org.uk)

**ChildLine** [childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk)

**Safer Internet Centre** [saferinternet.org.uk](http://saferinternet.org.uk)







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### Reception Forest School

FSA really enjoyed their Forest School session on Friday afternoon last week. They spent time exploring the pond area and were excited when they found a toad! Mr Newsome showed the class how to make smores and the children enjoyed toasting marshmallows over the camp fire. At the end of the afternoon. Mr Newsome poured some special powder into the fire which turned the flames blue! It was a muddy, smoky afternoon, full of adventure.







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## Reception PBuzz

On Friday afternoon FSDB had a fun afternoon exploring the PBuzz. We learnt that the "P" stood for "plastic" because the instrument is made from plastic and the "buzz" part is what we need to do to get the instrument to make a sound.

We had great fun blowing raspberries to get our lips vibrating.

We then introduced the mouthpiece and the children were using them as telescopes to see who they could see across the other side of the circle.

We did some call and response style games and there was lots of laughter and excited "I did it!" or "look I can make a sound!"

We explored the sound the instrument makes and even used the slide, which everyone enjoyed.

Finally, we played along to "We will rock you" buzzing on the "rock you" part of the song. The children enjoyed being rock stars and turning their PBuzz into air guitars!







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### Exmoor Challenge 2023

Congratulations to Isabelle, Daisy-Mai, Lily and Keeley in Year 6 for completing this year's Exmoor Challenge on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The girls showed sheer resilience and determination during the hot weather whilst walking over the challenging 16.1 miles of the Exmoor terrain. Thank you to the girls, their parents, Leo Biles, Mr and Mrs Soper and the Exmoor Rotary Club, who as always supervise and organise a worthy sporting event.





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The Improvement plan requires the Devon SEND Improvement Partnership to monitor performance against a set of measures. The Department of Education are monitoring progress closely and are looking for evidence on the impact of improvements on the experience of children and families.

Today the partnership is launching two surveys.

- One is for the families of children and young people.
- One is for young people themselves.

Together these surveys will give us a baseline of your experiences so we can measure the impact of improvements in future.



**Parent Carer Forum Devon survey link**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PCMayBaseline>



**Impacts survey link**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YPMayBaseline>





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# HALF TERM CRICKET CAMP AT HEATHCOAT CRICKET CLUB



With Level 2 Coach Liam Lewis  
& Dylan Penberthy:

- Tuesday 30th May

8:30-14:30

- Wednesday 31st May

9:00-15:00

- Thursday 1st June

9:00-15:00

£30

per day

Boys & Girls

Aged 5 - 16

**NO EXPERIENCE  
NECESSARY**



For bookings and for further  
information please email  
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**Libraries  
Unlimited**

# Half term @ TIVERTON LIBRARY

**Tuesday  
30th May**

### 10.30 am Tiny Boppers

Action rhymes and parachute games. Ideal for toddlers but all under 5s and their grown ups are welcome. FREE

**Thursday  
1st June**

### 10.30 am Bounce & Rhyme

New and old rhymes. Perfect for pre-walkers but all under 5s and their grown ups are welcome. FREE

### 2.30pm Half Term Crafts

Make art from junk at our FREE event! For children aged 5+ and their families.

**Friday  
2nd June**

### 10.30am Storm in a Teapot

Boo to a Goose present an interactive theatre show for children aged 4-8 and their families. Tickets are £3 per child - accompanying adults and 0-2s go free. Book your tickets at <https://tivertonteapot.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Saturday  
3rd June**

### 10.30 am Saturday Storytime

Stories and colourings for under 5s and their families. FREE

### 2 - 3.30pm Lego Club

For LEGO builders over 5 and their grown ups. FREE just drop in

01884 244 644

[tiverton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk](mailto:tiverton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk)

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# Fencing for Beginners!

**Westex Sports & Social Club**  
**10am-11am**  
**Ages 8-11**



**Booking details & more at**  
**[Facebook.com/HeartofDevonSwords](https://www.facebook.com/HeartofDevonSwords)**

Image by Alyn Sparkes.

**Start our new class on Saturday 20 May @ Tiverton**