



Newsletter

12 June, 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, 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). If no contact is made, we will follow our attendance procedures and a member of senior management may visit your home address.

Please advise the office of any changes in your contact details by emailing admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk

Planning for September

It is that time of year again when we start planning for September. We are currently finalising staffing and classes for the coming year. When arranging the classes, we will take into account the gender mix and the range of abilities to meet the learning needs of all the children.

On 28th June the children will have an opportunity to meet their new class teacher for September. From September year 3 & 4 will reduce to 3 classes and will be a mixed year group due to low pupil numbers and the restructure.

Prime drinks



Please can we remind you that all children they should have a drinks bottle in school so they can have access to water when they need it. Sports drinks including Prime drinks should **not** be brought to school.

Summer reading challenge



Summer reading challenge at Tiverton library. More information to follow before launch date in July.

Learner of the week



FSDB Taylor
FSA Aaron
1B The whole class
1D The whole class
2CP Dylan
2SP Ashleigh
3E Mikey
3K Irisa
4C Tanner
4P Indy
5F Isla
5K Faith
6S Nicola
6S/C Blake

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Summer
FSA Arthur
1D Jayden
2CP Orson
2SP Tomas
3E Lola
3K Grace
4C Edward
5F Poppy
5K Murray
6S Amelia T
6S/C Daisy

Best Attendance

3K -100%



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Diary Dates



Sports day
4th July

Term Dates



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

First day of Spring term
Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Extra-curricular clubs

We are keen for children to have a really enjoyable time at HPS. At lunchtimes, mealtime assistants encourage play, supervise football matches, support children with friendships and assist them with their meals. It is lovely to have such a wonderful outdoor area and for children to have the field and playground area to run around, play and explore. Teachers offer a variety of extra-curricular clubs each term. These clubs all take place during lunchtime, except for netball club which is after school.

Here is a list of the clubs on offer for this half term.

Summer 2	Staff responsible	Offered to which year groups
MONDAY		
Cricket	Mrs Holman	Yr 5/6
TUESDAY		
Netball Club	Miss Kneller	Yr5/6 (AFTER SCHOOL)
Book club	Miss Higginson	Yr 3 and 4
WEDNESDAY		
Story club	Mrs Bowkett	Reception
Pokemon club	Mrs Sullivan	KS2
THURSDAY		
Yoga	Mrs Gunn	Reception
Running Club	Mr Payne	KS2
FRIDAY		
BSL	Mrs Johnson	Year 1

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSA – Toby

3E – Freddie 3K – Lola

6SC – Darcy

Accelerated Reader Achievement

highest average quiz percentages



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D-Day Commemoration at People's Park- 6th June

School council children walked with Miss Kneller and Mrs Budden to People's park where they represented the school and took part in a D-Day commemoration service.

On returning to school we had received an email from the Town Council to say the following:

We just wanted to say on behalf of the Town Council and British Legion, how impressed we were with your students who came along to the D-Day Commemoration at People's Park today.

They were so polite, listened with keen interest and answered questions and participated in the blessings and prayers. They were all so lovely and a real credit to your school, the staff should be incredibly proud.

The staff at HPS are very proud of the way that the school council children conducted themselves, and know that you as parents and families will be very proud of them too.





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Heathcoat Primary School Sports Day 2023 Tuesday 4th July 2023



We're glad to announce the events and running order of this year's HPS Sports day. Parents are invited to come along and watch and support their children. However, they will not be allowed onsite during lunch.

Below is a timetable showing when each year group will be performing in addition to the events they will be participating in:

09:15am – 10:15am	Years 1 & 2	1:30-2:30pm	Reception
10:15am- 11:15am	Years 5& 6	2:30pm-3pm	Nursery
11:15am – 12:30pm	Years 3&4		

Lunch 12:30-1:30 Parents please off site.

The field will have six lanes marked out for a 100m sprint as well as 6 lanes marking a 200m circular track with relay changeover boxes at each 50m interval.

Each Year group will be competing together as house teams with all the children taking part in all the races, aiming to score points for their house team. Everyone will score points which will go towards the whole school inter-house sports day winner's total. The overall winners will be announced on the following Friday's Celebration assembly and house points awarded for each team's overall position. The winning house team will then receive a treat, which will be announced nearer the time.

Nursery, will run and organise their own sports day like previous years. All the children across all year groups from Reception to Year six will compete in all events and pending where they finish will be awarded the following points towards their house team:

1st	10 points	2nd 8 points	3rd 6 points
4th	4 points	5th 2 points	6th 1 point

Each child has been allocated a house team and encouraged to dress in their house colours:

Team Colour	House Name	Team Colour	House Name
Yellow	Dart	Orange	Culm
Red	Exe	Green	Barle
Blue	Lowman	Purple/Black	Otter



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Reception-Little Explorers

Last Friday, we held our first "Little Explorers" session. We listened to the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and talked about the life cycle of a caterpillar before venturing outside to explore the school sensory garden looking for leaves, twigs, flowers, ferns and small grasses to create our very own hungry caterpillars. We had lots of fun exploring and making the caterpillars!





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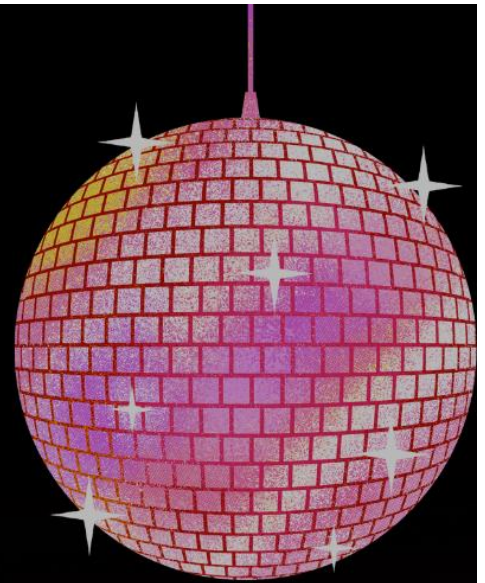
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School Disco

Please see the letter that has been emailed home today for more information and the form to fill in for permission for your child to attend.

SCHOOL DISCO



THURSDAY 29TH JUNE

4.00-4.45 FOUNDATION & KS1 (INCL NURSERY)

5.00-5.45 KS2

£2 PER CHILD

WHICH INCLUDES A DRINK AND PACKET OF SWEETS





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Year 6 diary dates

We are very busy and excited with all of the activities coming up for Year 6 so felt it best to share the key dates with you. Some events will involve some of the children, others include everyone. More information about the Year 6 Celebration Evening will come in due course.

Year 6 Dates

Tuesday 20 th June	Year 6 Cricket Festival at THS
Wednesday 21 st June	HPS Swimming Gala
Wednesday 21 st June	Heathcoat's Got Talent
wc Monday 26 th June	Hoodies arriving
Tuesday 27 th June	Maggie Fasey Challenge
Wednesday 28 th June	THS Transition Day
Thursday 29 th June	THS Transition Day
Thursday 29 th June	School Disco
Tuesday 4 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 Celebration Evening (including parents)



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New Guide to SEN support in schools



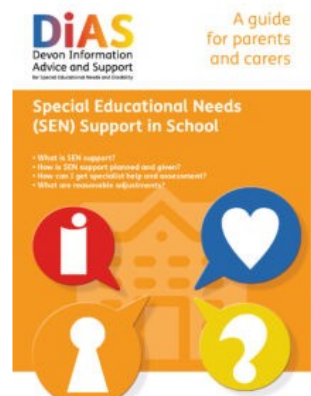
SEND news: update from DIAS

The thing we probably get asked most about on our enquiry line is how a school can support a child with SEND.

From the kind of support that's possible, through to school plans and meetings and getting more help when things aren't going well, it's a big and important topic. So, to help answer your questions, we've brought lots of information together in a new booklet.

It's full of practical tips and advice and based on what happens every day in schools. Available as a PDF and a printed booklet, it takes parents and carers step by step through SEN support in schools. As well as setting out the law and everyone's rights and responsibilities, it also includes information about:

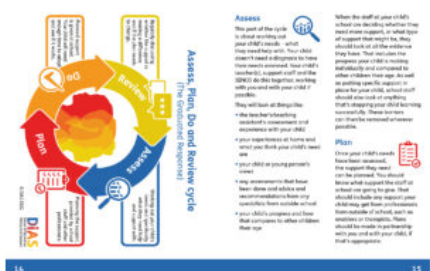
- what kind of support is and should be available in all schools
- what a SENCO is and what they do
- reasonable adjustments – what these are how they can support your child to manage in school
- school plans and meetings
- your role as a parent
- how schools plan and give support
- Early Help – what that is and how it works
- getting specialist help and assessment
- what an educational psychologist is and what they do



The booklet has colour coded sections, small chunks of information and step by step guides to processes. The information is easy to find and clearly written.

This booklet is the third of several planned guides for parents and carers. We already have guides to [EHC needs assessment](#) and [EHC plans and reviews](#). A future booklet in development will look at suspensions and exclusions.

You can download the booklet to read and keep. If you'd like a printed copy of the booklet, [contact us](#) with your name and address.





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Childhood Vaccinations

Starting or returning to school is an exciting time for all children. As they will be mixing with lots of other children, making sure they are up to date with their routine immunisations gives them the best protection from what can be very harmful infections.

A list of the vaccinations your child should have had, by age, is available via this link [NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

If you are not sure if your child has had all of their vaccinations, please check their personal health record (the red book) and if you have any questions, contact your child's doctor's surgery.

If you have any concerns about vaccinations, you may wish to read about the benefits of vaccination and possible risks to your child if they were to catch these diseases.

Helpful information is available from the NHS online;

[Why vaccination is safe and important - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[NHS video \(on youtube\) about vaccinating your child](#)

[Vaccination tips for parents - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

