



# Newsletter

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

## Mid Devon Show Art Competition



# 22nd July 2023

*Non Stop Activity from 8.30am to 5.30pm*

*A true Celebration of Mid Devon Life*

*and One of Devon's Best Days Out*

*Entertainment - Food - Drink - Shopping - Music - Farm Life*

Closing date for entries need to be in school (to class teacher) by **Wednesday 28th June 2023**.

Nursery, Reception, Yr1 and 2, teachers have been given the template for the children to use.

Nursery & Pre-School Decorate, colour or paint the Chicken - using the template provided.

Reception Decorate, colour or paint the Duck - using the template provided

Year 1 and 2 Decorate, colour or paint the Cockerel - using the template provided

Year 3 and 4, Harvest

Year 5 and 6, Wildlife Meadow

## **Competition Rules**

Entries must be landscape on A4 sized paper.

Name, year group and school must be on the back of the entry

Prize winners will be notified via their school.

## Learner of the week



FSDB Ida  
 FSA Harlee  
 1B Naaya  
 1D Maya  
 2CP Lydia  
 2SP Layla-Jane  
 3E Olivia  
 3K Miller  
 4C Morgan  
 4P Peter  
 5F Mason  
 5K Megan  
 6S The whole class  
 6S/C The whole class

## Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Ava  
 2CP Lydia  
 2SP Quinn  
 3E Libby  
 3K Edward  
 5F Kai  
 6S/C Roxy

## Best Attendance

5K – 100%



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## Diary Dates



Meet the new  
teacher  
28<sup>th</sup> June

## Term Dates



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

First day of Spring term  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Charlie who took part in the British Cycling National series event, riding BMX in Manchester and came 7th!



## Heathcoat Heroes

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

**FSDB – Hallie J 1D – Josie**

**2SP- Jessica 2CP- Dylan**

**4c – Tanner 5K – Coral**

## 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.



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## Attendance

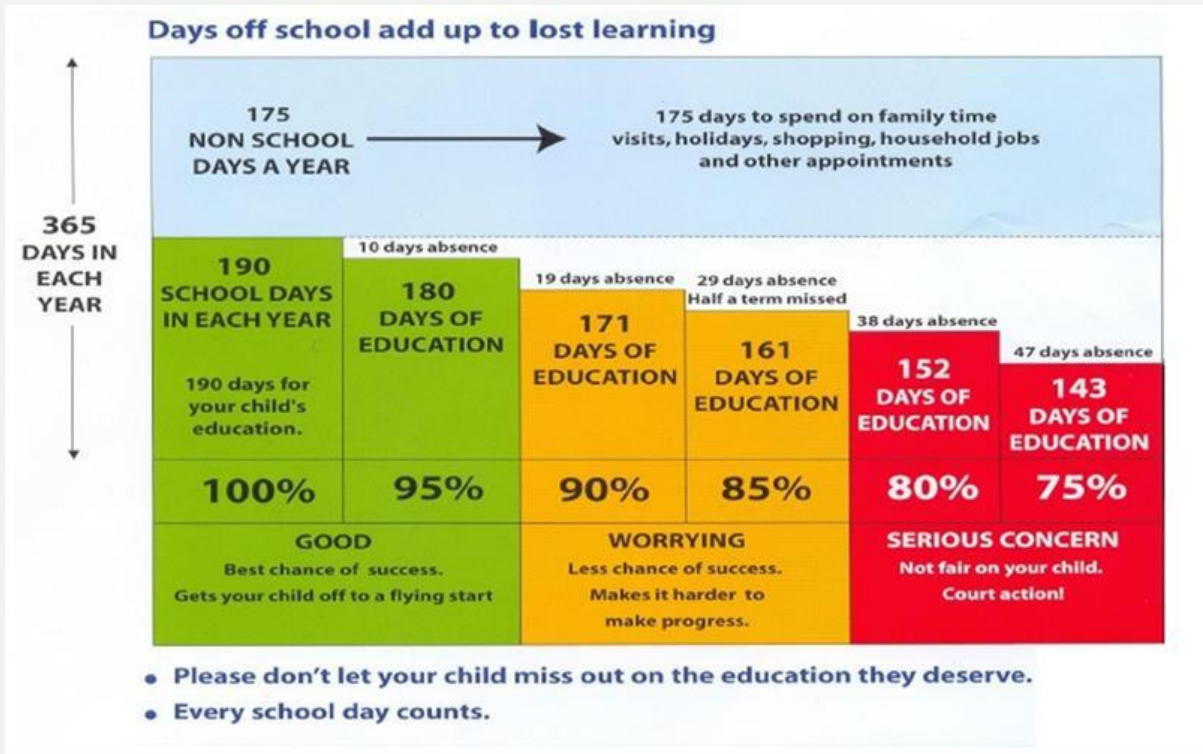
Good attendance is important because statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school.

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: 94.26%
- Year 2: 95.92%
- Year 3: 95.96%
- Year 4: 93.51%
- Year 5: 93.77%
- Year 6: 94.83%





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## Information about tick bites

Playing outdoors is great fun but remember to look out for ticks!

### What are ticks?

Ticks are small, spider-like mini beasts that feed on the blood of animals including people. Ticks don't fly or jump, but live in long grass, bushes and shrubs. You can find them in the woods, places with long grass, and sometimes parks and gardens. Ticks wait on the tips of plants and when you brush past, they climb on.

### Why should I look out for ticks?

It is important that you look out for ticks and remove them as soon as possible. Some ticks can carry diseases, like Lyme disease and it is important to know what ticks are and what to do if you get bitten.

### Which is the safest way to remove a tick?

The safest way to remove a tick is by using a pair of fine-tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool. Always contact your GP or dial 111 promptly if you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms or develop a spreading circular red rash.

**For more information click on the link below**

[Tick awareness A5 leaflet for printing \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)



## Teddy sleepover in aid of CHAT



We are supporting CHAT this week by asking children to bring a teddy into school on Wednesday for a sleepover in their classroom. The teddy will then go home again on Thursday. CHAT will be talking to the children about the support they provide in assembly today. If your child would like to take part and support this charity, then please bring in a teddy and a small donation on Wednesday.



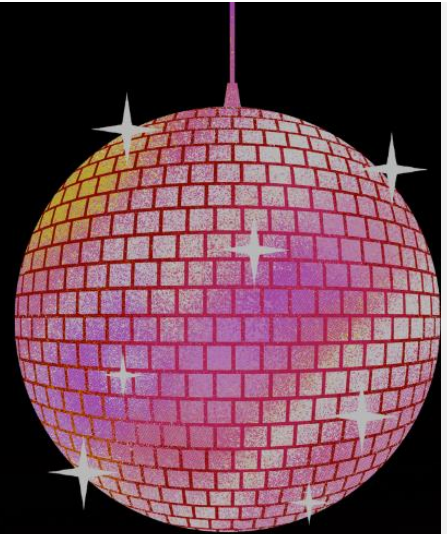


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# SCHOOL DISCO



## 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**

Please make sure you have signed your child up for the school disco!  
The link on the form closes tomorrow evening.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=C\\_vTRKAIBEeHvhOSn2IWEiCijtG-OHZNtGRN2aNaef1UQkhMWkhGOExWRFMzSEIJOVRXMDFDMEVHTi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=C_vTRKAIBEeHvhOSn2IWEiCijtG-OHZNtGRN2aNaef1UQkhMWkhGOExWRFMzSEIJOVRXMDFDMEVHTi4u)



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## Local MP visit

On Friday, Richard Foord MP gave a talk in assembly to the whole school about his role in our community.



## Breakfast & After School Club

If you would like to make changes to the sessions that your child has from September 2023 onwards, please email [alisonwilliams@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk](mailto:alisonwilliams@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk) with details of which sessions you require by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

## Class photographs

Just a reminder that you have 10 days to order your child's class photograph and have it delivered to school before the end of term. If you order after this date home delivery is available for £5 postage and packing.



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## Autism and Us parent programme and autism-themed workshops (summer/autumn term 2023)

Support for parents/carers of Devon’s primary and secondary children who are either on the autism waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Our ‘Autism & Us’ programme and themed workshops delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the autumn term 2023 for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post-diagnosis. We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of children and young people (CYP) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the Autism and Us parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child’s presenting needs.

4 weekly ‘live online’ sessions (approximately 2 hours each) related to the following topics or themes:

Autumn Term:	Programme 1	Programme 2
Autism overview	14th September 10am – 12pm	31st October 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Communication	20th September 10am – 12pm	7th November 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Understanding and supporting behaviour	5th October 10am – 12pm	14th November 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Sensory	12th October 10am – 12pm	21st November 4.30pm – 6.30pm

To secure a place on either of the above programmes, or to express your interest in forthcoming programmes, please send an email to [educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk](mailto:educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk). We will confirm your booking and provide you with a direct link to the event. Events will be delivered online ‘live’ using the Microsoft Teams platform.



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## Additional topic-based workshops autumn term 2023

The following topic-based workshops will also be available for parents/carers of children and young people (CYP) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis. You can choose from these based on the relevance to you and your family.

Date	Time	Topic	Trainer
1st November	10am – 12pm	Autism – vulnerability and online safety	Paul Lamanna
8th November	9.30am -12pm	Autism and girls	Robert Good
15th November	10am – 12pm	Autism – managing stress and anxiety	Alison Cann
16th November	10am – 12pm	Autism – sensory processing and integration	Kevin Jones
22nd November	10am – 12pm	Autism – communication (pre or non-verbal – support strategies)	Laura Matthews
6th December	10am – 12pm	Autism – demand avoidance and pathological demand avoidance	Robert Good
12th December	10am – 12pm	Autism – communication (verbal – support strategies)	Laura O’Shea & Melissa New

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# Boys & Girls WANT TO TRY RUGBY?

TIVERTON RFC ARE  
LOOKING FOR FUTURE  
RUGBY PLAYERS TO JOIN  
OUR AMAZING MINI  
SQUADS (U7-U11s)

# HAVE A LOT OF FUN AND MAKE FRIENDS

TO FIND OUT MORE VISIT  
<https://trfcjuniors.co.uk/>

OR EMAIL US  
[admin@trfcjuniors.co.uk](mailto:admin@trfcjuniors.co.uk)

