



## Newsletter

11 September, 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 leadership may visit your home address.

### House points for 2022/2023

We are pleased to announce the house point totals for the academic year 22/23.

**Dart -11,472**

**Culm - 11,396**

**Lowman – 11,033**

**Otter – 10,573**

**Exe -10,183**

**Barle – 9,622**

### Year 5/6 bikeability

Just a reminder that bikeability will be starting week commencing 18th September, further details will be sent out soon. Meanwhile, please can parents ensure their child's bike has been checked, especially seat height in the event of any growth spurts. Finally, please can parents ensure both bikes and helmets are labelled with their child's name and class e.g Peter S 6S

### School site

Just a polite reminder that children from the High school should not be entering the HPS site at the end of the school day to use it as a short cut home.

### Learner of the week



FSDB The whole class  
FSA The whole class  
1B The whole class  
1D The whole class  
2G The whole class  
2P The whole class  
3/4 CB Dawson & Austeja  
3/4 CP Miley  
3/4 MP Kayleb  
5F Lewis  
5K Isabelle  
6S Harrison  
6S/C The whole class

### Are your contact details up to date?

Please advise the office of any changes in your contact details by emailing

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### Best Attendance

FSDB, 2G, 3/4CB

100%





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### Diary Dates



Parents welcome at  
HPS- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
September

### Term Dates



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

Spring Half term  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February –  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

### Inspirational Pupil

In the last week of the term, we were delighted to welcome back ex-pupil, Millie Gubby, who is starring in the musical Aspects of Love (with Michael Ball) in London's West End. Millie came in to inspire our current pupils to **Never Give Up** and to **Aim High** (2 of our **TRAIN** values). The children learnt that Millie (who is now 17 years old) has been dancing and performing since she was 2/3 years old at Willow Tree Dance and Theatre Company, and that she practises for up to 12 hours a week on top of her school work. Millie shared that she has been to lots of auditions and been told 'no' on countless occasions, but that she keeps trying and being resilient. She has performed in festivals where she has won gold medals, and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 'All England' competition for her Song and Dance performance. As well as answering questions about the show, Millie sang 'Colours of the Wind' from Pocahontas. The children and staff were very impressed and we are all incredibly proud of all that she has achieved. We look forward to hearing what Millie does next!



### Heathcoat Heroes

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



#### 1D – Tiana

Tiana was thrilled to be the first child to be awarded Dark Green this year! Tiana worked independently and demonstrated super focus during continuous provision time. Tiana put the number cards into numerical order and then counted out sets of objects, matching them to the correct numeral. Well done, Tiana!



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### Become a packed lunch pro!

As we return to school, and finances can be tight, it can be tricky to come up with packed lunch ideas that are healthy, cheap and interesting.

**Bagels, bread, wraps:** If you buy a loaf of bread, some wraps or bagels and don't want to use the whole packet, you can freeze a few items in freezer bags. (Make sure that squeeze the air out of the freezer bag before freezing). This is great for saving on waste.

**Making sandwiches** Use **mature** cheddar and cut it using a potato peeler (or grate it) to make it go further. The stronger taste means you can use a little less cheese but still get the flavour.

**Pasta salad** – cook your pasta and mix it with a sauce. Try adding some cooked mixed vegetables. You can make a big batch and then put it in containers to use for several people, or make several lunches over 2 or 3 days.

**Fruit and veg-** bananas, apples, carrots and cucumber last all week in the fridge and don't go soggy in lunchboxes.

**Hummus or dips** -if you buy a bigger pot of dip or hummus, you can decant it into smaller pots and have dips each day. This is cheaper than buying the small pots.

**Homemade** flapjacks and cakes are cheaper to make than they are to buy -and you know what ingredients are going into them.

**Please remember that we have children in school with nut allergies. Please do not use NUTELLA or allow children to bring in HAZELNUT spread/crepes.**





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### Golden tickets and Top Table

In order to encourage super lunchtime behaviour, we have an INDOOR and OUTDOOR behaviour target for each half term.

Currently the **indoor target** is to **use indoor voices and finish food in our mouths before we speak to our friends.**

The **outdoor target** is **respect- we will play kindly (no rough play).**

When the mealtime assistants (MTAs) see children who are making the effort towards these targets, they will give them a 'Golden Ticket'. The child post this into a little box in their classroom and each week a golden ticket is picked from the box. That child gets to sit (with a chosen friend) on the 'Top Table' on Friday lunchtimes.

**Top Table** is a special table at the front of the dinner hall with a tablecloth and flowers. A member of staff joins the children for lunch and each child gets served their lunch to the table by an MTA rather than having to queue.

The children who achieve top table are mentioned in the newsletter each week.

### Forest School

We are delighted to inform you that Forest School sessions are commencing for Year 2 in the Autumn Term. Please note that Forest School is held on a Friday afternoon.

Mr Newsome has planned a session for each class which includes activities which are designed to develop Communication and Language skills, Personal and Social skills and to develop children's confidence and self-esteem. They will also link to another curriculum area such as Science, Art and PSHE

Forest School dates are as follows:

**2P – Mr Pitt's class will have their session on:  
Friday: 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**2G – Miss Gray's class will have their session on:  
Friday: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

For more information about Forest School please click on the link below.

[Forest Schools at HPS - Heathcoat Primary School](#)



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### End of Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Has your child passed the reading challenge finishing line?



It's been fantastic to see over 700 children in Tiverton Library this Summer taking part in Ready, Set, Read! Our Summer Reading Challenge. To complete the challenge children must read 6 library books by 4pm on Saturday 16th September. They will receive a medal, a certificate will be sent to their school to be presented in assembly, and they will be entered into two amazing prize draws as well as receiving their play voucher for Tiverton's board game café, Bridge Troll. The school in the Tiverton area with the highest percentage of finishers will also win an inter-schools shield. So if your child hasn't completed yet, please make sure they pass the finish line! Please ring the library on 01884 244644 if you need any support or information.

### The Big Hero 3 Campaign

A life-changing campaign has been launched to help give a ten-year-old from Tiverton a bionic arm. Robyn, who is a pupil at Heathcoat Primary School and has lived in the town all her life was born without her left hand.

The Big Hero 3 Campaign is run by the Open Bionics Foundation in Bristol and gives 3 children partial funding towards a platinum hero arm package and we then have to raise the shortfall of £16,000 (between the 3 families). If you would like to support the campaign please click on the link below.

<https://gofund.me/91f9701e>





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# September 22nd, 23rd & 24th DadFest2023™

Location: Beryl's Campsite, Beeson, Devon. TQ7 2HW

**The 10th DadFest! Awarded 'Best Small Event in the UK' & the only festival just for dads & their children**

campfire stories • archery • dads choir • bat walk  
• bushcraft & Forest School • star-gazing • tattoos •  
circus skills • stroke a lobster • art & craft space •  
woodland trail • spoon carving • beach fishing •  
pizza-making • local food & beers • & more...

**Official 2023 World Dad Dancing Championship**

**Friday 22nd Sept to Sunday 24th Sept**

**DadFest2023 tickets must be bought in advance**

Children aged 5 & under     £10

Children aged 6 & over     £50

Dads/ male carers:     £80

DadFest Ticket = camping & all weekend activities included

Concessions available – please contact the organisers

**Book early. Book on our website [www.dangerousdads.org.uk](http://www.dangerousdads.org.uk)**

**or email: [dadfestbookings@gmail.com](mailto:dadfestbookings@gmail.com)**





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Lea Road, Tiverton EX16 6SU

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
10:00am - 12:00pm



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