



Newsletter

18 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, 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.

Extra-Curricular Clubs at HPS

Exciting extra-curricular clubs have now been running at HPS for a whole week.

On the first day of school, the children were all asked to sign up to a club of their choice. Some clubs were really popular so will be running again next half term to enable children to take part.

Lunchtime Clubs this half term are:

Rec -yoga and mindfulness with Mrs Gunn (Friday)

Year 1 & 2 - reading club with Miss Davis (Tuesday)

Year 3 & 4 - reading club with Miss Higginson (Wednesday)

Year 5 -dance club with Mrs Budden (Wednesday)

Year 5 & 6 - Tag rugby with Mr Newsome (Tuesday)

Year 6 - playleaders with Mrs Soper (Thursday)

A TT rockstar club is taking place for selected children in **Year 5 & 6** on a Monday (Year 5 - Mrs Sullivan) and Thursday (Year 6 - Mr Thomas).

Here is a photo of some of the children who took part in last term's netball club.



Learner of the week



FSDB Faith
FSA Evelyn
1B Kasper
1D Joshua
2G Jayden
2P Rhea
3/4 CB Lola M
3/4 CP Miller
3/4 MP Phoenix
5F Jasmine
5K Alfie D
6S Coral
6S/C Esmae

Lunchtime Behaviour



1B Arlo
1D Lana
2G Josie
2P Ronnie T
3/4 CP Theo
3/4 MP Nathaniel
5F Wilbur
5K Morgan
6S Harrison & Khloe
6S/C Poppy

Best Attendance

5K – 100%



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Diary Dates



International day of
peace
21st September

Term Dates



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

Spring Half term
Monday 12th February –
Friday 16th February

Assemblies at HPS

Children have daily assemblies at HPS.

Monday: This assembly will either be about a theme (e.g. International Day of Peace or National Science week) or about one of the HPS TRAIN Values (Teamwork, Respect, Aim High, Independence, Never Give Up), or Healthy Me (e.g. road safety, how we stay safe online, healthy living).

Tuesday: British Values assembly. This teaches children about having Respect & Tolerance for others (even if we don't agree with their views). It teaches about Diversity, Democracy, the Rule of Law and knowing that we all have Individual Liberty (a choice - but that there are always consequences to choices that we make). Ask your child to explain what each of these are!

Wednesday: singing assembly which is linked to our TRAIN values.

Thursday: Children have a class story and talk about a moral or value that they have learnt from it. They are given time to reflect on the story and look at important social messages (especially linked to TRAIN values).

Friday: Celebration assembly. Children celebrate HPS learners of the week, Top Table, House points and other achievements (inside or outside of school).

Heathcoat Heroes

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

Year 1 – Summer, Harlee & Ava R

Year 3/4 – Tilly R

Year 6 - Alexis

Secondary School Applications

The application window for Year 7 secondary school admission in 2024 is now open. It is important that all Year 6 parents make their applications on-line at [Citizen Portal - Sign in \(devon.gov.uk\)](http://Citizen Portal - Sign in (devon.gov.uk)) by **31st October 2023**.

It is important that the application is made on time so that parents can secure a place for their child at the secondary school of their choice. More information about applying for a secondary school place can be found on the Devon County Council website [Apply for a secondary place – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](http://Apply for a secondary place – Education and Families (devon.gov.uk))



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Attendance

This week, a letter will be emailed to all parents regarding attendance. The Attendance Improvement Officer (AIO) asks that all schools send this information out to parents at the start of the academic year, and again at the start of the calendar year, to inform parents/guardians about the rules and regulations regarding children's school attendance.

The world is run by those who turn up.

- Attending school every day = 100% attendance
- Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year
- Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.
- Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.
- An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.

Being on time is important too



- Being late for school reduces learning time.
- If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.
- If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.
- Make sure your child arrives at school on time.

Make every minute count

What can you do to help?

If you think that your child may be missing school or is unhappy at school, let us know as soon as possible so that we can work together to resolve any difficulties.

If your child is ill or absent for any other reasons, 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.

Take an interest in your child's education. Ask them about their day and praise and encourage their achievements at school.

If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day, it is difficult for school staff to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.

If you have any concerns -please talk to Mrs Williams (attendance admin team) or Mrs Budden (assistant head of school and attendance). We are here to support you.



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Do you have a nursery aged child?

Did you know? All children are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare from the term after their 3rd birthday and working parents maybe entitled to 30 hours of free childcare.

For more information please visit:

[Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#)

If you would like your child to start at our nursery in January 2024, please contact the school office for an application form

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 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.



School Dinners

Due to increasing costs, as from 30th October 2023 the price of a school dinner will increase by 10p to **£2.50** a day.

Is my child too ill for school?

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

The above website shares useful information about whether your child is too ill to come to school. Remember if they have a temperature they must stay at home until the temperature returns to normal. If they have sickness or diarrhoea, they must not come school until at least 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped.



Thank you to all those parents who came into school last week to spend time in the classroom. There will be more opportunities over the coming year.



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HARVEST FESTIVAL

1ST OCTOBER 2023

This year, our school will be collecting donations for CHAT for our Harvest Celebration.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Long-life milk
- Squash
- Sugar
- Tea and Coffee
- Tinned: Pies, Meats, Chilli, Curry, Fruit, Vegetables and Beans
- Soups
- Custard
- Rice Pudding
- Jams and Marmalade
- Biscuits



**Please bring in all donations to
school by:
Friday 29th September**



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School Council

Last term the school council wrote the following letter to Mid Devon District council to ask them to review the times that they empty the bins in Westex park, as it coincided with school drop off times. Mid Devon District council have now agreed to adjust the times that they empty the bins.

19th July 2023

Dear Council,

We are writing to inform you about emptying the bins at Westex Park while pupils enter the school grounds.

There has been various complaints about the pupils safety as your vehicles enter the park.

For the safety of Heathcoat's children, we would gladly appreciate it if you could potentially alter the timings of your arrival by 5 minutes at the most.

Yours faithfully

School Council Team, Heathcoat Primary School.



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Willow Tree
DANCE & THEATRE ARTS
presents
SHREK
The Musical
Based on the Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture
and the book by William Steig
**The New Hall,
BARRINGTON STREET, TIVERTON
17TH - 22ND OCT
2023**
**ADULTS £14. CONCESSION £9
FAMILY 2 x adults 2 x kids £40**
**TICKETS AT TICKET SOURCE WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK
AND TWYFORD PRINT, BAMPTON STREET.**
**PERFORMANCES
Tues To Fri 7.30PM
Sat 2.30PM & 7.30PM Sun 1PM & 5 PM**
**INFORMATION@WILLOWTREEEDANCEANDTHEATREARTS.COM
WWW.WILLOWTREEEDANCEANDTHEATREARTS.COM
tel: 07476 917416**
Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire. Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Pro
Music by Jeanine Tesori This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.MTIShows.co.uk



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NO WAY!

FUSION

SORRY NO FUSION TONIGHT!

WOW!

**Back again next
Tuesday 19th September 6.15pm-7.30
St Paul's Church Rooms
See you there!**



St George & St Paul
Tiverton

Registered Charity No. 1175137





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FIRST
SESSION
FREE

TWEHC JUNIORS

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Tiverton White Eagles welcome all youngsters to the club. The club provides opportunities for young people between the ages of 6 and 13 to receive coaching and competition experience in festivals and mini leagues.

Training takes place on Wednesday evenings from September to April



Exe Valley Leisure Centre



Register your child here
www.twehc.com/juniors

Under 8s & Under 10s

5pm to 6pm

Under 12s & Under 14s

6pm to 7pm



More Information secretaty-twehc@hotmail.com

www.twehc.com

