



Newsletter

16 October, 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.

Parking in Wingfield Close

Over the last week we have had several complaints from Wingfield Close residents regarding how parent are parking during school drop off and collection. Please can we remind parents to park considerately and safely, this includes not parking in residents parking bays.

Are your contact details up to date?



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

Flu Immunisations

If you haven't already done so, please could all parents of children from Reception up to Year 6 complete the electronic Flu immunisation consent form, even if you **do not** wish for your child to have the vaccination.

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

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.

Learner of the week



FSDB Edward
FSA Blake
1B Jack
1D Felix
2G Alfie
2P Leo
3/4 CB Aria
3/4 CP Halie
3/4 MP Neevie
5F Edith
5K Tia-Rose
6S Jake
6S/T Alexis

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Edward
FSA Ollie
1B Tate
1D Aurora
3/4 CB
3/4 CP
3/4 MP Sophia
5F Indy
5K Safferty
6S Kelsey

Best Attendance

2G – 99.3%



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Diary Dates



Parents Evening
1st & 2nd November

Term Dates



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

Last day of spring term
Thursday 28th March

Heathcoat Heroes

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

1B – James, Lyra, Kaiden & Taylor

1D – Hallie & Toby

2G – Eric 3/4CP – Lola & Hazel

6ST – Murray & Mason

Nursery



Nursery have been learning all about colours this week. We have read 'Brown bear, brown bear' which is all about colours and we have been doing some amazing science experiments with colour mixing. We did one experiment called 'walking water' and found out how you can mix two colours together to make a new colour. Have a look at our photos. We know all about mixing colours now!





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Apples & Pears for sale

There are still a few apples and pears left.
They will be on a table outside of the school today (near the chickens at the park end of school).
There will be a pot for donations. Pay what you think/what you can, take what you will use and bring a bag!

We would love to see photos of any baking that you do with the fruit.

Here are some recipe ideas:

[Vegan sticky toffee pear pudding recipe | BBC Good Food](#)



[Tomato and apple chilli chutney - delicious. magazine \(deliciousmagazine.co.uk\)](https://deliciousmagazine.co.uk)



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Congratulations



Congratulations to Orlaith who has won the Tiverton Library summer reading challenge, her prize was a £50 voucher.

Thank you

Argos have generously donated to HPS some gardening equipment for the Sensory and Wellbeing garden. The staff are grateful for this donation and can't wait to start planning things up with the children who enjoy this space.





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Parent Survey results

Thank you to everyone who responded to our parent survey.

Communication at HPS:

You told us that you were aware of multiple ways that we communicate with one another and that your preferred method of communication is the weekly newsletter and emails.

Speaking to teachers:

Teachers are available for you to speak to at the end of each day. You can either wait until other parents have collected their children, or book an appointment to speak to the teacher. You can do this by email or by phoning the admin team 01884 252445.

Please remember, all urgent messages will be passed on by the admin team:

admin@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk and non-urgent messages can be sent via the year group email. e.g. year1@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk (each year group follows the same format). This is checked several times each week by class teachers.

Newsletters:

Did you know? All newsletters can be found on our school website here: [Newsletters - Heathcoat Primary School](#)

We received some lovely feedback:

"I have ALWAYS found communication from the school to myself exceptional. Whether that be speaking to the office staff, Miss Higginson or my child's class teacher. Plus the newsletter is very informative which is great. 10/10".

"I am always aware of what is going on via the school newsletter and I find out important information via texts and emails..... It is fab never can say you don't know what's going on".

"The staff, teachers and the school as a whole is fantastic for us. Communication is exceptional, I have always found staff, Miss Higginson and my son's class teachers to be very approachable. If I could score the school, it would definitely be a 10/10 from us. Thank you for making my son a happy pupil (a school councillor none the less)!"

"The staff in the school are simply amazing. They do a brilliant job, despite the limited government funding. Nothing is too much trouble. Everyone is friendly and approachable if there is a problem. I have complete faith in them with my child's care and education. The only issue is that you only run to year 6 and then sadly the children have to leave behind such an amazing place. Thank you -we couldn't ask for more."



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You told us that:

- Your children feel happy and safe at HPS.
- The school informs you about your child's progress and that they are making good progress.
- The school has high expectations for pupil's achievement, progress and behaviour
- The school helps you to support your child's learning via Tapestry/Google Classroom
- The school makes you aware of what will be learnt in the year (via termly newsletters and the curriculum maps on the school website).
- You know what to do if you have concerns.
- The school is helping your child to understand respect and celebrate diversity in the UK and global society.
- The school is encouraging your child's love of learning.

Parent workshops:

Based on feedback, we will organise some parent workshops to help improve reading skills, maths skills, show you how you can help with homework, and offer some SEN support workshops. We will send more information out in the near future.

Thank you, once again for your feedback. Please come and speak to us at any point regarding things we are doing well or any queries that you have.

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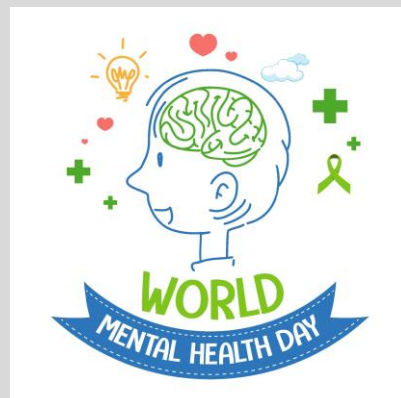
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World Mental Health Day





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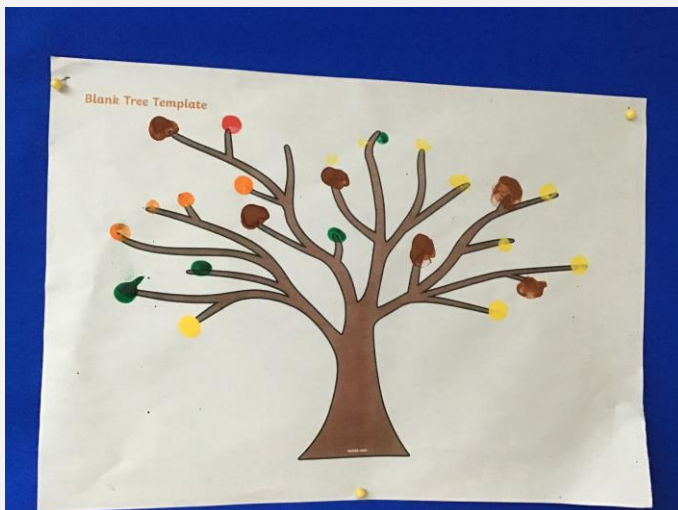
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Reception

Last week, Reception were learning about autumn. On Monday, we went on a walk around the school grounds to look for signs of autumn and we noticed that some of the leaves on the trees were starting to change colour. The children have enjoyed sketching and labelling autumn objects and have done some lovely finger paintings of autumn trees.





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School Nursing Service – ChatHealth Texting Services

The ChatHealth team are running a national promotion of the school aged ChatHealth texting services and it would be great to use the additional resources they have developed to support local promotion of the service.

Please can you share the below via your distribution networks so we can reach young people, families and anyone working with children and families.

School Nursing Service for 11-19s

Did you know, if you are aged 11-19 and live in Devon you can contact your school nurse for confidential [advice and support](#) via text on 07520631722?

It's quick and easy, anonymous, and non-judgemental and a school nurse will respond within 24 hours (between the hours of Mon – Fr 9 - 5, excluding bank holidays).

You can also find lots of information about different subjects and health needs and where you can get support if you need it via our [website](#).

HEALTH FOR TEENS

TEXT YOUR SCHOOL NURSE FOR
CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH ADVICE AND SUPPORT:
07520 631722
OR SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO:

GET HELP WITH ALL KINDS OF THINGS LIKE...

HEALTHY EATING | RELATIONSHIPS | SMOKING
EMOTIONAL HEALTH | BULLYING | SELF HARM
ALCOHOL & DRUGS | ANXIETY | SLEEP | PUBERTY

WWW.HEALTHFORTEENS.CO.UK/DEVON

SEE VIDEOS, FIND HEALTH INFORMATION, TAKE QUIZZES,
AND FIND OUT THE TRUTH BEHIND THE RUMOURS

FIND US ON INSTAGRAM: @health_forteens #HealthforTeens

Disclaimer: We may need to inform someone if we are concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored securely and can only be accessed by other professional health care professionals who follow the same strict confidentiality rules. We will not reply to your message unless one of our staff are available and you should get an immediate message back from us to confirm we have received your text. If you need help before you hear back from us, please contact your GP, nearest health care centre or the 111, or in an emergency please call 999. Unfortunately, our text number does not receive video calls or MMS pictures/messages. We support messaging from 14 mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some number-masking mobile apps). To get text or receiving messages from a healthcare professional, please text 'STOP' to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

ChatHealth

Devon County Council

IF YOU'RE 11-19 YEARS OLD TEXT A SCHOOL NURSE
07520 631722

WE HELP YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ALL KINDS OF THINGS LIKE...

RELATIONSHIPS
MENTAL BULLYING SELF
HEALTH ALCOHOL HARM
HEALTHY EATING
DRUGS SMOKING

Text us for confidential advice & support

For more information, please visit our website at www.healthforteens.co.uk or contact your school nurse. This is a confidential service and we will not share your details with anyone else.

app: coming soon

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School Nursing service for parents/carers and primary aged children

Parents/carers can contact the public health nursing team (health visitors and school nurses) for [information and advice](#) on 07520631721.

We also have a [website](#) that's split into a kids zone and a parent's zone with information about a range of health and wellbeing needs and sources of support if you need it.

IF YOU ARE A PARENT OR CARER

You can text a Health Visitor on
07520 631 721

We can help with all kinds of things like.....

CHILD HEALTH & MENTAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH
ADJUSTING TO SLEEP & FEEDING ROUTINES
PARENTING TOILETING CONTINENCE
FAMILY HEALTH

Text us for confidential advice & support

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App coming soon

ChatHealth

Health for Kids!

Staying Healthy Illness Feelings Getting Help

A fun and interactive resource for learning about health

Games Activities Quizzes

www.healthforkids.co.uk

Psst! Parents!
As well as enjoying the content with your child, you can get advice on supporting their health and wellbeing.

www.healthforkids.co.uk/Devon

Follow us: Health for Kids: Growups @healthforkidsgrowups @HealthforKids1

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Text a school nurse for confidential advice and support
07520 631721

Or scan the QR code for further service contact details:

Disclaimer: We may need to inform someone if we are concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored securely and can only be accessed by other authorised health care professionals who follow the same strict confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to your message within one working day and you should get an immediate message back from us to confirm we have received your text. If you need help before you hear back from us, please contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. In an emergency please dial 999. Unfortunately, our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some number making mobile apps). To opt-out of receiving messages from a healthcare professional, please text 'STOP' to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.



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Whatever's on your mind, we're here to listen

Free digital mental wellbeing support for adults across the UK

Qwell is a free, anonymous, online mental health and wellbeing support service available to all Adults that has been launched in Devon.

The service provides a safe, confidential way for adults to access emotional wellbeing and early intervention support including options for professional support, self-directed support and community/peer support.

Users can access online text-based counselling, advice and emotional support anywhere, using a computer, smartphone or other internet enabled device. It provides a safe, secure means of accessing help via the internet from a professional, accredited team of counsellors and wellbeing practitioners. The service is free and requires no formal referral. Just visit Qwell online to register an account on the website and gain instant access to the Qwell platform. The online counselling team are available from 12 noon to 10pm Monday to Friday and 6pm to 10pm at weekends, 365 days a year, providing a much needed out-of-hours service for emotional support in an accessible and convenient way.

Please visit www.qwell.io to sign up and find out more.





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Tiverton Pannier Market presents...



HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN HUNT

Saturday 28 October (10am to 2pm)

- 50p to enter (guaranteed prize)
- Collect entry form from central lobby and, afterwards, return it to Kwirky Krafts stall in wooden units
- Fancy dress, lantern making, face painting and Curry Shack
- Running alongside "A Chance to Shine" music event





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A showcase of some of our best young musicians

A CHANCE TO SHINE

Tiverton Pannier Market

**SAT 28
OCTOBER** | **FROM
10AM**

- Open to all aspiring singers, bands, pianists and instrumentalists
- Up to 30 minutes of performance time
- Sound and stage equipment provided
- We'll promote you on social media
- Running alongside Halloween Pumpkin Hunt

**INTERESTED? WANT TO
RECOMMEND SOMEONE?**

Call Jim Bray on 07815 791191
or e-mail him at
jbray@middevon.gov.uk

