



Newsletter

2 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.

School Dinners

As the school meals are being prepared off-site, it is really important that all meals are ordered by Sunday evening for the following week, as meal numbers need to be provided to the new kitchen by 9am each day. If you wish to change or cancel your child's meal, please contact the school office by 8.30am.

We will only be provided with enough food to cater for those who have ordered. Please ensure that you order your child a meal, as unfortunately we will have no facility to provide them with a meal.

School Photographs

H Tempest Photography will be coming into the school on Wednesday 11th October and they will be taking photos of your children and (if you have chosen to do so) their siblings (a letter will be sent home this week). Unfortunately, siblings that do not attend HPS will not be able to come into school to have a family photograph. Tempest will not be passed any information such as names and addresses. Instead, the photographer will pass the photos back to the school for us to pass to you, so you can make a decision on whether to purchase them directly from Tempest. Information on H Tempest's data protection can be found on their website <https://www.htempest.co.uk/gdpr>

Learner of the week



FSDB Zac
FSA Piotr
1B Summer
1D Teddie
2G Alicia
2P Alfie
3/4 CB Bethany
3/4 CP Leo
3/4 MP Vincent
5F Zack
5K Lexi
6S Alfie H
6S/C Murray

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Erin
FSA Bonnie
3/4 MP Logan
5F Mason
5K Alfie D

Best Attendance

98.9% - 3/4CB





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Diary Dates



**World Mental Health
Day
10th October**

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**

Getting involved

Please take part in the DiAS parent carers SEND training survey!

Many parents and carers would like to learn more about how to support their child with SEND at nursery, school or college.

DiAS already runs some free information sessions but would like to know if parents and carers want something different. What you tell them will shape the future information and training they develop and run.

DiAS have made a short survey so you can share your views and ideas. There are eight questions and most of them are multiple choice. It should take just a few minutes to complete it. The closing date is Friday 6 October 2023.

[Take part in the DIAS survey online.](#)



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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 \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://citizenportal.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 \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://devon.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-place)

Heathcoat Heroes

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

2G – Pippa

2P – Leo, Tala & Isla

6ST – Liana

6S- Ula



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Introducing Mrs Budden & Mrs Sullivan



Mrs Budden

I have been a teacher for over 22 years, starting in year 6, before teaching across every year group of school. I am one of the assistant head teachers, alongside Mrs Sullivan, as well as leading the KS1 team, and I love being part of the Heathcoat Primary School community.

Dance is one of my passions, and as well as running a dance club at school, I teach Grade 3 and 4 modern and Acro at Willow Tree Dance and Theatre Arts on a Saturday morning. I also teach an adults dance fitness class once a week!

I am married with 3 children, 2 cats and 1 dog! I love to read, crochet (although I need to practise more!) and cook. My favourite pudding to make is a White Chocolate and Raspberry Brioche pudding. So tasty - and really quick and easy!



Mrs Sullivan

I have been teaching for over 20 years and for 11 years have been at a local school in Cullompton. I am one of the assistant head teachers, alongside Mrs Budden, as well as the KS2 team leader.

I am married to Jamie, who is a Headteacher, and we have 2 girls who are massively into their sports of netball and gymnastics so we spend a lot of time driving them around!

In my spare time I love to read children's books and am really excited to be able to share all of my books with the children here...and I also love crisps!!

I really love being a part of the team at Heathcoat Primary school.



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Harvest festival donations

We are overwhelmed with all the support from everyone and their generous donations.

In total, our School Council managed to collect and count 383 donations for CHAT.





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Let's Talk **Teenagers** is an opportunity for you as a parent or guardian of a teenager(s) to hear about the challenges young people are facing today, and the tools you can use to support your children and community and will run on the following dates

TEENAGER DATES

Tuesday 19th September 2023

- Teenage development including social and emotional changes
- Healthy and unhealthy relationships, including domestic abuse
- Body image
- Toxic masculinity

Tuesday 26th September 2023

- Community risks including county lines and gang crime
- Unhealthy relationships with a focus on child sexual exploitation and grooming
- Social media
- Safety planning

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

- Family strengthening
- How to have challenging conversations
- Role modelling
- Emotional wellbeing and self-care

**To book on our Le't Talk Teenagers Session
please click [HERE](#)**



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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





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Cosy, Magical and Exciting Autumn Holiday Club this Half Term!



- Autumn walks and wreath making
- Conker picking and jewellery making
- Hibernation discoveries and clay creations
- Everything to do with Pumpkin (pumpkin picking, cooking and carving...)
- A magical Harry Potter day at Woodkin, wand making and fire magic
- Stories around the fire, shelter building, cooking and so much more!

23rd – 27th of October 2023

Kingwood Holiday Club this half term- A week of Wild fun!



Suitable for school aged children

Sessions available

8 am to 4 pm – £38

8 am to 6 pm – £41

Book your place

Kingwood Children, Muddifords

Court Willand, EX15 2QG

admin@kingwoodchildren.org.uk

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