



Newsletter

30 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.

Attendance



We were delighted that 200 children attended our attendance 'hot chocolate' session on Wednesday 18th October. We all know that children who are in school on time each day have better educational outcomes than those who miss school days.

Thank you for your ongoing support with attendance at HPS.

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>



Learner of the week



FSDB Teddy
FSA Esme
1B Ava R
1D Dylan
2G Josie
2P Charlie
3/4 CB Lilymay
3/4 CP Iris
3/4 MP Flynn
5F Layla
5K Finlay B/P
6S Coral
6S/T Amelia R

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Vinnie
FSA Blake
1B Lyra
1D Charlie
3/4 CP
3/4 MP Flynn
5F Charlie

Best Attendance

3/4CB & 5F – 98.2%



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Diary Dates



Parents Evening
1st & 2nd November

Term Dates



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

First day of Summer term
Monday 15th April

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSDB – Bonnie 2G – Alicia

2P – Rhea & Cassidy

5K – Izzy & Orlaith

6ST – Mason, Kai & Elliott

6S - Corben

Year 5 Planetarium trip

On Tuesday 17th October year 5 visited a mobile planetarium provided by Exmoor National Park Authority at Petroc College. This unique experience allowed the children to explore the Solar System first hand through a presenter-led show.





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Fundraising-amazing artwork

Towards the end of the last half term all the children were busy designing artwork that will be used to create personalised items such as Christmas cards, gift tags, see the picture below for examples which you will be able to purchase.

These will be available online to you all once they have been printed. We shall send home everything you need to enable you to view and order if you wish, prices start at £2.35.

We hope that you will treasure these and maybe use them for Christmas presents. We have decided to do class fundraising for two reasons, to celebrate your child's creative learning and they have all engaged with their artwork which is wonderful. The second, is we can use the commission to support your child's learning and our school environment. We shall keep you updated on what we decide to use the money for.

Part of the process is that your child's artwork goes off to the company Class Fundraising with your child's first name and surname as this is printed on the back of your personalised items. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, could you email admin or speak to your child's class teacher by Tuesday 31st October at 3pm as we shall send them off on Wednesday so that any orders are ready for Christmas.





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Nursery Bug Hotels

The children have had a great time developing our Bug hotel in our outside area. They are already looking for a variety of bugs to come and keep warm during the wet weather. They have used binoculars and magnifying glasses to look closely and find out about the bugs we have around us.





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School apples

Emily really enjoyed making an apple crumble with the apples we got from school.



Year 3/4 Handball Festival

On Thursday 19th October a group of children from year 3/4 attended the handball festival at Tiverton High School.

Heathcoat A lost their first game 4-0, but won their second game 1-0, while **Heathcoat B** won both their games 4-0 and 1-0. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough time to play further matches to decide first/second/third places, but I'm sure HPS would have been up there if there had been! Mrs Warren's player of the match were: For **Heathcoat A** - Bethany, for her brilliant defending and for **Heathcoat B** - Archie, for both brilliant defending and attacking.

The children had a great time at handball and were a credit to the school.

A big thank you to Mrs Warren & Mrs Brandon-Brown for accompanying the children and to the sports leaders who did a great job organising and helping the teams.





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HPS Events

Autumn 2 2023

- 31st Oct Pumpkin Competition
- 1st Nov Parents Evening
- 2nd Nov Parents Evening
- 9th Nov Poppy Making Workshop
- 13th Nov Parent drop in re Maths
- 17th Nov Children in Need
- 21st Nov Whole School Author Visit
- 27th Nov Book Fayre Week
- 28th Nov KS2 Author Visit
- 1st Dec Christmas Fayre
- 1st Dec KS2 Choir Performance
- 6th Dec EYFS Nativity
- 7th Dec Christmas Lunch
- 7th Dec Christmas Jumper Day
- 11th Dec KS1 Online Performance
- 14th Dec KS2 Carol Service
- 15th Dec KS2 Choir and Dance Show





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500 words

Does your child enjoy writing stories?

If so please look at this...



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words-collection/zj9b8p3>

For further information please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Sullivan.

All entries must be typed and emailed to us by Wednesday 8th November to allow time to upload and submit.

Thank you from CHAT

Dear all at Heathcoat Primary School,

I am writing to thank you for the very kind donation of food you have recently made to CHAT. We have been reviewing figures recently for our annual report and are shocked by the increases we are seeing across all services, but specifically the foodbank. There has been a 143% increase on foodbank usage last year and a 53% increase in overall services.

We couldn't match this need without the support of the local community and are incredibly grateful to have been thought of.

The coming months, we feel are going to be tricky ones, but we are glad to be here for the Mid Devon community as a hub for housing, debt and food support and advice.



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Digi Dads Connect

Digital Drop in session

for male carers

**Join us for
our new
Digital Dad's
Drop in!**

Devon Children's Centres, Digital Service are offering **digital drop in sessions for male carers.**

So why not pop in to this **informal, friendly drop in session and discuss topics that are important to you and your family. The session will give you the opportunity to get support from other male carers in Devon with the assistance of a Family Practitioner.**

Monthly sessions are from
7pm - 8pm on Mondays
Dates are:
23rd October
27th November
11th December

To book your place on any of the sessions, please
[CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR code below

You will join the session via Microsoft Teams.

SCAN ME

Topics can include: sleep, eating, toddler tantrums, bath times, getting to school on time...

Any questions? Please contact:
devondigital@actionforchildren.org.uk