



Newsletter

9 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.

World Mental Health Day



Tomorrow, Tuesday 10th October is World Mental Health Day, we would like to celebrate this with the children by wearing yellow, it could be yellow clothes, yellow spots with face paint, a yellow ribbon in your hair, yellow socks etc.

School Photographs

School photographs are being taken on Wednesday, please can the Year 1 & Year 5 children come to school in the school uniform and wear a pair of trainers, so that they can still take part in PE, after having their photograph taken.



Learner of the week



FSDB Bonnie
FSA Ollie
1B Micle
1D Kayde
2G Dexter
2P Lilly
3/4 CB Jaymes
3/4 CP Wyatt, Thomas L, Miley, Archie & Cooper
3/4 MP Grace
5F Riley
5K Finlay B/P
6S Corben
6S/T Riley

Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Oliver
FSA Ollie
3/4 CB
3/4 CP
3/4 MP
5F Jasper
5K Morgan

Best Attendance

FSDB – 97.6%



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Diary Dates



**Hate crime
awareness week
8th -16th 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**

Heathcoat Heroes

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

FSDB – Archie & Teddy

1B- Ava R 2G – Jasper

**2P- Ivy, Isla, Lottie, Cassidy,
Alfie, Dilans, Tala, Theo, Leo
Kobie & Jack**

5F- Edith 6S- Connor

**6S/T- Alexis, Lucas. Josh,
Jameela & Kai**

Congratulations

At the THS open evening on Tuesday 3rd October, Reuben guessed the number of coloured balls in the jar. He was the closest, guessing 100 when there was actually 99!

He won this amazing Educational Solar Robot! Well done Reuben!



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

Why is coming to school every day important?



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As you can see from above - the children at HPS know how important attendance is. The National Target for attendance is 96%. Our school target is 97%.

Our current whole school attendance is 95.75% This shows that we are right to focus our attention on prioritising attendance. We will continue to promote and celebrate good attendance in school, and thank you for your support regarding this.

Missing days = Missing out!

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is....	over 13 years schooling
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years





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Good attendance is important because statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school.

Studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically. With the focus and development on the curriculum that has taken place at school, children who are absent will find gaps in their sequential knowledge.

Our learning day starts as soon as children arrive -there is always morning work on the board which practices the work that they did previously as well as setting up some new learning for the day.

The current attendance from the start of the academic year across the school is:

Reception: 96.32%

Year 1: 95.60%

Year 2: 97.35%

Year 3: 97%

Year 4: 97.84%

Year 5: 93.84%

Year 6: 93.40%

The class with the best attendance each week gets an extra bit of playtime on a Monday lunchtime.



Thank you for your ongoing support.

PSHE

As part of PSHE and our school values, we teach the children about the importance of consent. Why you should ask before borrowing a pen, your bike, ask before hugging someone, etc. Here is a good clip to share with children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AArlv-tvxWE>



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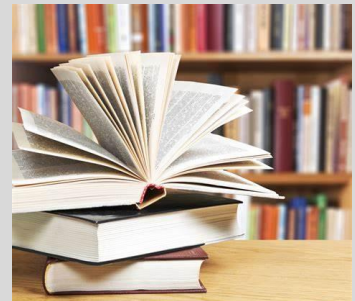
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Congratulations

Congratulations to the following children who were the lucky winners of a book in the census day prize draw.



Rec- Ava-Mae
Year 1 - Taylor
Year 2 - Evie
Year 3 - Freya S
Year 4 - Miller
Year 5 - Morgan
Year 6 - Sienna



Introducing Mrs Chappell



Hi, my name is Vicki Chappell. I am the new Early help and Safeguarding Officer. Within this role I am here to work with any family that needs support to build on their strengths and overcome any issues or barriers that may occur. The support I can offer is varied and can be advice or support and help to complete referrals if needed. Early help is a voluntary process that involves an assessment of the family's needs.

Previously I have worked for 13 years in Early years and have worked with a range of children from babies to 5-year-olds and supported their families. I also have two children myself and volunteer supporting families while going through the Neo-natal process.

At times we can all find ourselves having a challenging time and I am hoping you will be able to contact me for support and I will do my best to support you and your family through that difficult time. Our focus is to improve outcomes for the children and prevent any situation from escalating and further problems arising.

I am hoping over the next few weeks I will be able to meet you all and please introduce yourselves to me so we can start to work together to support you and your child. If you do want a chat about how I could help, please email, or call the school office and I will get back to you at a suitable time or if you see me stop me for a chat.





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STITCH 2 PRINT

Order by Sunday 15th October
for **FREE** delivery to your
school on Friday 20th October!

New!
New and Improved Wind Resistant
Microfleece!

- Full Length Zip with Concealed Away Hood
- Reflective Heat Transfer to Front and Back
- 100% Recycled Nylon Ripstop Outer

Just write "**Deliver to School**"
in the comments when
ordering!



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ONLINE Speech, Language & Communication Workshop

For Parents & Carers

Come and chat to and hear from an Early Language Consultant (and it's FREE!)

The Workshop
 **will be held ONLINE via**  **Microsoft TEAMS**

An informal, safe, information session to support communication in the early years, with the opportunity to share what works well for you and discuss how to build on that to continue to grow your child's communication, with signposting to more information and resources.

We are holding 2 sessions. Bookings are via Eventbrite. Simply Scan the QR code below to book onto the session you would like to attend.

**0-12 months old –
Wednesday 18th October
10am – 11.15am**



**1-2 years old –
Wednesday 8th November
10am – 11.15am**



Scan to book



FOR MORE INFORMATION, email
communityaction@actionforchildren.org.uk

Facilitated by the 0-2 Community Action Team,
Devon Children's Centres



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Everyday Tiny Moments

(The Art of Noticing)

For Parents and carers of
0-2-year-olds



Come together and hear key messages from an Early Language Specialist, and Attachment Specialist.

What are the aims of the workshop?

- ✓ You'll learn how to notice the **everyday tiny moments** between you and your child.
- ✓ We'll also help you to understand and celebrate the power of **normality**.
- ✓ We'll help you to understand how to focus on the **positives**.
- ✓ We'll give you tips on **good parental and infant wellbeing**.

How can I get in touch?

If you have any questions, please email us at: communityaction@actionforchildren.org.uk

What's it about?

'Everyday Tiny Moments' encourages us to notice and celebrate interactions between a child and their special adult (YOU!) supporting social and emotional development

How do I sign up?

Bookings are via **EVENTBRITE**, so if you would like to attend one of our workshops simply scan the QR code below for the venue you would like to attend.



Exeter Library, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PQ	Wilcombe Children's Centre, Lazenby Road, Tiverton, EX16 4AL	Newton Abbot Library, Market Street, Newton Abbot, TQ12 2RJ,
Thurs 19 th October 10am – 12pm	Thurs 19 th October 11am – 1pm	Weds 1 st November 10am – 12pm

KATHRYN'S FUNDRAISER

11th November 2023 - 2.30pm-4.30pm

Old School Heathcoat Community Centre, Tiverton

We are hosting a fundraising event for my friend Kathryn who has a terminal cancer diagnosis. Kathryn is fundraising to make memories with her 6 year old daughter whilst she can, and to fund supportive integrative treatments to hopefully help give her as much time as possible.

Every donation matters!



- Tombola with some amazing prizes to be won!
- Jumble Sale -- get in touch if you have any donations!
- Face Painting & Glitter Tattoos
- Teas, coffee, cake
- Name the Elephant
- Guess how many sweets in the jar

Scan code for Facebook group & updates

Or contact Laura: Laura.e.garland@outlook.com





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Free Antenatal Course



Starting on Thursday 2nd November 7-9pm
St Paul's Church, Tiverton, EX16 5HU

Due dates between December - January 2024

Join our free antenatal course where you will spend 5 weeks learning about birth, caring for a baby, health and well-being, relationships and much more in a relaxed caring environment



Sign up by scanning the QR code or by going to our Begin Well page on Eventbrite.
Or contact info@beginwell.org.uk