



## Newsletter

25 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](mailto: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.

### Menu change

Please note that on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September the roast option will be Roast Chicken.

Also, as a reminder that whilst the school meals are being boxed, there will only be one jacket potato topping available each day. These are as follows:

Monday:	Beans
Tuesday:	Cheese
Wednesday:	Tuna
Thursday:	Cheese & Beans
Friday:	Beans

There is NOT an option to choose toppings.

### Administration of medicine

Just a reminder that only prescribed medication can be administered to pupils at school. Medication should be handed in at the school office by a parent/carer.

### Change of collection arrangements

If someone different needs to collect your child, please let the school office know so they can inform the class teacher. If the class teacher is not aware of someone different is collecting, then we will check with you as the parent before letting them go at the end of the day.

### Annual consent forms

Please can we remind parents to return their child's annual consent form by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you to everyone who has already return their forms.

### Learner of the week



FSDB Archie  
FSA Tyler  
1B Tate  
1D Maisie  
2G Naaya  
2P Winnie  
3/4 CB Lydia  
3/4 CP Hazel  
3/4 MP Tulisha  
5F Orlaith  
5K Lola  
6S Connor  
6S/T Dexter

### Lunchtime Behaviour



FSDB Paris  
1D Toby  
2GMiley & Olivia  
3/4 CB  
3/4 CP  
3/4 MP Olivers  
5F Matilda  
5K Jake-Lee  
6S Cushla  
6S/T Amelia R

### Best Attendance

2G – 99.3%





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## Diary Dates



**National Poetry Day**  
**Thursday**  
**5<sup>th</sup> October**

## Term Dates



**First day of Autumn term**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**Autumn Half term**  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October –**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Last day of Autumn term**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**First day of Spring term**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**

**Spring Half term**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February –**  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

## The Big Ambition



Hi, my name is Rachel and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England.

I have launched this survey, **The Big Ambition**, to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Adults can answer on behalf of a child or young person aged up to 18.

I will use this survey to take children and young people's views to the Government.

Everything you tell me will be kept private, and you don't have to answer any question if you don't want to. To find out more, visit my [website](#).

Remember, there are no right or wrong answers. Just answer honestly!

Please click on the link below to complete the survey  
<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>

## Heathcoat Heroes

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

**Year 1 – James**

**Year 6 – Dexter, Lily-Rose, Robyn, Reuben, Poppy & Riley**

## Year 6 THS open evening

**Save the date**  
**Tiverton High School Open evening**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
**5 - 7pm**



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**On Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**An easy way for you to help our school budget via your child's school dinner!**

**Is your child in Reception, Years 1 and 2 or entitled to free school meals in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6?  
If so, please can you help by ordering your child a school dinner on Thursday 5th October 2023.**

### **Why?**

This is the day of the School Census.

If ALL of our children have the meals that they are entitled to, the school will be given the money required to offer free school meals to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils as well as those pupils entitled to free school meals in Key Stage 2.

If children do not take up their provision on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, but have meals throughout the rest of the year, the cost of those meals comes out of the school's general budget. This means there is less money to spend on teaching and learning.

There is a huge amount of financial pressure on all schools, and at Heathcoat Primary School, we would like to spend all of our money on the children's education.

PLEASE help us to achieve all the funding that we can by encouraging ALL children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to have a school dinner that day. If your child is entitled to free school meals in Years 3-6, please encourage them to have a meal on that day.

**Any child who has a school meal on Census day will be entered into a prize draw to win a book  
(1 book per year group).**

Help us to help your children.



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Respectful Fair  
Co-operative  
Resilient Confident



## YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

**Tuesday 3rd October – 5pm-7pm**

We would like to invite Year 6 students and their families to visit our school, meet staff and students and explore an array of opportunities available to them at Tiverton High School.

This is an event not to be missed and we look forward to showing you what makes us such a thriving, vibrant, welcoming, and inclusive place of learning.

**Head teacher talks – 5pm and 6pm**

This is a non-bookable event.

**You can also book for an open morning –  
4th, 5th & 6th October 9.15am-10.30am.  
[tiverton.devon.sch.uk/open-mornings](http://tiverton.devon.sch.uk/open-mornings)**

Please call 01884 256655 for any further information or assistance.



Open Evening 2023



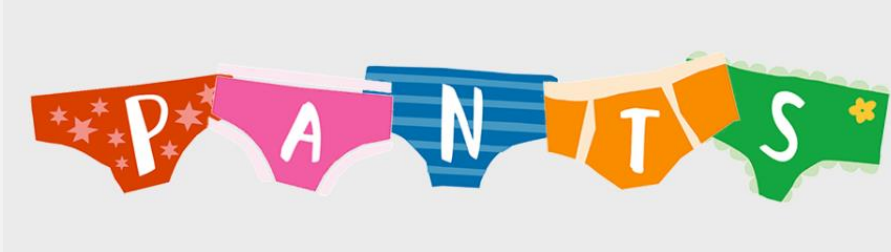


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## PANTS rule



As part of our regular PSHE lessons we teach the PANTS rule to help children understand their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. We will be revisiting the PANTS rule over the next 2 weeks. Information and resources for parents can be found on the link below.

[Let's talk PANTS | NSPCC](#)



**National  
Trust**

## Free autumn National Trust passes

Escape into autumn with the National Trust. Click on the link below to find out how to claim a free, single-use visitor's pass.

[Free autumn National Trust passes | National Trust](#)

## Should I keep my child off school

Please remember that you can send your child to school with a sore throat or a cold. Please advise us via the attendance email if they feel under the weather and we will keep a close eye on them and contact you if they feel worse throughout the day. (Often with some paracetamol/Calpol and some fresh air, children will rally and feel better).

If your child has had a rough night and has slept in, we are happy that they come in a little later, rather than not coming in to school at all. Every second of learning is really important and we are really keen to support you and your child with achieving the best attendance that they can.

If you require any support or have queries about attendance, please contact Mrs Williams in the school office, or Mrs Budden, Assistant Head of School.



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## National Poetry Day - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

We will be sharing poems during the day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. If you wish to read some brilliant poems, such as "Litter is Rubbish" or "We are friends", click on the link below. If you want to learn some interesting facts about Wombats, "Everything here is true" is a bit of a cheeky poem, and if you click on the link, the poet is performing it to a ukelele! Poems don't have to rhyme, although lots do. Some are funny, some are sad, and often they can be really thought provoking or funny. We would love for you to share some of poems with your child/children at home.

### [Poems - National Poetry Day](#)

#### **Don't be Bored Rock by Zaro Weil**

Don't be bored rock  
once you were orange fire  
thundering down some  
mountain slope or  
hurtling silver sleek  
through deep sky  
maybe you were thrown up  
sputtering red by  
an ancient fuming volcano or  
born with the planet in a  
starless galactic bang  
to be carved sharp by ice  
rounded by raging wind  
but whichever it was  
being still now is good  
after all  
you have so much to remember.





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## Bug Hotels

Last Wednesday, nursery parents joined the children to create bug hotels for the nursery garden.





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### Congratulations

After his first season racing, Charlie has finished 3rd in the Southwest BMX series. Charlie has competed in 10 races across the region over the summer months from Llynfi in South Wales to Cornwall, and everywhere in-between. A few crashes along the way but he's made some great friends, loved every minute and can't wait for the next race in the winter series.

### HPS TRAIN Values

Our school ethos is value driven with good values taught integrally to all that we do. We want all our children to grow up valuing themselves, others and the environment.

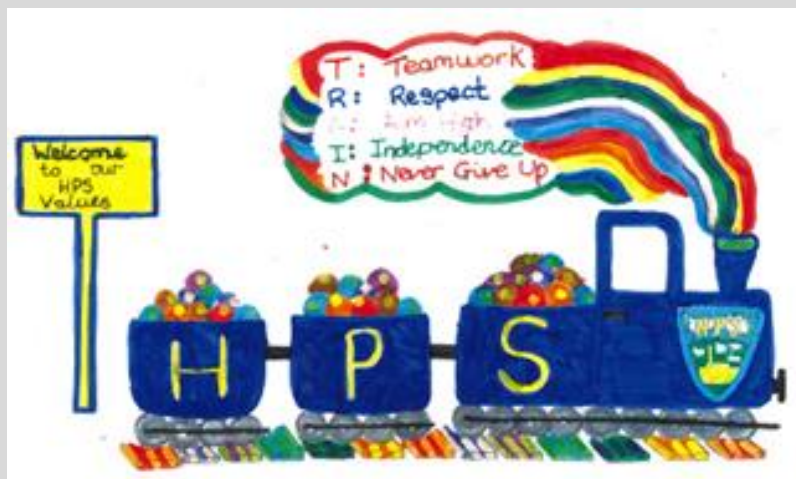
Values are principles that guide behaviour. At Heathcoat Primary School all adults are encouraged to model values and to give time for reflective practices. We believe that this empowers individuals to be effective learners and good global citizens.

We focus in particular on 5 key values, the initials of which spell out the word TRAIN.

We promote and teach these values to our children through our assemblies, as well as weaving them into every day lessons and school life.

We particularly celebrate children's behaviour which embraces the TRAIN values, and when children achieve 'Dark Green', we will indicate on their certificate which TRAIN values they have been using.

- T – Teamwork
- R – Respect
- A – Aim High
- I – Independence
- N – Never Give Up!







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FUN TO BE FIT**



## OCTOBER HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP @ UPLOWMAN VILLAGE HALL & HALBERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr. Hooper & Mr. Jarad will be hosting a sports & activities club for 4-12 year olds during October half term. Children will have the opportunity to take part in activities throughout the day including multi-sports, gymnastics, fitness, laser tag and nerf battles. There will be individual games & tournaments at the end of each day. There is only availability for standard day at these camps. **STANDARD DAY – 8.30am to 15.30pm - £18 per child.**

- **UPLOWMAN VILLAGE HALL – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> October**
- **HALBERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL – 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> October**



Headliner activity schedule (all included with standard day)

- 23<sup>rd</sup> – *Halloween Wild Wild West*
- 24<sup>th</sup> – *Glow in the dark dodge ball*
- 25<sup>th</sup> – *Laser tag*
- 26<sup>th</sup> – *Glow in the dark nerf battle*
- 27<sup>th</sup> – *Halloween candy treasure hunt*
- (There will be other activities taking place too)

### Halberton & Uplowman – booking form & instructions

Below are the activities that we could offer:

Football - Netball - Tag Rugby - Basketball - Cricket - Rounders - Tennis - Gymnastics  
Unihoc - Multi skills - Dodgeball - Handball - Multi-games - Dance - Athletics - Capture the flag  
Arts and crafts - Yoga - Mindfulness - Fitness - Orienteering - Nerf gun activities - Laser tag - Lego club

#### BOOKING LINKS AS FOLLOWS:

**UPLOWMAN VILLAGE HALL:** <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2023/10/23/uplowman-village-hall-oct-half-term-sports-camp>

**HALBERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL:** <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2023/10/26/halberton-primary-school-oct-half-term-sports-camp>

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