



# HEATHCOAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NURSERY WELCOME PACK 2023-2024

Teamwork Respect Aim High Independence Never Give Up!

# WELCOME MESSAGE

**We are delighted to welcome you to our school, and we feel sure that your child's time with us will be a happy and fulfilling one. We are looking forward to spending time getting to know your child so that we can fully meet their needs.**

**Your child's first experience of school is tremendously important because it will strongly influence their attitudes to learning. At Heathcoat we are dedicated to providing inspiring learning opportunities to all of our children so that they develop high aspirations and meet their full potential.**

**We work hard to ensure that our children experience a friendly and caring environment. We are fortunate to have excellent staff who work hard to ensure that your child's time with us is happily spent in a stable and fun environment. Building strong relationships with parents and carers is a huge priority at Heathcoat.**

**Please feel free to discuss any concerns or issues with us if they arise.**

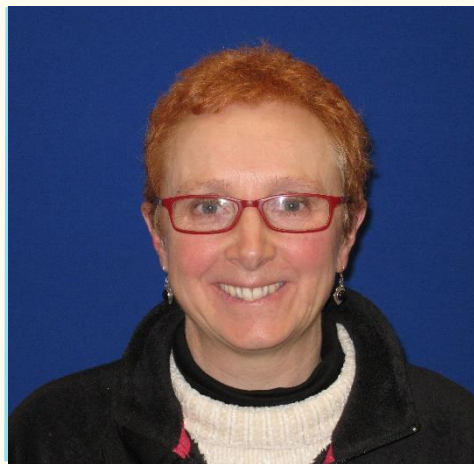


**Miss Demelza Higginson**  
**Head of School**

# NURSERY STAFF



**Mrs Gunn**  
EYFS Leader and Nursery  
teacher



**Miss Hughes**  
Nursery Teacher



**Mrs Butler**  
Nursery Assistant



**Mrs Perry**  
Nursery Assistant

# STARTING NURSERY



**We love painting!**

Starting Nursery is a new and exciting experience. However, both parents and children can feel apprehensive about the changes ahead. At Heathcoat, we aim to make this transition as smooth and as positive as possible.

## Parent and Child Visit

You will be invited to bring your child along to the nursery after school to visit it together.

## Taster Session

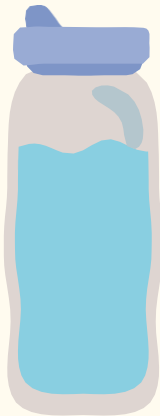
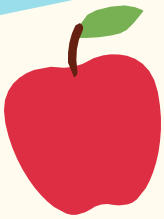
Your child will complete two taster sessions the term before they are due to start nursery. These will both be one hour long and will give your child the opportunity to become familiar with the staff and environment.

Admin staff will provide the dates for the parent and child visit, taster sessions and a nursery start date separately.

## Telephone Appointment

A member of the nursery team will contact you on a specific date to give you the opportunity to share information about your child, their interests, development, and any other information that is relevant for us to know about your child.

# WATER AND SNACKS



We are a **NUT  
FREE** school.

## **Snack**

Nursery children are entitled to free fruit as part of the Government's 'Fruit in Schools' scheme.

If children wish to bring in their own snack, please ensure it is fruit or vegetables.

## **Water**

Children need to have a named water bottle each day containing only water, which they will be able to access throughout the day.

Squash or juice may be provided in a lunch box for lunchtime only.

PLEASE NAME ALL  
SNACKS AS THEY GET  
PUT IN A SNACK TRAY.



# BRINGING AND COLLECTING YOUR CHILD



**The Park Gate**

## **Drop off**

Children will be dropped at the park gate at 9am. They will be greeted by a member of the nursery team. Please ensure you wait with your child until we have greeted them into the nursery garden.

## **Messages**

As you will appreciate, drop off and collection times can be busy. In the mornings we ask that if you have a message for us that you call the office, and they will pass it on. We have much more time at the end of the day. Should you wish to speak to a member of staff, please wait until we have dismissed all the children.

## **Collection**

We will let you into the nursery garden to collect your child from the nursery.

# LUNCHES



## Nursery Lunch Time

**Nursery lunch is 12:00-13:00.  
Children can choose to bring a packed  
lunch to nursery or to have a school  
dinner.**

**All school dinners must be ordered in  
advance.**

**Please speak to the office if you have any  
queries about ordering lunch.**



# INDEPENDENCE

**Help your child to become as independent as possible by encouraging and helping them to:**

- **Use the toilet and wash their hands.**
- **Put on and take off their own coat.**
- **Use a tissue to wipe their nose.**
- **Share toys and take turns.**
- **Put their toys away.**
- **Pack their own bag ready for school.**
- **Put on and take off their shoes.**





# A TYPICAL DAY AT NURSERY

**9.00 Nursery opens – settling in, morning routines and independent learning.**

**9.30 Welcome song and group time.**

**10.00 Snack time and Independent learning time.**

**11.50 Group time**

**12.00 Home time/ lunch time**


**13.30 Group time**

**13.45 Independent learning time**

**14.30 Story time**

**If your child is unwell, please email the school first thing in the morning on the day of your child's absence informing us that they will not be at nursery.**

**[attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@heathcoat.devon.sch.uk)**



# BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

**Heathcoat Primary School provides a  
Breakfast and After School Club for all  
pupils to access during term time.**

## **Breakfast Club**

**7.45am- 9am  
£7 per session  
Breakfast included.**

**8.20am- 9am  
£4.50 per session  
No breakfast included**

## **After School Club**

**3.00pm-6.00pm  
£8**

**Includes a light  
snack such as toast  
or soup.**



# TOILETTING

**We would expect all children to be toilet trained before they start nursery.**

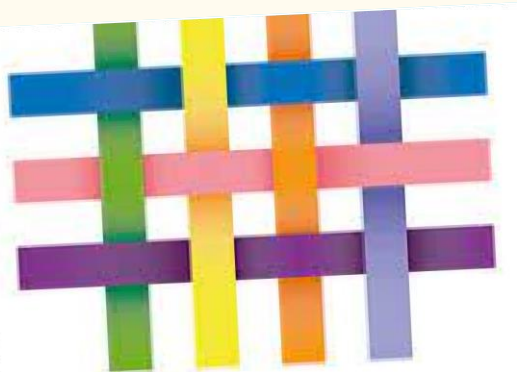
**If your child is not yet toilet trained, we will discuss this with you on your telephone appointment.**

**We will work together in partnership with you to enable your child to toilet train successfully.**

**If your child is not potty training, we would encourage you to provide nappies rather than pull ups.**

**Please visit the school website for further support and advice with toileting.**

# TAPESTRY



TAPESTRY  
ONLINE LEARNING

## Tapestry

**In Nursery we use Tapestry as a way of informing you all about your child's learning**

**You will be given your own account which will be verified by email. You need to activate your account.**

**If your child does something amazing at home which you wish to share with us, please add an observation.**

**When your child moves into Reception at Heathcoat Primary, their Tapestry account will continue with them.**



# CONTACT DETAILS

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