# HEATHCOTE Primary School

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Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

We end the week with all of our children in school! We now have Reception and KS1 in full time and what a super job they are doing of it too! On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Reception (Hedgehogs) attended in the morning or the afternoon, from Thursday they were in full time. They have settled very well indeed.

Otters have continued to show maturity and resilience, making new friends and beginning their journey of learning at Heathcote. This week they have started PE lessons with Mrs Jeffries, which have included gymnastics and yoga! Mrs Jeffries has also introduced them to world of philosophy...the children are learning about asking big questions and the language of debate. This is such an important skill in enabling the children to question the world around them, to think deeply and listen to one another.

Today you will receive a curriculum map detailing the learning that will be happening in both classroom this half term. We are focused on providing an engaging and rich, experienced filled curriculum and as you can see this will involve a teddy bears picnic next Friday. You will receive a letter about this trip early next week. Just make sure the children have a coat



Otters learning about base 10 and place value!



# Upcoming Events

Open morning for prospective parents 9.30 – 12.00

September 22

September 21

**Teddy Bears Picnic** 

October 10

Parent workshops

October 6

Official opening, parents welcome from 2.30 – more details to follow

## Safe School Access

Lovely to see scooters being used as a very effective mode of transport to and from school! You will be pleased to know that we will soon have a scooter park to store them here through the day.

Thank you for following our guidelines for safe entry and access to the school. Please can you make sure that you leave the playground promptly after dropping off your child so we can ensure the site is secure.

If you use the car park in the day, please close the vehicle gate behind you.

Thank you.

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#### **Behaviour and Rewards**

We are very pleased to see the excellent behaviour demonstrated by your children, consistently throughout their school day. When we do have to address any misbehavior we very much appreciate your support at home; for strategies to be effective we need to work together. Thank you for supporting us in this.

#### ΡΤΑ

Thank you for the interest you have shown in setting up a PTA. We are now looking at how best to move forward with the process and will be in touch very soon. The sooner we can have the support of a parent teacher association the better...we need a Christmas Fayre organising!

#### Governance

One of our current priorities is setting up our local governing body. If you are interested in being part of the school moving forward and shaping it's future then keep an eye on the website as we will be advertising and then interviewing candidates for this role in the near future.

#### **Reading at home**

I cannot stress enough the importance of listening to your child read and of reading to them...it may be that this happens all the time and that is fantastic! If it has slipped off the "to do" list try and find a space to squeeze it back in again...the impact this will have on the progress your child makes is huge and impacts on their ability to access the whole curriculum and enjoy authors such as Roald Dahl. I was so happy to hear in assembly all the RD books the children knew about! Keep it up!

#### Volunteers

We would love to have parent/family volunteers in to listen to readers, I know some people have come forward already! We will be in touch once we have set up the procedures we need in place to make sure this happens safely and effectively.

Enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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Lara Jeffries Headteacher



Hedgehogs choosing their menu choice for the day!

### Safeguarding

Heathcote Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and anyone can make a referral to Children's Services by calling: 01926 414 144

Or email: mash@warwickshire.gcsx.gov.uk

Mrs. Lara Jeffries is Heathcote Primary School's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), if you have any concerns please come and talk to Mrs. Jeffries, or call the school to make an appointment.

Useful numbers:

Concerns about member of staff or head should be taken to the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

lado@warwickshire.gcsx.gov.uk Tel: 01926 743 433

## **Uniform and Hair**

All hair tied back please and no jewelry. Please make sure all PE kits are in school on Monday and taken home to wash on Friday.

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