

Dear parents and carers,

Well, our first half term at Heathcote Primary School draws to a close and what a successful and busy term it has been! I would like to say a personal thank you to all the parents for their enthusiasm, positivity and support over these first weeks of us opening. It has been a huge challenge and a big learning curve for all involved and, I am sure you will agree, each and every one of the staff have worked tirelessly to make it all work so well. Our aim was to provide an excellent education in a safe environment from day one and we have certainly met that objective.

We have all of our processes and procedures in place, the children have settled beautifully and a very exciting curriculum has been developed to ensure your children are inspired to learn each and every day. Our half term has been filled with exciting events, teddy bears picnics, artists in residence, class rewards, Harvest Festival and much, much more.

Next half term will be equally busy, with parents evening, a school disco, a nativity performance, the Christmas Fayre and other Christmas preparations. All this alongside lots of challenging and engaging learning happening in the classroom. I will be tweaking bits and pieces as we move forward...some playground equipment has been ordered and once the tarmac is replaced it will become a much more inviting place to play; we really look forward to the "Friends of Heathcote" events which will support us raising funds for the outside of the school.

The "friends" are now up and running and in full swing, I can't express enough how vital this will be for the school moving forward, as will our Local Governing Body – applications are in and elections may well be on the cards!

Next half term there reading books will continue to go home, phonics practise and times tables/number facts – please support your child in practising these vital skills – you know we don't agree with unnecessary time wasting homework, but these are absolute key to your child's progress. Thank you and enjoy your half term!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lara Jeffries  
Headteacher