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Upcoming Events

September 11

Reception children start school

September 21

Open morning for prospective parents 9.30 – 12.00

October 6

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

Friday, September 8th, 2017

Dear Parents, families and friends,

We are in! I cannot express how happy we were when we greeted your wonderful children at the gate on Tuesday morning – torrential rain aside! Finally, the day we have all been waiting for arrived and our very first children entered the Otters class for the very first time. Of course, the feeling of nerves and excitement were present in equal measure – and that was just the staff! However, we all settled in very quickly indeed and enjoyed some fabulous activities and learning in class.

The hot dinners have also been a huge success “This is the best food I have ever tasted” were Oscar’s words...I have to agree, they really are delicious and I have very much enjoyed eating with the children every day. This is a great time for me to get to know the children and also model the excellent manners we expect – I can happily say the children have all said “pleases” and “thank you” to our fab catering team.

Next week we welcome our Reception children into school. I know our Yr 1s and 2s will help to make them feel at home and help to look after them. Miss Cowcher and Mrs Everett have really enjoyed meeting the children and parents at home this week and can’t wait for Monday!



Etana, Karamveen and Anaiah love “Mile a Day”!

Safe School Access

So far so good! Thank you for your continued support in ensuring we do all we can to keep the children safe as they enter and leave the school.

We are very pleased to see one of the puffin crossings in place and the speed limit changed to 40 on Harbury Lane. The second will be following soon.

A reminder that parent use of the car park is a temporary measure, whilst building is happening around the school site. Primary schools rarely offer parent car-parking facilities and the majority of our children live within walking distance. There are no plans to provide a car park in the future.

Thank you for continuing to respect our nearby residents and not parking on local roads.

Behaviour and Rewards

We have agreed on houses for the school and they are named after the famous towers of Warwick Castle: Caesar's Tower, Guy's Tower, Bear Tower and Clarence Tower. Each child will receive house points for excellent behavior and excellent work and will collect these on a card to record how many they achieve. There will be a bronze, silver and gold card, each with 50 spaces to collect HPs. The points will also convert into colour tokens which will be collected in class and counted up each week. The winning house will be announced in the weekly "Celebration" assembly on Friday afternoon at 2.45 (starting next week!). Once 50 HPs are collected, on a bronze card, that child will receive a certificate and parents will be invited to the "Celebration" assembly to celebrate their achievement. There will then be a ½ termly reward for the winning house, promoting working together to achieve a goal.

Red and Yellow Cards

It is also vital to ensure excellent behaviour at playtimes and lunchtimes. To ensure this happens we have a red and yellow card system, which I have shared with the children today. Misbehaviour (rough play, not listening to the adults outside, being unkind) results in a yellow card being shown and this is recorded in a behavior book. If two yellow cards are shown to a child in the same week it becomes a red card. If the behaviour involves intentionally hurting another child, swearing, or any form of bullying, then the child will be shown a red card. Again, this will be recorded in the behaviour book and the child will miss the next two playtimes and the rest of the playtime the card was shown in. We will monitor cards given and provide support for a child who is frequently receiving cards to help them understand how to behave better and to try and find out why their behaviour is a problem.

I am sure you understand the importance of getting this right from day one. Consistency and fairness is how this will work and all the staff are very clear on the policy. Please have a look at our behaviour policy on the website for more detail.

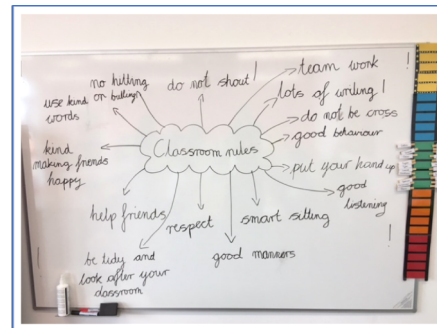
We promote good behaviour through praise, through modelling how to show respect to one another and, if necessary, through sanctions.

PTA? – Please email the office if you wish to be involved!

Yours sincerely,



Lara Jeffries
Headteacher



Otters' Class Rules

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

How smart all the children look! If you haven't yet bought a logo jumper come into the office – we have some in stock!