

Assembly Theme: Road Safety

8th December, 2017

#### Reminders: Please check dates for nativity overleaf! School Christmas dinner Wednesday 20th December!

What's on next week					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Nativity Singing Rehearsal Multi Sports after school	Road Safety Talk for all children Dance after school	Reverend Rob Budd	Nativity Rehearsals	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children Christmas fayre 3.30

Dates for diary: Christmas Fayre 15th December at 3.30 and Christmas jumper day, please bring in £1.00 for Save the Children

If you don't receive a newsletter, or any other letter please come to the office to get a copy.

#### Heathcote—Our Values

Heathcote is a very caring and nurturing environment, where children love to learn with each other. We are very proud of the ethos we are developing and are determined to make sure that we continue to build on this, providing a school where all pupils can thrive. We value highly the importance of focusing on the social, emotional and educational needs of all of our pupils. At Heathcote, we aim to instil in all children Human Values. It is important that we nurture these through all aspects of school life from the classroom, to the dining room and to the playground.

Our one word school rule - RESPECT- lies at the heart of all we value. We look for pupils to live and breathe these values throughout their time at Heathcote. It is not about a display or a poster, but about the lived experiences of pupils in our care. I am heartened to hear from parents that "RESPECT" is a word they are now hearing a lot at home!

'British Values' were identified by the government as part of it's Prevent Strategy. At Heathcote we embrace this but also recognise these values as Human Values, most of which are not limited to being values only Britain holds. We reinforce these values regularly and in the following ways: **Democracy:** Pupils have their voices heard through our School Council, classroom discussion and Philosophy for Children

**The Rule of Law:** The importance of Law is consistently reinforced through our school assemblies. Pupils are taught the value and reasons behind laws that govern and protect us. Pupils are rewarded for great behaviour and positive learning attitudes with house points, certificates and postcards home. We make community connections with the local police who are planning to come and talk to our pupils.

Individual Liberty: Pupils are encouraged and given freedom to make choices, knowing that they are in a safe and supportive environment. Pupils know, understand and exercise their rights and personal freedoms through our Online Safety, PSHE, Philosophy for Children and circle time. Mutual Respect: Our school ethos and positive behaviour policy revolves around Respect our 'one word school rule'. Assemblies and classroom learning rules reiterate this positive message.

**Tolerance of those of Different Faiths and Beliefs:** We offer opportunities to experience diversity through planned visits to places of worship, parents coming in to share their own experiences of faith and culture, local religious members of the community taking assemblies, and links to other schools in areas which are different to our own, enhancing pupils understanding of their place in a culturally diverse society.

When people visit Heathcote, they talk about the 'positive atmosphere and feel of the place'. This is British Values/Human Values in action - mutual respect and a supportive inclusive environment where all individuals are able to flourish.

Each and every member of our school community promotes this ethos—we are so proud of our children, our parents and staff for this.

### Spotlight on Excellence...

This time of year comes with many opportunities for our children to shine in all areas, as well as the academic. Of course we have our nativity performance to look forward to soon and this provides a chance for children to develop their confidence on stage, their speaking and listening skills and a love for drama. It also gives the school a chance to share these experiences with the wider community. We have invited the local retirement community to come along and watch our dress rehearsal. Community links are vital for our new school, especially as we are the hub of a growing new community.

This week we also linked with four other schools for our Singing Playgrounds performance. We were delighted to be involved and to have the chance to perform at Warwick Hall, in Warwick School. The Song Leaders who attended were impeccably behaved, and did us proud! We were the youngest there—most other children were yr 6, our youngest was year 1! A big thank you to Mrs Everett who, along with myself, accompanied the children for the day (and had our own time on stage too...the less said about that the better!)

Leandi, Ella, Evie, Tyler, Rian, Rajan and Neev



#### Academic Year 2017-2018

#### **Autumn Term 2018**

Christmas Fayre 3.30 Friday 15th December & Christmas Jumper day (£1.00 for Save the Children)

## PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO NATIVTY SECOND PERFORMANCE TIME

Tuesday 19th December at 2pm
Wednesday 20th December at 10am

School Finishes for Christmas Friday 22nd December, 3.15 pm

#### **Friends of Heathcote Primary School**

The Friends have been incredibly busy preparing, what should be, a wonderful Christmas Fayre and we hope very much that all of you will support the Friends and the school by coming along.

I think they have put pressure on all local businesses to support us by donating some fabulous prizes to the raffle! Parents will be selling tickets on the playground after school on Tuesday and Thursday next week...prizes include a free MOT, vouchers for Warwick Castle, Vouchers for Bravissimo, Prosecco, Ten Pin Bowling tickets, a voucher for The Entertainer and lots, lots more!

There are loads of fab stalls as well, including the infamous wine bottle game! All staff will be there looking after a stall and dressed in appropriately Christmassy garb!

If you could bring in donations of cakes the day before or on the day, that would be fantastic! Lets kick off Christmas with a bang—tell all your friends about it!

# Registering for a Reception School Place for September 2018



We are fast approaching the deadline when parents must apply for a primary school reception place for September 2018. The deadline for primary school applications for reception places is the 15th January 2018. It is essential that this deadline is met or your child may be at risk of losing a place at your preferred school. We have conducted many tours this term and the feedback is very good. Warwickshire residents can make an on-line application for Primary places at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions. You can also apply by calling 01926 414143.

#### A Message from Mr Forrest

Please can drivers take care when turning into Garret Drive and the car park. Many cars are driving far too fast. We will continue to remind you to ensure the safety of your children. Thank you.