

Reminder: **GATES WILL BE LOCKED AT 8.55am**

24th January 2020

What's on ...				
Monday 27th January	Tuesday 28th January	Wednesday 29th January	Thursday 30th January	Friday 31st January
Mad Science 3.15-4.15pm	Theatre Train Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm Football 3.30-4.30pm Friends Meeting 7.30pm	Multisports 3.30-4.30pm	GoGo Makers 3.15-4.15pm Acrotrix Gym Club 3.15-4.15pm	Celebration Assembly 9.10am

## News from the Deputy Head Teacher

新年快乐(Xīnnián kuàilè) Happy New Year! Today everyone has enjoyed starting the year of the Rat. Sounds Roadshow workshops have helped us celebrate the Chinese New Year through dragon and lion dancing, ribbon work and immersing the children in authentic Chinese music. Mandarin is our language focus this half term and we look forward to welcoming students from Warwick school next week to teach the children some more Mandarin and share their cultural experiences.

Exciting things have been happening on the fields as Mrs Everett and some Reception helpers have been busy planting and building our new willow dome. A huge thank you to the Friends who fundraised the money for the dome. The willow dome will now be a permanent feature on the school field and we look forward to using it in Forest school and for outdoor learning. Keep an eye out on Twitter to see how we make use of it.

On Monday, Owls continued their chocolate voyage by making and tasting Maya hot chocolate. Some of the children got a spicy surprise when they added too much chilli powder or cinnamon to their drink! We had great fun experimenting to find a taste that suited us. Yesterday, Mrs Lawson launched a Shakespeare portrait competition across the school. Classes have been practising their observation drawing skills to create unique pictures of William Shakespeare. Mrs Lawson will be sending entries to the RSC with the winning submission receiving a visit from an illustrator to our school. Best get those drawing pencils out!

The school council along with Mrs Shirley and I, started a construction lunch time club on Mondays. We had a fantastic turn out with so many budding young builders. It was great to see how creative everyone was. In the upcoming sessions, the school councillors will be setting up competitions and challenges for everyone to take part in. Mrs Ribbands has also started a daily lunchtime nurture groups where children can visit if they need a little quiet time. Miss Baggle and Mrs Everett continue to run their lunchtime choir on a Tuesday, we look forward to listening to future performances in school or at Austin Heath.

To further improve our meet and greet there will be a member of staff on the side gate, next to the carpark, to welcome you and the children into school. This gate will be locked at 8:55am for registration at this time and to ensure the school grounds are locked and secured for the children's safety. If you arrive after this time, please come through the school office. A kind reminder to keep an eye on your child as you walk to and from school, especially when crossing busy roads. Please make sure you are crossing at suitable locations such as the pedestrian crossing and for children to cross all roads with an adult.

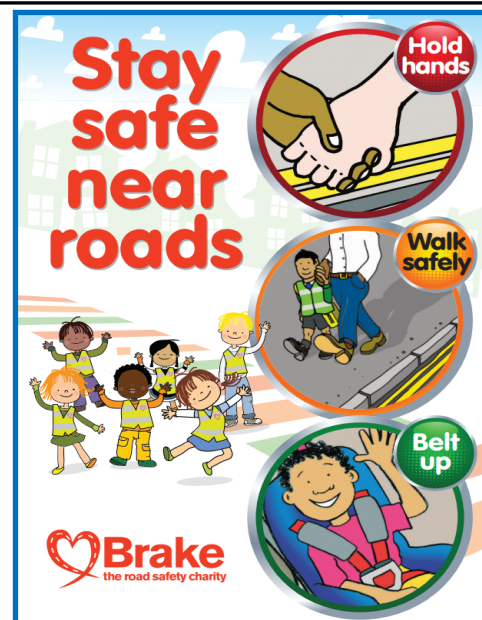
Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

*A bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song – Chinese Proverb.*

Mrs Abernethy

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS	
Butterflies	96.44%
Hedgehogs	96.59%
Otters	96.06%
Foxes	95.95%
Owls	95.68%
Squirrels	95.80%
This week Mr Cote (our attendance badger) will be with:	
HEDGEHOGS !!	

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS											
											
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## Spotlight on Excellence



### BUTTERFLIES AND HEDGEHOGS

Reception have continued reading traditional tales. This week we've read Goldilocks. We've been painting pictures of Goldilocks, writing a sorry letter and learning some information about real bears. We ended the week with a brilliant Chinese New Year workshop where we learnt some Chinese words, played Chinese instruments and took part in a dragon parade!



### OTTERS

Today the whole school were lucky enough to experience and take part in celebrating the Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the rat. Children celebrated by dressing up as a ninja, playing musical instruments, dressing up as a Chinese lion and completing a dragon dance. We also learnt some Chinese phrases and listened to the Chinese New Year story where we were told which zodiac animal we were.



### Are you eligible for free school meals?

Did you know that our school receives funding to help children who are eligible for free school meals?

This means we can help support families to enrich their children's learning experiences.

Even if your child already receives universal free school meals (Reception, Year 1 and 2) you may still be entitled to apply!

Families who receive the following are eligible for free school meals:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)**
- Both income-based and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both but the income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater.

Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, not in excess of £16,190 are also eligible to claim free school meals providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

Please go directly to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals> or call 01926 742543 to apply.

If you need any further help please contact Mrs Shirley-Pupil Premium Champion



## Friends of Heathcote

You can see what the 'Friends' are up to by liking us on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofheathcote/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofheathcote/) or contact us by email: [friendsofheathcote@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofheathcote@gmail.com)

Please bring your ideas for school fundraising to the next FoHPS meeting. Many hands make light work, as they say, and more people must equal more ideas! Our next meeting is at the Heathcote Inn at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th January. So far this term we are planning a family race evening and an Easter tea party. Look out for further details on flyers, Facebook and the school website.

### **Academic Year 2020**

Tuesday 28th January	Friends of Heathcote Meeting
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Celebration Assembly 9.10am
Thursday 6th February	<b>Year 3 trip</b>
	Reception Phonics Workshop 9.15am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Celebration Assembly 9.10am
Friday 7th February	Reception Phonics Workshop 2.30pm
Tuesday 11th February	Year 2 Trip
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Celebration Assembly 9.10am
Friday 14th February	Break up for half term
17th-21st February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 24th February	Return to school
Tuesday 25th February	Pancake Day Races (time TBC)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Celebration Assembly 9.10am
Friday 3rd April	No Teacher Training—children in school
6th-17th April	Easter Holidays
Friday 8th May	Bank Holiday—no school
<b>1st June</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>

**These dates may be subject to change if necessary, changes are made in red and bold**

**School Term and Holiday Dates 2019/2020 are available**

We are busy gathering Art resources. If you have any unwanted fabric or haberdashery items (ribbons, buttons, wool etc) we would be very pleased to take it off your hands. Also if you have or know anyone who has access to bundles of scrap paper or card- any sizes, thicknesses, colours accepted we would be very grateful (as a one-off or regular donation). This is a fabulous way of recycling and reusing materials and also helps with the school budget. Please send any materials in to your child's class teacher or make them aware if you may be able to source some 'freebies' for us! We all always need newspaper for covering tables during art lessons so please save them for us and send in. We ask you to be selective though!