

# Heathcote Herald



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Reminder: CHRISTMAS FAIR—FRIDAY

6th December 2019

What's on				
Monday 9th December	Tuesday 10th December	Wednesday 11th	Thursday 12th December	Friday 13th December
		December		
Mad Science 3:15—4:15pm	Theatre Train -Dance 3.15 - 4.15pm	Reception Performance 10am/2pm Yoga 3.15 - 4.15pm	Gymnastics 3.15-4pm GoGo Makers 3.15- 4.30pm	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children) Christmas Fair 3.30pm -5pm

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#### News from The Executive Head's Desk

Here we are with only 2 weeks left to go until the end of term and so much has been happening across the school. On Friday Santa's elves came in and really brightened up our corridors and classrooms with tinsel and decorations. Our main corridor to the classrooms looks fantastic with twinkling fairy lights and the hearts that the children have made from anti-bullying week. Every child made a heart with a key message on it explaining how they would bring change and help spread kindness. The children love spotting their heart and I have heard so many good messages out and about around the school.

I regularly meet with Mr May, Executive Director and Founding Trustee of Community Academies Trust. Our link meetings are to share successes in our development of Heathcote School but also to monitor our progress on our Learning Improvement plan and challenge us to provide excellence for all the children. On Monday Mr May walked around the school with me and commented on the positive learning atmosphere across all the classes. The children were focussed in their learning, extremely polite and happy, shared their learning and behaviour across the school was exemplary.

It was an extremely busy day on Wednesday when our Reception children Hedgehogs and Butterflies explored space and stars in the planetarium which appeared in the hall. This is an exciting opportunity for them to better understand our universe, ask questions and gaze in awe at the night sky. Year One and Two, Otters and Foxes also had a fun afternoon with their parents and grandparents when they all made Christmas decorations together. First of all they performed to their parents and sang Christmas songs. Some of the parents confessed to me that they had tears in their eyes when they saw how confident their children were on stage. There was glitter a plenty on trees, baubles, snowmen and cards and I could see how much everyone was enjoying it. So much so they didn't want to leave at the end of the day! Year Four welcomed their new teacher (from January) on Wednesday too. Mrs Parashar came in and was able to spend time with them all, getting to know them and have a handover with Mrs Mitchell. She is definitely looking forward to the new year and has lots of ideas ready to teach. She will come in again before the end of the term.

Can I please make a request that the children have a change of shoes/wellington boots in school? We are using the field at lunchtime to make sure the children have lots of space outside. It can of course get muddy and we do make sure the children wipe their feet before coming into school to save our carpets but if they can have a change of shoes that will help us. Please make sure they all have coats, hats and gloves as well, the weather is quite chilly and we do encourage them to put coats on and fasten them.

Coming up next week is The Friends of Heathcote Christmas Fair – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. It will be a fun event in the hall and we hope to see lots of people there. We would love for you to help if you can, even 30 minutes would be useful. We will be setting up after lunch at 1.15pm if you can lend a hand or please offer to run a stall. You may have seen the fantastic amount raised at the book fair - £541 which means we can order £325 worth of books for school. Thank you to everyone who bought a book and of course for the committee's hard work in running this. Great to think of all the reading the children will be doing.

'The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.'

Stay safe, happy and well.

Mrs Humphriss

# WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS

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Butterflies 95.67%
Hedgehogs 97.33%
Otters 98.00%
Foxes 93.67%
Owls 95.81%
Squirrels 93.68%

★ This week Mr Cote (our attendance ★ badger) will be with:

**OTTERS** 





**WEEKLY HOUSE** 

### Well Done Clarence!



#### Yr 3/4 CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Join Owls and Squirrels on:

Monday 16th December 2:30pm

To sing Christmas carols and songs around the Christmas tree.

# **CHILDREN IN NEED**

Thank you for supporting Children in Need, we raised £142.50.



# Spotlight on Excellence



#### **RECEPTION**

This week the Butterflies and Hedgehogs have joined the rest

of the school and produced some exciting writing about Edgar the dragon, who appears in the John Lewis Christmas advert. They have used all the phonics sounds we have learnt so far to help with their spelling, and shown some excellent handwriting. We also had a visit from the Explorer Dome, where we learnt all about winter and different celebrations around the world. The children enjoyed making dry ice. On top of all of



dren enjoyed making dry ice. On top of all of this, we have been practising hard for our performance of Whoops-a-Daisy Angel. The children can't wait to perform to their grownups next Wednesday!





#### **OTTERS**

We have been getting into the Christmas spirit in Otters this week, with some fantastic Christmas writing based around the new John Lewis advert to launch our Exciting Writing books. The children wrote speech bubbles as Edgar the dragon, explaining what happened when he accidentally burned down the Christmas tree. In maths we have been learning new calculation strategies for addition and subtraction and applying these in problem solving contexts. Many thanks to all the parents who were able to come and support us during our Christmas Craft afternoon on Wednesday. The children enjoyed performing the songs and spending time creating some lovely Christmas craft. It was a glitter extravaganza in the hall!







Please remember that we have people with nut allergies in school so can you please respect this and not put nuts or nut products in lunch boxes. Thank you

# FREE SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATION:



Warwickshire County Council is committed to supporting families to use the online services available on their website.

To apply for Free School Meals you now need to apply online using the following link <a href="www.warwickshire.gov.uk/">www.warwickshire.gov.uk/</a>

<u>freeschoolmeals</u> or by phone via the customer service centre on **01926 359189** 

## **Friends of Heathcote**

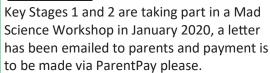


You can see what the 'Friends' are up to by liking us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/ groupsfriendsofheathcote/ or contact us by email:

'friendsofheathcoteps@gmail.com

Thank you for all your donations, the staff room is full of bottles and tombola prizes following the non-uniform day today. Only one week to go till the Christmas fayre. Please, please, please if you can, offer some time during the fayre to man a stall. Signup sheet will be in the playground all week, or drop us a message using contact details above. Also if you needed an excuse to have a clear out before Christmas, why not bring any old toys with a bit more life left in them to school. We will be having a toy sale at the fayre and you can help raise even more money for our children.

#### **MAD SCIENCE**





A gently reminder at drop-off and collection, not to park your cars in front of the school gates. Access to the school gates needs to be free at all times. May we also ask you to be mindful of the local

#### Academic Year 2019

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

# Autumn Term 2019

residents when parking.

11th December Reception Christmas

Performance 10am/2pm

13th December Christmas Jumper Day

13th December Christmas Fair 3.30pm-5pm

16th December Christmas Service

Year 3 & 4 Christmas carols 2:30pm

18th December Christmas Lunch

23rd December—3rd January 2020 Christmas Break

#### Academic Year 2020

6th January Teacher Training Day—no

children in school

7th January Children back to school

3rd April No Teacher Training—

children in school

1st June Teacher Training Day