


6th December 2019

**CHILDREN IN NEED**

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

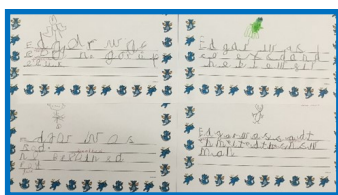
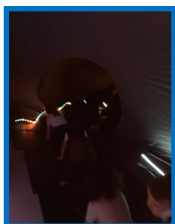
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## Spotlight on Excellence



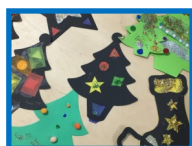
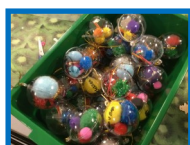
### RECEPTION

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 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 [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) 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/](http://www.facebook.com/groupsfriendsofheathcote/) or contact us by email: [friendsofheathcote@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofheathcote@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

Key Stages 1 and 2 are taking part in a Mad Science Workshop in January 2020, a letter has been emailed to parents and payment is to be made via ParentPay please.



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 residents when parking.



### Academic Year 2019

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

#### Autumn Term 2019

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