

Reminder:

27th September 2019

What's on ...				
Monday 30th	Tuesday 1st October	Wednesday 2nd Octo-	Thursday 3rd October	Friday 4th October
	<p>Flu vaccinations have been moved to 16th October.</p> <p>Theatre Train -Dance 3.15 - 4.15pm</p>	Yoga 3.15 - 4.15pm	<p>Gymnastics 3.15-4pm</p> <p>GoGo Makers 3.15-4.30pm</p>	Celebration Assembly

## News from the Deputy Head

I cannot believe that we have reached the end of our first month back already! It's true what they say, "Time flies when you are having fun!" Since joining Heathcote, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children better each day, listening to what exciting stories they want to share and adventures they've been on. Everyone seems to be busy bees at Heathcote this week and I have enjoyed seeing what everyone has been up to. Squirrels have been designing and creating Roman coins and discovering old Iron Fort maps. Owls have been doing lots of place value problem solving by working out the clues to find the mystery numbers. Foxes have also been working hard with their maths, learning how to add and subtract a two-digit number and Otters have been busy practising their conker dance which they hope to perform to Squirrels when ready. Hedgehogs and Butterflies have made a great start with their phonic, well done! They have also been sharing with their friends who is in their family, where they come from and how to say hello in different languages. We will be looking at introducing Language of the Month shortly, where each month we can learn, explore and celebrate a different language spoken by the children in the school. This week we also launched the Team4U shoebox appeal to provide Christmas gifts to vulnerable children and families. If you would like to put a shoebox together these can then be dropped off at school from 4th November until 16th November. We have a supply of empty wrapped shoeboxes if you need one.

It's not just the children who have been busy this week, the Friends of Heathcote had a wonderful Macmillan coffee morning on Wednesday where plenty of coffee and cakes were enjoyed by many and they raised £120. Thank you to all who put the morning together and helped out. The next Friends meeting will be their Annual General Meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 3:30pm at school. We would love to see lots of people join us. This is a great opportunity to come and hear what the Friends get up to, join the committee and have a say in the elections for a new Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. Please consider giving some of your time to help shape the future of our school and support in fund-raising events. We truly appreciate the time you give to this.

The Parent survey went out at the beginning of the week and thank you to all who have taken the time to reply. It is wonderful to read about all the great successes the school has achieved and can continue to celebrate and how we can look at improving the school even further. We will be responding to comments in future newsletters. The first job of the school council will be to lead a pupil survey in the upcoming weeks so we can also see what the children think the successes and next steps are. A successful school is more than just the day to day teaching and learning, it is about creating a community that works together and supports each other to provide the best we can for all involved.

*"Make your life a masterpiece, imagine no limitations on what you can be, have or do".*

Mrs Abernethy

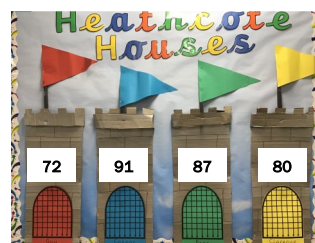
## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS

Butterflies	95.83%
Hedgehogs	98.33%
Otters	97.50%
Foxes	96.67%
Owls	97.50%
Squirrels	90.79%

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



## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS



Well done

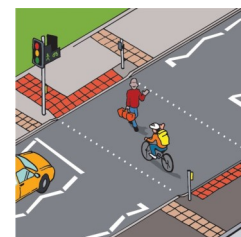
Caesar

## Safeguarding

### Crossing the road

Please remember to cross the road carefully, especially on Harbury Lane.

Follow the road safety rules and use the pedestrian crossing.



## School Council

There will be news from the School Council next week after our first meeting.

## Spotlight on Excellence



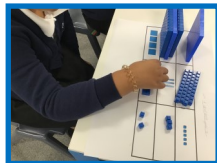
### Foxes

This week in Science Year 2 have been learning about materials. We received a letter from Humpty Dumpty asking us to design him a new suit to help protect him from falls. We worked in small teams and were given one specific material to work with. All our Humptys now have a specially made suit, next week he will fall from a great height! I wonder which Humptys will survive.  
Good Luck Foxes



### Owls

Owls have been busy researching about different predators so we can create an information page. We have enjoyed exploring information in books, webpages and watching video clips to see what features a good predator needs and what strategies prey can use to help them survive! This week, we also started practising our times tables using Rockstars. The class had great fun challenging each other and the teachers. We have also been busy using Base 10 to solve riddles and problems in maths. We are becoming place value experts!



### Squirrels

Squirrels have had another brilliant week, they have been writing procedural texts in English, focusing on their imperative verbs, layout and fronted adverbials. In Maths they have been counting, ordering and partitioning numbers to 1000. Every day the children have also been practising their times tables using Rockstars and it is great to see how many children have been practising at home too. In Topic this week they researched the currency of the Romans and designed some Roman coins, using their designs they made the coins out of clay and finally painted them with metallic paints. They have also been using aerial maps to identify different features of historical sites such as Maiden Castle. Keep up the good work Year 4.



## Friends of Heathcote

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

Thank you everyone who supported our Macmillan coffee morning on Wednesday and those who bought cake at school pick up. We made £120 to go towards the Macmillan Cancer Research Fund.

Important date change, you will hopefully have flyer in your bag for Reception children's welcome disco. The date has been moved to **Wednesday 23rd October** as the gymnastics classes use the hall till 7pm on Thursdays.

### MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

We are currently looking for a Midday Supervisor to help at lunchtime. Please see the office for details if you or someone you know would be interested.

### Open Week—Reception 2020

We are having an open week for children starting Reception in September 2020. Appointments are being made for 7th, 9th and 10th October, please contact the office to book.

### Academic Year 2019

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

#### Autumn Term 2019

16th October	Flu Vaccinations
16th October	Harvest (collecting for the food bank)
23rd October	Vision Testing—Yr 1
24th October	School Photographs
23rd October	Friends Disco for Reception
25th October	Teacher Training Day—No children in school
28th October—1st November	Half-term Holiday
4th-16th November	Team4U Christmas Shoe box drop off
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