

What's on ...				
Monday 11th November	Tuesday 12th November	Wednesday 13th November	Thursday 14th November	Friday 15th November
	Theatre Train -Dance 3.15 - 4.15pm	Yoga 3.15 - 4.15pm	Gymnastics 3.15-4pm GoGo Makers 3.15-4.30pm	<b>Celebration Assembly 2.45pm</b>  <b>Children In Need Day—wear something yellow or spotty with your uniform</b>

## News from The Executive Head's Desk

Well here we are at the end of our first week back after half term. We hope you all had a lovely holiday together despite the rain and wind. I enjoyed some time by the coast which is always good for the soul and have come back raring to go ready for our countdown to Christmas. The classrooms are buzzing with learning again and the children are excited to share everything they get up to. I love returning to Heathcote as I travel between my two schools. Whenever I walk into the classrooms I am greeted with smiles and 'we've missed you' and a range of work they are proud of.

We were over-run with pirates on Monday. Year 2 came swashbuckling into school dressed as pirates ready to start their new topic 'Land Ahoy.' They were excited to find out more about famous pirates, what it is like to be on the open seas and all the different vocabulary or sayings that are associated with pirates. What great fun to explore and learn about something new or even for some children to recall knowledge they already have.

We welcomed some new members of staff to our growing team this week. Kate Longley and Amy Bromwich have joined us as midday supervisors and are enjoying getting to know our children and our routines. We also welcomed Ann Ribbands who has joined us a 1-1 teaching assistant. She has settled in really well and comes with a wealth of experience in supporting children with different needs. It is always exciting to meet new people and the children are polite and respectful and look after them.

We have adapted our lunchtimes this week too. As the school grows we need to consider different routines to ensure we can get everyone fed and refreshed ready for the afternoon. Our Reception children are always served first for lunch at 12 'o' clock whilst the rest of the school go out to play. We will be alternating Y1/2 and Y3/4 each week. So this week Y1/2 come in at 12.15 and Y3/4 at 12.30. Once they have finished eating they go out to play again. The children have adapted well to our change in routine. We will also be mixing up the packed lunch children with the hot meals so they can sit with their friends. The senior staff spend time at lunchtimes going out and about making sure the children are happy and well and reminding them of our one school rule of respect and also to talk to an adult if they are unhappy with any situations. Please help us by reminding them at home that we are here for them at any point in the day. Continuing our focus on helping the children to stay safe, Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 were visited by Warwickshire Road Safety team to talk to them about how to stay safe on roads, when out and about on their bikes and scooters and generally teach them about what to look for. The children listened well and came up with their own ideas of how to keep safe on the surrounding roads. You too can help by considering where you park around our school and talking to the children about how to cross roads safely.

Thank you to all of you who attended our parent consultations this week. It was lovely to see so many people and we hope you enjoyed looking at your child's books and catching up with their class teacher. Don't forget that we are always happy to chat to you about any concerns you might have and equally anything exciting you wish to share with us. A problem shared is a problem halved. Yesterday evening the governors, Mrs Abernethy and I attended Community Academy Trust's annual governor conference. This is an opportunity for all of the schools in our trust – 17 of them, to get together and for CAT to say thank you, share information such as finance, Ofsted changes, preventative measures and prepare governors for their roles in challenging and supporting the schools. Every governor is a volunteer and are part of our leadership and do the role because they care about education and children's futures. We are grateful to them all for giving up a significant proportion of their time to ensure our school is continuously progressing and developing.

This Sunday our country remembers all those who have sacrificed their lives in wars and conflicts around our world. Take time to stop and remember why we wear a poppy. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November our school will hold a 2 minute silence in Remembrance. My husband served for 25 years in the armed forces, my great uncle fought in the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war, my great grandfather was injured in The Battle of The Somme. All of us at some point will find in our family history a family member who served. Wear a poppy with pride.

*'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.'*

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Humphriss

<b>WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS</b>	
Butterflies	97.33%
Hedgehogs	97.67%
Otters	97.33%
Foxes	97.67%
Owls	97.42%
Squirrels	98.42%
This week Mr Cote (our attendance badger) will be with:	
<b>Squirrels</b>	

## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

A chart titled "Heathcote Houses" showing weekly points for four houses. The chart features four castle icons, each with a flag and a score box. The scores are: Guy (82), Caesar (75), Bear (102), and Clarence (129). The background of the chart shows a blue sky with clouds.

House	Points
Guy	82
Caesar	75
Bear	102
Clarence	129

Guy

Caesar

Bear

Clarence

A large, bright yellow five-pointed star with a thick black outline, positioned to the right of the weekly points chart.

**Well Done Clarence!**

	<p><b>CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE</b></p> <p>This year the Christmas Play will be performed by Reception children only.</p> <p>Wednesday 11th December</p> <p>10am and 2pm</p>	
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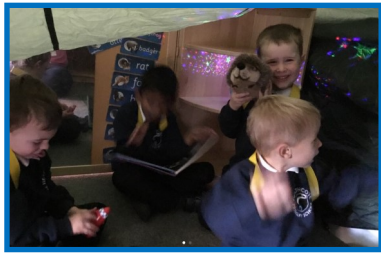
## Spotlight on Excellence



### Reception



This week the Hedgehogs and Butterflies have started their new topic which is all about night-time. We have been exploring our new space station and dark den role play areas. We've learnt about Bonfire Night and Diwali and have made our own sparkly firework pictures and junk model rockets. In Maths we've been learning how to work out one more and one fewer than numbers. On Wednesday we had a visit from Warwick Bear who taught us all about road safety. If that wasn't busy enough we've also started learning the songs for our Nativity play!



### Otters—Year 1



This week in Otters we had an exciting start to our Moon Zoom topic when the children investigated some mysterious objects found in the school grounds. Mr Forest shared some images from the CCTV that showed mysterious lights around the playground and a strange figure. We then read our new class text "Beegu" about an alien who is lost on Earth and we thought that maybe the figure that Mr Forrest saw was Beegu herself! We also imagined what it would be like for Beegu landing on a strange planet, seeing all the land and sea. We found out about the seven continents of the world and what Earth looks like from space.



## 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)

Would you like to improve the visibility to parents, of the FoHPS, our activities and events at the school and on social media? The Friends are still looking for a volunteer to assist with the marketing and social media for the group. Interested? We could really do with some help in this area, please get in touch. Also look out for forthcoming news regarding our Christmas Fayre, Friday 13th December

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please ensure any orders are returned to the school office by Monday 11th November by 9am. Where possible please order online. Many thanks.

### Christmas Fair



Donations of good quality toys, games, puzzles, jigsaws etc would be greatly appreciated for a toy stall at the Christmas Fair. Many thanks.

### NEW LUNCHTIME MENU

With effect from Monday 11th November Educaterers have a new menu. A copy will be sent home this afternoon in book-bags and available on the school website.

### Academic Year 2019

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

#### Autumn Term 2019

4th-16th November	Team4U Christmas Shoe box drop off
15th November	Children in Need
11th December	Reception Nativity 10am and 2pm
13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
13th December	Christmas Fair
16th December	Christmas Service
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