

Reminder:

7th February 2020

What's on ...				
Monday 10th February	Tuesday 11th February	Wednesday 12th February	Thursday 13th February	Friday 14th February
Reception Local Walk Mad Science 3.15-4.15pm	Year 2 Trip Theatre Train Dance Club 3.15-4.15pm Football 3.30-4.30pm	Multisports 3.30-4.30pm Friends Race Night 5pm	Year 3 Trip GoGo Makers 3.15-4.15pm Acrotrix Gym Club 3.15-4.15pm	Celebration Assembly 9.10am

## News from the Deputy Head

This week marks Children's Mental Health Week with the focus on Find Your Brave.



Life is all about taking small brave steps every day. Bravery could be about sharing worries and asking for help when you need it, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. Finding your brave can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself. Encouraging children to discuss their feelings, develop themselves and try new things is very important to us at Heathcote and as we continue to develop our curriculum we always look at ways to provide the children with opportunities to fulfil these. This may be through PSHE discussions, use of key texts, nurture opportunities, going on trips, trying new activities, engaging in challenges, experiencing other cultures and traditions, the list goes on and on. Here are some books you could share with your children to encourage discussions on emotions and feelings so they can find their brave.

Infants	Juniors
The Wolf's Colourful Coat – Avril McDonald What was I scared of? – Dr Seuss Be Brave Little Penguin – Giles Andreae The Lion Inside – Rachel Bright	The Huge Bag of Worries – Virginia Ironside Mind your Head – Juno Dawson Blame my Brain – Nicola Morgan Wonder – RJ Palacio The Rollercoaster series – Paula Nagel Badger's Parting Gifts – Susan Varley

Last week we welcomed students from Warwick School on Wednesday and Friday to teach us some Mandarin and talk about what life is like in China and Hong Kong. We were also very lucky to listen to a live performance by one of the students on the piano, we were all very impressed and enjoyed discussing how the piece made us feel. Last weekend we also had children across the school have their art work showcased in an exhibition at Warwick School. We hope to continue building links with Warwick School and other local schools to enrich opportunities for our children.


On Thursday, Year 3 got to meet the Willy Wonka of the Cadbury factory. We all enjoyed finding out how chocolate is made, writing our names in chocolate, having a 4D cinema experience and of course had great fun tasting liquid chocolate. Foxes have been busy creating their own comic strip version of Traction Man and what adventures he might get up, especially in different rooms around the school. I hope he doesn't make too much of a mess in my office! Year 1's have been creating wanted posters and mapping Claude's journey around the city and Squirrels have explored different states of matter by melting and solidifying jelly, chocolate and rice krispies. Miss Cowcher and the Reception team have been running phonic workshops with parents to support reading understanding and give different strategies to use. We will be running more parent workshops in the future to help support your child's learning and school work. Next week we are looking forward to Friends Race Night on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm.

*Sometimes all you need to do is be brave and jump!* – Giles Andreae

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Abernethy


WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS	
Butterflies	96.55%
Hedgehogs	98%
Otters	95%
Foxes	92.76%
Owls	97.10%
Squirrels	95.50%
This week Mr Cote (our attendance badger) will be with:	
HEDGEHOGS!!	

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS			
			
137	126	94	
Guy	Caesar	Bear	Clarence
			
Well Done GUY !			



## Star of the Week!

Butterflies	Archie
Hedgehogs	Ramone
Otters	Anaiah
Foxes	Nayan
Owls	All of Year 3
Squirrels	Tyler



## Spotlight on Excellence



### RECEPTION

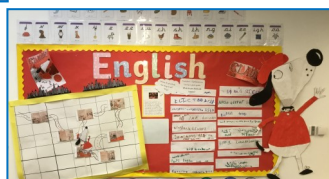
This week in Butterflies and Hedgehogs, we have been focusing on The Gingerbread Man as our book of the week. We made Gingerbread men on Monday and have enjoyed lots of exciting activities linked to the book. We carried out a science experiment to see what would happen if the Gingerbread Man fell into water. Everyone was surprised to see he sank and then fell apart when we tried to rescue him. We also had lots of grown ups to join us at our Phonics workshops this week. It was lovely to see parents sharing the excitement of learning with their children.



### YEAR 1

Over the last couple of weeks, Otters have been exploring the book 'Claude in the City'. They have thoroughly enjoyed reading about his adventures with Sir Bobbysock! We have mapped his adventure across London, and have written a persuasive text and a wanted poster! Take a look at the fantastic picture of Claude in our classroom!

We have also been learning about The Great Fire of London. We explored what life was like during 1666 and found out that it was very different. They didn't even have a fire service! We have sequenced the events of the fire and found out exactly what started it. We've been very busy!



## 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 support our next fundraising event, the Family Race Night. Have you got your tickets? Are you feeling lucky, cash prize every race? You must order your tickets and get your money in on Monday as the very latest!

### Academic Year 2020

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
Tuesday 5th March	World Book Day—Dress up as character
Friday 3rd April	No Teacher Training—children in school
Friday 8th May	Bank Holiday—no school
1st June	Teacher Training Day

**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 on the school website**

### MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We are advertising for a Midday Supervisor, please contact the office for information or look on the school website.



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 particularly at the junction of Garrett Drive.



### LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be available to search through in the playground on a Friday morning and afternoon.

Please ensure that all school uniform is clearly labelled.

Labels are available from STIKINS [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) quoting fundraising number 35975