

Reminder:

13th December 2019

What's on ...				
Monday 16th December	Tuesday 17th December	Wednesday 18th December	Thursday 19th December	Friday 20th December
Years 3 and 4 Christmas Carols 2pm Mad Science 3:15—4:15pm	Theatre Train -Dance 3.15 - 4.15pm	December	Gymnastics 3.15-4pm GoGo Makers 3.15-4.30pm	End of Term Children can be collected from 1.30pm onwards

News from the Deputy Head

Twelve days to go till the pitter patter sounds of hooves on the roof tops as Santa and his reindeers come to town. In fact some of you might be lucky enough to catch him this afternoon when he visits Heathcote's Christmas fair!

The school is buzzing with Christmas spirit, especially today as everyone is showing off their Christmas jumpers. Today, the school choir visited Austin Heath to sing Christmas carols to the residents there. The residents thoroughly enjoyed their performance and the children did the school really proud, well done!

This week, Butterflies and Hedgehogs gave a wonderful performance of Whoops-a-Daisy Angel, unfortunately I missed the performances but Mrs Humphriss has told me how lovely the children's singing was and how proud she was of all the children as they acted, remembered their lines and sang their way through a magical performance. Here are some of the children's comments on what they enjoyed about the performance:



"I enjoyed the snowflake dancing" Roman, Foxes

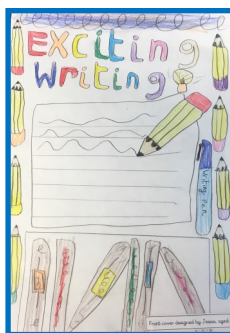
"I liked it when the angel fell over" Ila, Otters

"I really liked the singing" Lucian, Foxes

"I liked the part with Mary and Joseph, I thought the song they sang together was really good" Gurshaan, Owls

Owls and Squirrels are kick-starting our final week with Christmas carols in the hall. Please note the change of time on the tickets to 2pm. Mrs Parashar (new Year 4 teacher) and Mr Whatson (new Year 1 teacher) will both be visiting us next week to spend some more time getting to meet the children. Both are very excited about joining Heathcote in January.

Last week we launched our Exciting Writing book based on the Edgar the dragon. We've had a great range of writing in different genres across the school from character descriptions, letter writing, diary entries or using the video clip as inspiration for their own clumsy Christmas dragon story. The children also had the opportunity to design the front cover that will be used on the Exciting Writing books, Miss Cowcher had a hard time picking the winner as there were so many great entries. Well done Jessica in Owls for her winning design.



This is my last newsletter article this term and so I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you all have a fabulous time welcoming in the New Year.


It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air!


Best wishes,

Mrs Abernethy

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS	
Butterflies	97.33%
Hedgehogs	97.33%
Otters	92.67%
Foxes	96.00%
Owls	91.29%
Squirrels	95.26%
This week Mr Cote (our attendance badger) will be with:	
Butterflies and Hedgehogs	

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS	
	
Well Done Guy!	

	Yr 3/4 CHRISTMAS CAROLS Join Owls and Squirrels on: Monday 16th December 2:00pm To sing Christmas carols and songs around the Christmas tree.
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Friday 20th December 2019 On Friday 20th December 2019 school will remain open until 3.15pm but you may collect your children from 1.30pm onwards to start the holiday season.


Spotlight on Excellence



OWLS

Whilst the excitement for Christmas builds, the Owls have continued to work very hard on their learning! In Science lessons, they have been investigating 'friction' in a bid to try and help Santa solve his sleigh problem! Thankfully they came up with a good solution as to the best material to use to cover the sleigh runners to reduce friction. They wrote some fantastic letters to Santa telling him what they had learnt. In English lessons, there has been some brilliant creative writing happening, based on 'Excitable Edgar,' for the children's first piece for their 'Exciting Writing Books'. We have really enjoyed sharing some very corny Christmas jokes and loved learning a Spanish Christmas song too! The Owls would like to wish everyone a 'Feliz Navidad'!

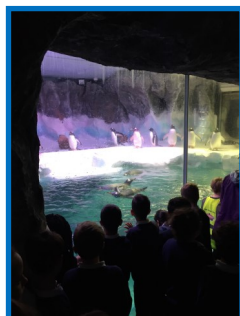


Squirrels

Well Christmas is nearly upon us, the children have been busy these last few weeks practising for their Christmas cracker show. The children have been learning their words, Makaton and lyrics for different songs, it's definitely going to be a CRACKER of a show. The Squirrels also had their end of term trip last week to the Sea life Centre, they had a brilliant time and even got to have a special behind the scenes tour.



As most of you know I am sadly leaving at the end of this term. I just wanted to wish all the children good luck for the future and say a big thank you to all the parents, carers and helpers who have supported me while I have been at Heathcote. I have enjoyed meeting every one of you and I will miss working with your children. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas.



The children singing at Austin Heath Retirement Village this morning.



Friends of Heathcote

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

Thank you for everyone who has supported the school at the Christmas Fair today, especially those who have volunteered their time in either preparation, during the fair or tidying up.

Friends would like to wish you all a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS



MAD SCIENCE

Bookings for the afterschool club in January are being organised by Mad Science direct. Any queries should be directed to Mad Science. Thank you for your cooperation.



Christmas Menu—Wednesday 18th December



Roast Turkey, Sausage and bacon roll, sage and onion stuffing

(V) Roast Quorn Fillet, sage and onion stuffing

Both served with Roast Potatoes, Peas and Baby Carrots

(V) Ice Cream or (V) Chocolate Cracknel Bauble



Academic Year 2019

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

Autumn Term 2019

16th December	Christmas Service
16th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas carols 2:00pm
18th December	Christmas Lunch
20th December	Last day of term
23rd December—3rd January 2020	Christmas Holiday

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