

Reminder:

22nd November

What's on ... BOOK FAIR				
Monday 25th November	Tuesday 26th November	Wednesday 27th November	Thursday 28th November	Friday 29th November
Mad Science 3:15—4:15pm Book Fair 3.30pm	Theatre Train -Dance 3.15 - 4.15pm	Yoga 3.15 - 4.15pm Book Fair 3.30pm	Gymnastics 3.15-4pm GoGo Makers 3.15-4.30pm	Yr 2 Parents Reading Workshop 2pm onwards

News from The Executive Head's Desk

Well the temperature has well and truly dropped and I hope you have found hats, gloves and scarves from wherever they hide during the year. We try not to let the weather stop us from doing things and as I write this I know that our Reception children are exploring their outdoor area and Miss Baggle is wishing she had brought in a warmer coat!

We have had another super week here at Heathcote and I always love going out and about into the classrooms and seeing what the children are learning. Year 3 are exploring the text of The Iron Man and developing their understanding of character description. Their classroom is looking positively art fantastic as they add to their gallery wall. Year One have been improving their handwriting and the children love showing me their letter formation as they practice. They are really proud of their progress. Reception have been learning all about Owl Babies and they get really excited when I call in because so much is happening that they want to share; so I've seen super handwriting, flowers and dogs from playdough, stars in the den, numbers, reading and more. Year 2 are improving their knowledge of division and using their times table knowledge to solve problems. Riley explained really clearly that 24 divided by 4 groups = 6. Finally Year 4 are always keen to share their writing and theme work and love reading. They are currently writing book reviews about Ruby's worries and were able to tell me all about the story which proves they had understood it.

There was an exciting workshop on Wednesday when Rock 'n' Roll play came in to entertain the children through music and also lead a drama/musical workshop. Glen played different songs, got the children singing and dancing and exploring a story through music. He was also super impressed with the behaviour of the children and told us how well they all listened and joined in. Now that makes me smile.

Year One met their new class teacher who will start in January. Mr Watson came to visit them for the day and had great fun in the class getting to know all of the children. They all made a puppet of themselves with him which they were really proud of. He also spent time with Mrs Dillon finding out about everything they have learnt so far and exploring the school. Many parents were able to meet Mr Watson at the end of school and introduce themselves. He is really looking forward to joining us in January and leading on PE and sport.

Mrs Abernethy met with The Friends of the School on Monday evening and it is really exciting that we are getting close to The Christmas Fair on Friday 13th December. There are lots of plans in place but we do need lots of help so please volunteer an hour or two of your time. Christmas fair is so much fun and really gets everyone in the holiday spirit. You should also have seen the flyers for the book fair which takes place next week in the Year 4 classroom. The children will get an opportunity to browse the books and share their favourites with you. It is a great place to buy Christmas presents. Reading really does take you to new worlds and is very calming. I can always be found with a book. All fundraising comes back into school and we are really pleased to say that recent money raised will be funding a willow dome that the children can explore and spend time outdoors in.


We are all really super proud of Charlie in Y1 who cycled 20 miles for Children in Need on Sunday and has so far raised £348! Amazing. See photos below.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss

I hope you all have a super weekend together.

Mrs Humphriss

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS	
Butterflies	96.67%
Hedgehogs	96.67%
Otters	96.67%
Foxes	95.00%
Owls	93.55%
Squirrels	94.74%
This week Mr Cote (our attendance badger) will be with:	
BUTTERFLIES	
HEDGEHOGS	
OTTERS	

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS	
	
Well Done Guy!	



Y1/2 CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON

Come and join your child to make a Christmas decoration and they might even do a mini performance of songs and rhymes for you.

Wednesday 4th December 2pm



Spotlight on Excellence



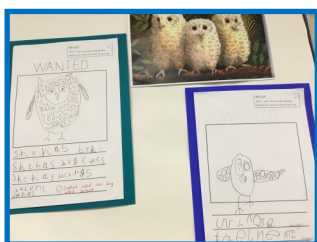
Charlie in Y1 decided to cycle 20 miles for Children in Need on Sunday. He did 4 whole laps of Draycote Water in the freezing cold and suffice to say he struggled to move his legs afterwards! So far he has raised £348, what a fabulous achievement. You have won our ARK award Charlie. What a philanthropic gesture.



RECEPTION



This week the Hedgehogs and Butterflies have read the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We've made predication about the story, made a wanted poster for missing mummy owl and also sequenced the pictures to retell the story. In maths we've been learning all about part part whole models and how to add and subtract. In phonics we've started our Phase 3 sounds. Another busy week!



OTTERS



This week Otters have had a wonderful time exploring our solar system! We found out how the eight big planets orbit the sun and created our own orbit in the playground. The children also created some solar system artwork which looks fantastic in the classroom. We have been retelling the story of Beegu this week in English, the children worked really hard and produced some lovely writing. In maths we have been calculation strategies and using number facts we already know to help us.



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

Travelling Books will have delivered two cases of books to-day, for the children, teachers and you to look through. You will have the chance to buy you children's favourite books next week at one of two book fairs on Monday and Wednesday at 3:30pm. If you are unable to make the fairs and don't wish your child to miss out on purchasing a book, you can send cash in with your child in a sealed envelope and a teacher can supervise a purchase.

If anyone would be able to help with the collection of filing cabinets from our head office to here, there are 3 units so would need a van. We are looking at collection some time next week. Please contact the office. Many thanks. Mr Forrest

Academic Year 2019

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

Autumn Term 2019

25th November	Book Fair 3.30pm
27th November	Book Fair 3.30pm
29th November	Parent Reading Workshop 2pm onwards
4th December	Yr 1/2 Christmas Craft 2 pm onwards
6th December	Non Uniform Day - Tombola prizes
11th December	Reception Christmas Performance 10am/2pm
13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
13th December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm-5pm
16th December	Christmas Service
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