

Reminder:

6th November 2020

What's on ...				
Monday 9th November	Tuesday 10th November	Wednesday 11th November	Thursday 12th November	Friday 13th November
Mad Science (Rec-Yr2)	Mad Science (Yr3-5)	Gymnastics (Rec/Yr1) 3.30-4.30pm	Football (Yr1-5) 3.30-4.30pm Diwali Dance Workshop	Diwali Dance Workshop Children In Need Day

## News from the desk of the Executive Head

Welcome back to the second term of Autumn. It has been lovely to see everyone again and of course see what progress has been made on our new building. The grounds are looking fantastic and the contractors are busy planting trees everywhere. Mrs Everett is 'over the moon' because down in forest school she has actual trees and it has really enhanced the area. We have a beautifully turfed amphitheatre and maze which when the weather is dry the children will enjoy performing in and chatting to their friends. The new classrooms are carpeted and ready to go. We are just waiting on the IT being fitted. Exciting times.

The children are as usual being busy bees and straight back into learning. I have enjoyed seeing phonics in both Reception classes. The children are really confident with their initial sounds and were quick to share all the words they know beginning with 'k'. Otters and Kingfishers have been writing about Beegu a friendly creature who is lost on earth and they have also been creating poppies for our remembrance trail. Foxes impressed me with their explanation of place value and partitioning and have also learnt all about The Gunpowder plot. Some of the children remembered this from last year which is great to hear. Hazel were looking for missing numbers in maths and using their knowledge of place value in the hundreds and are learning about The Iron Man. This is great science fiction story by Ted Hughes written in 1968 so has been around a long time and delighted children for generations. Maple class have never seemed to be in their classroom this week whenever I have walked around school. They are out and about all over the place; PE and gymnastics, forest school and digging, maths in the playground, the list is endless. Cherry class have begun their understanding of WW1 and studied the poem Flanders Fields. They have begun to learn how it must have felt for the soldiers in the trenches and their families left behind at home not knowing if they would be reunited again.

We welcomed two of Her Majesty's Inspectors from OFSTED on Tuesday. They are visiting a variety of schools in the country to compile a report on how schools, especially leaders are doing nationally with regards to Covid 19. We discussed safeguarding, behaviour, attendance and our curriculum. I was really proud of the senior leadership team who were well prepared and knowledgeable about our school. We were asked what we were particularly proud of and our answer was how our relationships have developed with you our families and that we feel communication is a real strength. We were also proud of how the children have returned to school with smiles on their faces, have shared their feelings and are learning well in all areas of our curriculum. A short letter will be written by HMI in response to their visit which I will share when it is ready.

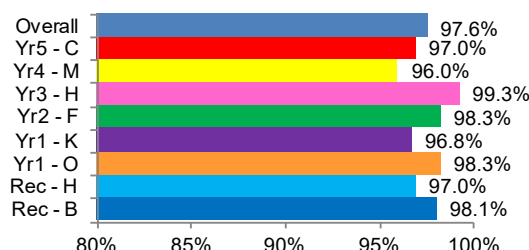
We have lots of things coming up this term; remembrance, children in need, elf day for Alzheimers, and dare I say Christmas activities. Thank you to you all for following our expectations with regards to drop off and pick up. We really appreciate it. Please stay safe during lockdown. Remember we are all here to support you and listen to you.

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." – Walt Disney.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Humphriss.

## Weekly Attendance by Class

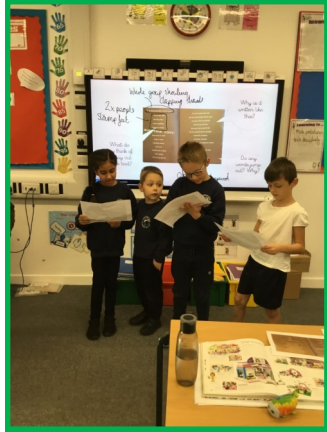
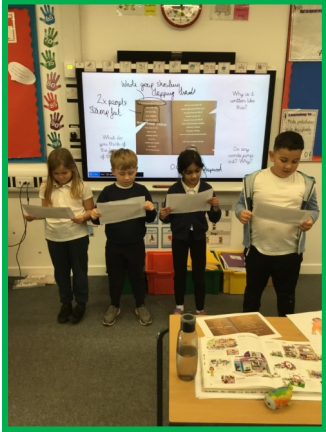


WELL DONE  
HAZEL—YEAR 3



### News from Hazel

This week in Hazel class we have been performing theatrical versions of the story 'The Iron Man'. We used tone, intonation and sound effects to bring the story to life. We are really enjoying our new book and we are looking forward to writing some poetry about the Iron Man next week!

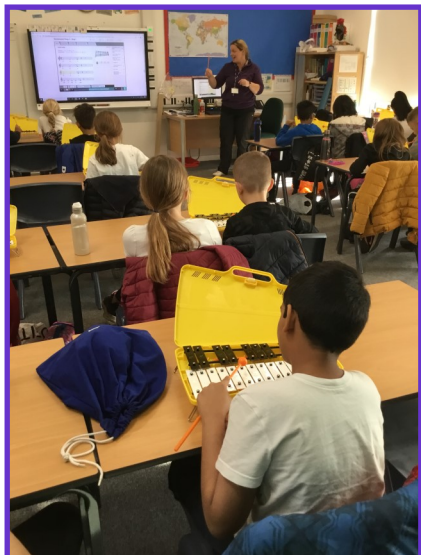


### News from Maple

Maple class have enjoyed learning about length this week. Not only have they become experts at measuring, but they can also convert units of measurement.

As our new topic is about the sea, we worked out the size of different sea creatures and drew pictures of them and their actual length on the playground. We even worked out the length of the largest recorded blue whale.

In music they have been learning how to play the glockenspiel, reading music and keeping time with the beat.



A wonderful first week back.

### News of Cherry

This week Cherry Class started their fascinating topic of World War 1. They started off by using their historical skills to create a timeline of events from the beginning of the 20th century, so that they could understand the time where the war took place.



In English, we read John McCrae's famous poem 'In Flanders Fields' and reflected on why Remembrance Day is important and the significance of the poppy. The children have created some fantastic artwork that involved them filling a silhouette with Remembrance related phrases and painting poppies around the outside. We can't wait for you to see them!



**TOGETHER,  
WE CAN**  
*Raise money*  
FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



Heathcote Primary School will be supporting BBC Children in Need on Friday 13th November 2020.

**Non uniform day for a £1 donation.**

(Payment via ParentPay Portal)

Thank you for your support!

### PARENTPAY AND ESCHOOLS

Please ensure that accounts on the ParentPay and eschools portals are activated.

If you require logins or assistance, please contact the office

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### School Photographs

Due to the government restrictions there may be a delay on the production/delivery of school photographs as this may be classed as “nonessential”

We will keep you updated if we hear from the photographers via the eschools portal.

On Friday 4th December we will be supporting Alzheimer’s Society by holding our “Elf Day”. This festive fun day will support the changing lives of people affected by dementia.

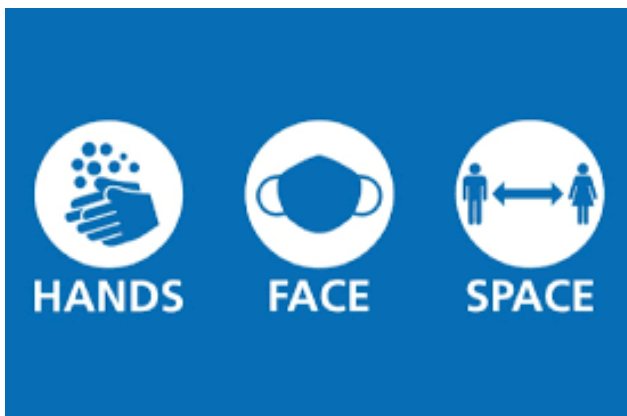
Please dress up in your best “Elf Costume” and bring a cash donation.



### Friday 27th November- Treat Our Families Day-

To help us treat some of our families over Christmas please come to school in non-school uniform and bring in a Christmas treat. This could be anything from a selection box to a small gift.

Mrs Shirley will use the donations to create small Christmas hampers.



### Academic Year 2020.2021

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

#### 2020

12th & 13th November	Diwali Dance Workshop
13th November	Children in Need
27th November	“Treat Our Families” (non uniform day)
4th December	Elf Day—Alzheimer's Society (details to follow)
15th December	Christmas Lunch
18th December	Last Day of Term
21st December—1st January	Christmas Holiday



#### 2021

4th January	INSET Day—School closed to pupils
15th—19th February	Half Term Holiday
1st April	Last Day of Term
2nd April—16th April	Easter Holidays
3rd May	Bank Holiday
31st May—4th June	Half Term Holiday
7th June	INSET Day—School closed to pupils
18th June	INSET Day—School closed to pupils
21st July	End of Term



The School Calendar is also available to view on the School Website.

