

# Heathcote Herald



## Key Dates

**Tuesday 5th April—whole school photograph (CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM TO BE WORN, NO PE OR FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHES)**

**Break up for the Easter Holidays—Friday 8th April**

**Summer Term Starts—Monday 25th April**

The school calendar is also available on the school website



## Scribbles' Thought of the Week

Your dog doesn't stay up watching DVD's or box sets. And he doesn't play games late into the night. A good night's rest is important to humans as well as dogs.

## No Dogs Allowed on Site

It is school policy not to allow dogs onto the school site, this is with exception to assistance dogs (Guide Dogs and Hearing Dogs) together with Scribbles, our school dog.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Highlights from the Desk Head of the Executive Head

Wow, Wow, Wow I felt I just had to sit down at my computer and write my news straight away following the brilliant performance by the children of Year 2 and 3. The Bee Musical just blew me away. The children gave us a very important message; 'without bees our world would die and therefore we need to look after our habitats and provide the right food for bees to survive.' Their acting, narration, dancing, singing skills were incredible. Some of the children had to learn an incredible amount of lines and they delivered these with great gusto. A huge thank you to all the staff involved in making sure the children get the opportunity to perform and a thank you to you the parents for creating such fabulous costumes. I have never seen such an array of bee costumes in all my life. Well done.

The whole school has been buzzing (no pun intended) with learning this week. Year 6's writing was incredible, beautifully presented and the fact files they have created on The Blitz are so well thought out. Great progress. Year 5 have been exploring different foods and drinks and learning about how our taste buds affect our senses whilst in Year 4 they have been cracking down on their multiplication facts. Year 1 children have been writing fact files on different woodland animals and should you want to know what badgers and foxes eat then seek out an Otter or Kingfisher they'll tell you straight away. Reception have been baking gingerbread men and were able to recall the story of The Gingerbread Man in great detail when I asked them. There was also a very large tower of bricks being built to represent the beanstalk from Jack and the Beanstalk. I hope the giant stays at the top of his cloud.

Next week the whole school is spending time developing our outdoor areas and creating lots of artwork. We would love donations to help spruce up our school but also need helpers. If you are free we would love to see you. Enjoy the weekend.

*'The hum of the bees is the voice of the garden.'*  
Mrs Humphriss

## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Year 2 and Year 3 Performance

Firstly, all the staff and children in years 2 and 3 would like to thank parents and carers for their amazing support with costumes and kind donations for our Bee Musical performances on Wednesday. We raised £126 during our 2 performances. Throughout all rehearsals, the children's enthusiasm has been incredible – they have put in a huge amount of effort to learn all the actions and songs. It was such a treat for the children to take part in the first live production in over two years. For some children it was their first ever school performance because of this, there were quite a lot of nervous but very excited children on Wednesday morning. It was so lovely to see such a packed audience with so many friends and family members smiling back at us. All of the children really enjoyed taking part in the show. Many of them already miss singing the songs that we learnt and want to know when they can perform again. Due to absences, a number of children only had two or three days to practise, some children even had to step in for others at the last minute, which goes to show how dedicated and committed all the children were.

On Thursday, there were some tired faces in the class, but they all managed to settle back to normal, school routine. In maths, they have been recognising halves of shapes and understand that a fraction must be an equal part of something. In English, they have finished their adventure stories that are set in Willy Wonka's chocolate factory and are now ready to write their adventures up in a book format. Once again, thank you for all of your support—the children have definitely earned a relaxing weekend!





# Safeguarding corner

## YouTube - Parent Allowlisting

The YouTube Kids app was introduced in the UK in January 2016 and was designed to allow younger children to use YouTube in a more managed (moderated) way whilst giving parents extra controls. Whilst it is a great app, my visits around primary schools over the years suggests that very few younger children use the YouTube Kids service. In conversation with the children and their parents, the biggest reason is usually because the channels/videos that the children want to watch are not available on the YouTube Kids app.

This has now changed. YouTube have introduced a new service called Parent Allowlisting which can be used on mobile devices where a parent can approve a video/channel from the main YouTube app into their child's YouTube Kids account. Follow the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVYsgC7-6ZM&list=WL&index=17>

## Leamington Football Competition

On 25<sup>th</sup> Friday, year 6 and year 5 children went to a cup match at the Leamington football ground. We all did incredibly well and we were all so proud. We played 5 matches in total against: Southam, Barford and Budbrooke. First, we played against Southam, which ended 1-1. Next, we played against Barford and the score was 2-2. Then our final group game was against Budbrooke and the score was 0-0. We did so well that we qualified for a semi-final.

We played against Southam but the coaches said if you draw, the game would go to a penalty shoot-out. In the semi-final we played against Southam and we drew 1-1. When the whistle blew, our hearts dropped because it went to penalties. We scored 2/3 and Southam scored 1/3 penalties so that meant we were through to the final!

We were all so delighted because this was the first time Heathcote have ever reached a final. In the final our last opponent was Barford. Sadly, we lost 1-0 but at least we created history for our school. We were all still very cheerful and very proud.

By Rian (Year 6)

