

# Heathcote Herald



#### Highlight from Executive Headteacher's Desk

What a wonderful start to the summer term we have had, the sun is shining and the children are already excited about learning. I like to walk the school (socially distanced) and my highlight on Tuesday was as I went from classroom door to classroom door the children didn't even notice me. Why? Because they were so engrossed in their learning. Year 5's heads were down tackling fractions and persevering, Year 4 had an unexpected visitor overnight and were in full investigation mode. What could it have been? General consensus was a deer and the children identified clues including possible footprints. Great deductions. In Year 3 they had a virtual 🔍 reading by an author. Cressida Cowell was reading 'How to train a dragon.' The children were responding to questions and gaining valuable reading skills. I couldn't even find year 2 until I had the pit pat of tennis balls and realised they were learning new ball skills out in the grounds. I was in shock in year 1 as giant eggs had appeared and foliage was covering the corners of the room. The Dinosaurs are in town! Reception are preparing for airports opening and learning all about travel. It is all covid secure in their aeroplanes and they are waiting for the green light to fly. The curriculum is always developing here at Heathcote and I love how diverse it is.

'Education is a once in a lifetime opportunity to open children's minds and hearts to the unbelievable wonder of the universe.'

#### Key Dates

The school calendar is also available on the school website:

Teacher Training Day
Friday 30th April

**Teacher Training Days** 

Monday 7th June Friday 18th June

## Spotlight on a Random Act of Kindness

Betty, in Hedgehogs will be donating 12 inches of hair on May 1st for the Little Princess Trust. Betty is very excited to be able to help another child feel happy and more confident by donating her hair to be made into a real hair wig. An incredibly brave thing to do at just 4 and a half! She is also very much looking forward to having a new hair cut too as her hair is so long it ends keep getting sat on!



It costs £550 to create, fit and style a wig for a child in need. If you would like to support Betty in her 'SuperHairo' quest to raise as much money as possible, the link to her fundraising page is: gofund.me/58eef992

Well done to Betty and all the children at Heathcote who go above and beyond to show kindness and support to others. What amazing superheroes you all are!

#### **Autism Awareness Month**

Autism Awareness Month detailed is aa link to a book on You Tube ' A Different Kind of Brilliant'.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6g8QHWkKZU



#### Safeguarding corner

#### Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P)

Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P) is an online programme for parents of children and young people. There are two programmes, one for toddler to pre-teen and the other for teens.

The programme is offered free to Warwickshire parents. For more information and to get your free booking code, please contact the Family Information Services on 01926 742274 or fis@warwickshire.gov.uk



## Spotlight on our staff





Questions
with...
Miss
Baggley



#### 1. What is your role at Heathcote Primary

I am a reception teacher and teach the Butterflies class. I am also the RE and PSHE lead for the school.

#### 2. What do you most like about your day?

My favourite thing about the day is standing at the door each morning and welcoming the happy children we have here at Heathcote. The infectious smiles and friendly faces always set me up positively for the rest of the day.

#### 3. Have you always wanted to be a teacher?

Growing up, I always wanted to be a teacher. I can't think of a more rewarding job!

#### 4. What makes you happy?

Spending time with my family and friends makes me happy. I also love being with my Labrador puppy, who enjoys playing with a football and digging up the garden!

## 5. What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

When I was growing up, my parents always used to say to me 'treat people the way you would like to be treated yourself.' This is something that I believe is true and always try to stick to it in life.



#### 6. What book would you recommend?

A book I would recommend is the poetry book Please Mrs Butler by Allan Alberg. As a child, I memorised the poems and would recite them to anyone that would listen!

### 7. If you were the Prime Minister what would be your first job?

If I was the Prime Minister, I would end the inequality in our country and make sure everyone has a safe place to live and enough food to eat.

## 8. If you had a magic minibus that could take you anywhere in history where would you go and why?

If I could go anywhere in history, I would go to Ancient China and watch the process of the Terracotta Army being built.

## 9. What are you most looking forward to in the next school year?

I am looking forward to working with lots of new children who join our school in September and helping them, along with their families, to see what an amazing school we are!

#### 10. What are your top tips for learning?

Never give up and be proud of your achievements. If you find something easy, you probably aren't learning anything new. It's only when you are challenged and an activity makes you think, that you can say you have learnt something new.