

Heathcote Herald



Highlight from the desk of the Head of School

It has been a lovely start to the year! As I walk around school, I can see that everyone is starting to feel more settled in their classrooms, getting familiar with new routines and looking forward what exciting opportunities might be coming next! Yesterday there was a real buzz in the Key Stage 2 corridor as the Year 6 children were presenting their reasons for why they would like to be a House Captain. It was lovely to see Beech rise to the opportunity to write a speech and share how they would like to support the school and why. They should all feel very proud of how they have started this term with a greater sense of maturity and showing role model behaviour. I look forward to announcing our School Captains, House Captains and Deputy House Captains in our first Celebration assembly next Friday.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join our Meet the Teacher sessions over the last fortnight. It has been wonderful to be able to invite you back into school and for you to see the learning environments your children are using. We look forward to inviting you into school more often and will be announcing parent workshops later in the term for you to attend.

Mrs Abernethy



SPOTLIGHT ON

BUTTERFLIES & HEDGEHOGS

We are now at the end of week two and reception have settled well into life at Heathcote. From the moment they enter the gate, they have a can-do attitude and show bravery and perseverance in all they do. There are smiles all round and friends being made. We are starting to establish routines and the children are already developing independence which is brilliant! Within the first two weeks, we have fitted in so much; exploring classrooms and the outdoor area, joining together for story time with Year 5 and 6, music lessons, PE sessions, learning about the Colour Monster and even going into the hall for our very first whole school assembly.

Everyone in the reception team are so proud of the resilience and maturity the children have displayed. We can see that they are going to be an excellent year group as they move through the school. Well done Hedgehogs and Butterflies!

Key Dates

After-school clubs start next week. All clubs finish at 4:30pm

Wednesday 22nd September—Year 4 Roman day

Friday 24th September—Celebration assembly 9am

The school calendar is also available on the school website



Safeguarding corner

If you ever have a safeguarding concern, please come and speak to one of the Designated Safeguarding Team:



Mrs Abernethy
Head of School
and
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Humphris
Executive Head Teacher
and
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Cowcher
Year 2 teacher, EVFS lead
and
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Bradburn
SENDCO
and
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr Harwood
Year 6 teacher, SLT
and
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

If you have any issues about a child they should be raised with the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputy DSL. If there is a risk of immediate harm to a child a referral should be made to children social care immediately. Anybody can make a referral.
MASH Team/Social care: 01926 414144
If you are concerned about a member of staff speak to the Executive Head Teacher Mrs Humphris or the Chair of Governors Dr Paul Wakelshay.



Celebrating 5 years at Heathcote!

Birthday message from Miss Forrest

In August 2017 a couple of us staff came in to a empty blank canvas school, there was a buzz about all the new equipment. Tables, chairs etc... and with a team spirit this blank canvas started to look like a working school.

Heathcote is not just a school it's a Family where we all work together as a team to help each other and care for our children.

I still remember that first day as if it was last week and I have enjoyed and feel privileged to see our Heathcote children Develop and Flourish through their time at our school, it's not just a job it's a to work with a wonderful team and as from being SMDS to Forest School TA it's a joy.



Birthday wishes from Miss Baggley

Happy 5th Birthday Heathcote! I have enjoyed the past 4 years here at the school and am amazed at how quickly it has grown. I can't wait to be part of many more exciting learning experiences.

Birthday wishes from Miss Goodey

Heathcote! I am really excited to have joined such an amazing school in their 5th year. I am looking forward to seeing how the school develops in the next 5 years.

Birthday wishes from Mrs Crossley

Congratulations Heathcote Primary School on being open for five years. I am in my third year in Reception and have loved every moment. I am so looking forward to my future at Heathcote and to be able to continue to be part of an amazing team.

