

Reminder:

13th September 2019

What's on ...				
Monday 16th	Tuesday 17th	Wednesday 18th	Thursday 19th	Friday 20th
	Meet the Teacher— Yr 4: 3:30pm Theatre Train -Dance 3.15 - 4.15pm	Yoga 3.15 - 4.15pm	Meet the Teacher— Year 1 & Year 3 3:30pm GoGo Makers 3.15-4.30pm	Celebration Assembly

News from the Deputy Head

It has been a very exciting week as we welcome all of our new Reception children and their families to the school. Hedgehogs and Butterflies have loved exploring their unit and getting to meet all the new faces around the school. I am very impressed with how quickly they have settled in and it has been lovely seeing the older children looking after them around school and at lunchtimes.

Elsewhere in school, Year 1 (Otters) have been busy looking at number bonds to 10 and learning how to half and double. Year 2 (Foxes) have been journalists writing exciting newspapers articles about adventures in Fairy Land, in particular Prince Charming finding Rapunzel. Year 3 (Owls) have been acting as tigers as part of their Predators topic and finished their week with a visit from Arden Falconry and Year 4 (Squirrels) have been busy counting in Roman numerals getting their heads around X, V and I. What is the value of XVIII?

This week we also launched the new way we will be dismissing for home time. Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve this system and make sure that all children go home safely. Please continue to stand behind the cones, away from where the children are lining up so that class teachers can clearly see who they are sending the children to.

Meet the Teacher appointments started this week and will continue into next week with Year 4's (Squirrels) on Tuesday and Year 1's (Otters) and Year 3's (Owls) on Thursday, all starting at 3:30pm from their classrooms. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, find out what they will be learning this year and ask any questions. For regular updates about the exciting things we are doing at Heathcote, please look and sign up to our school's Twitter account - @Heathcote_P_S. Each class will have their own hashtag that they will use to share their class information. These will replace all individual class Twitter accounts. Communication is important to us and we try our best to keep you informed through the weekly newsletter, school website, Twitter and class letters. We operate an 'open door' approach and always welcome you to come and speak to us about any queries or concerns you might have and also share your exciting news!

This is my first time writing 'News from the Deputy Head' and I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the children, parents and staff for making me feel so welcomed at Heathcote. It is lovely walking onto the playground in the morning and afternoon and being greeted with so many friendly smiles, waves and good wishes. I wish you all a happy weekend, fingers crossed we continue to have the sunny weather for a little longer and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted" Aesop

Mrs Abernethy

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS

Butterflies	99.33%
Hedgehogs	99.31%
Otters	95.78%
Foxes	99.34%
Owls	97.03%
Squirrels	91.12%

WELL DONE FOXES



WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS



Well done

BEARS



Job Opportunity

An exciting opportunity has arisen, within Chartwell's cleaning service for a cleaning vacancy at the school.

Monday to Friday working 15.30 start time. **10.0** hours per week.

Full induction and training are given, so no previous experience is required. If you would be interested or would like further details, please contact Debbie Cram on 07773792214, or email deborah.cram@compass-group.co.uk.

This position is subject to an enhanced disclosure check under the Rehabilitation of Offences Act 1974

Uniform & Training Provided

TEACHING ASSISTANT—LEVEL 2

Please see the school website for details.

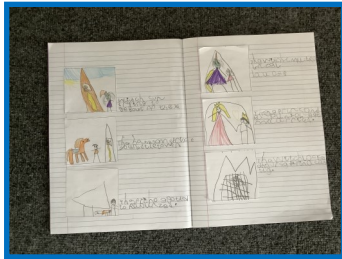
Spotlight on Excellence



The Foxes



This week Year 2 have been learning about newspaper reports. We started by looking at all the parts of a newspaper and having a go at writing quotes. We then moved onto writing our own super reports based on the story of Rapunzel. All of the children tried incredibly hard and we're very proud of what they produced. Well Done Foxes!



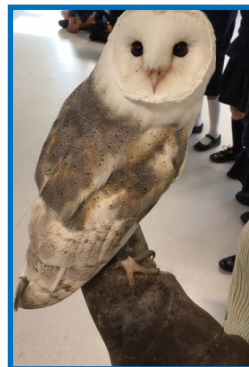
The Owls



This morning we had an exciting visit from Arden Falconry where we got to meet and hold an owl, a falcon and a hawk.

"It was amazing holding the birds, it was fascinating listening to the lady and learning lots of new things" - Sienna

"When I held the owl, it was a bit heavy!" - Alex



The Squirrels



The Squirrels have had a fantastic first couple of weeks back at school. The children have created their own Roman shields, they have been learning how to read and write using Roman numerals, created a huge Squirrel collage (which looks amazing) been sharing and discussing a new text in English called UG by Raymond Briggs and so much more. Well done Squirrels, you have all worked brilliantly, keep it up!!!



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: friendsofheathcoteps@gmail.com

The 'Friends of Heathcote Primary' are already planning the forthcoming events but we also need your help. Please come to the first FoHPS meeting of the year next week on Wednesday 18th September at 3.30pm. This will give you the chance to hear about what do, why we do it and how you can help us do it. Please come along and share your ideas and opinions on fundraising activities and how we can best spend the money raised. On a different topic we are holding a Macmillan coffee morning on Wednesday 25th September after school drop, about 9am. Please can you help support this invaluable cause by donating cake and popping along to taste someone else's! Finally, date for Reception parents diaries. We will be holding a Welcome Disco on Thursday 24th October at 4.30 pm. Due to the number of children in the school this year it will only be open to Reception children, their parents/carers and siblings.

Special Menu

Please see the website for change of menu choices on 26th September (Rugby Lunch) and 3rd October (Italian/American)

BIKE SECURITY

Please ensure if you are leaving a bike at school during the day that it is locked securely.

PARENT PAY AND ESCHOOLS

Please ensure that accounts are activated, Parentpay is the only payment method and eschools for booking parents evenings.

Academic Year 2019

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

Autumn Term 2019

17th September	Meet the Teacher Yr 4
19th September	Meet the Teacher Yr 1 & 3
1st October	Flu Vaccinations
25th October	Teacher Training Day—No children in school
28th October—1st November	Half-term Holiday
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