



Heathcote Herald



From the desk of The Executive Head

We have really loved meeting our new Reception children for September this week when they visited us for their 'Stay & Play' sessions. These have taken place outside in small groups and we are really pleased we have been able to do some transition with our new families. The children were all very excited and we can't wait to see the next generation join our school. It is certainly growing and we have some very exciting projects planned next year to ensure the children are engaging within our community. Year 3 in September will be working with The Heritage Museum in Warwick on a great archaeology project and we are also developing our allotments and play-ground equipment as well plus re-starting our links with Austin Heath.

Mr May The Executive Director of our trust joined myself and Mrs Abernethy for some monitoring of our curriculum this week. We were able to see a range of learning in Art, Maths, History and Reading across the school, talk to pupils about their learning and hear from our subject leads on how they are developing the curriculum for staff and pupils. There were some real strengths in the school; excellent behaviour, strong subject knowledge, exciting cross-curricular links. For example Year 4 used their knowledge of maths to create visual timelines in history and Year 2 used repeating pattern skills to create pirate wrapping paper and improved their printing skills in art. I can't wait to see the finished product. There is always further work to be done in education and we will be increasing staff confidence in assessing at the point of learning and ensuring that our pupils can confidently talk about explicit links between subjects. Whilst all this was going on we also had to react quickly and sadly close a class bubble. Mr May was impressed with the calm confident way the team divided up the roles needed to do this, reassured children and parents and ensured that we kept everyone as safe as we can. Trust me closing a bubble is not what we ever want to do and here at Heathcote we have been fortunate but we must continue to follow public health advice and keep the virus from spreading. Our thoughts go out to the families who are currently unwell with Covid.

'The way I see it is if you want to see the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain!'
Dolly Parton.

Key Dates

The school calendar is also available on the school website:

Sports days:

Tuesday 13th July, 10:30—11:45am:
Reception

Wednesday 14th July, 10am—
11:45am: KS1

Thursday 15th July, 10am—12pm:
KS2

Wednesday 21st July—Last day of
term. School will finish between
1:20-1:30pm

A FRIEND IS ONE OF THE NICEST
THINGS YOU CAN HAVE

& ONE OF THE BEST THINGS YOU CAN BE

Spotlight on Year 2 Habitat Trip

On Tuesday, Year 2 visited the 'Habitat Survival Trust' to link with their science work on mini beasts, animals and habitats. Everyone had great fun exploring the woodlands identifying different types of trees and birds, walking through the meadows spotting butterflies and cuckoo spit and splashing about in the river building a dam! The children also had a yummy treat with Henley Ice Creams making a special visit to us. All of Foxes should



feel very proud of how well behaved they all were, listening carefully to the volunteers and treating the area with respect. A lovely trip to end the year with!

Safeguarding corner



Helping parents keep
their children safe online

Internet matters has lots of advice, guidance and resources to support parents with making sure

their children are safe online:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/social-media-concerns/>

Some helpful tips:

- Use child safe search engines such as Swiggle or Kids-search. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and YouTube.
- Check if it's suitable. The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child, for example the minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites including Facebook, Instagram and TikTok
- Use airplane mode on your device when your child is using them so they can't make any unapproved purchases or interact with anyone online without your knowledge.



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Questions with... Miss Liggins



1. What is your role at Heathcote Primary?

I'm a teaching assistant in Year 1 with Otters class.

2. What do you most like about our school?

I like the great team spirit Heathcote has, both pupils and staff are always looking out for one another. Plus there is always something exciting going on around school.

3. What did you want to be when you grew up?

When you are young you have so many ideas about what you would like to be when you are older. For me, a florist, a police officer, a nursery nurse, a teacher. I have always though wanted to be a farmer like my dad and have my own herd of South Devon cattle .

4. What is your favourite subject in school?

I think if I really had to choose it would be Geography and History. They were the subjects along with PE that I loved when I was at school.

5. Can you recommend a holiday destination in the UK?

Difficult to choose there are so many great places in the UK but I have fond memories of holidays in Bournemouth as a child. Last year though I was lucky enough to fly in a Spitfire from Headcorn Aerodrome in Kent. Previously I had only ever driven straight through the South East en route to Dover to catch a ferry! At the aerodrome you can watch the historic planes taking people up on their flight experiences. If you are brave enough you can even have a go at wing walking! I discovered Hastings and its historic black Net Shops and Camber Sands where I collected some amazing shells and watched kitesurfing and buggying, which looked great fun.

6. What is your favourite book?

I absolutely love the Hairy Maclary stories by Lynley Dodd. The adventures and mischief that Hairy Maclary gets up to, the fun illustrations and best of all the rhyming text.

7. What is your favourite meal?

My favourite meal would have to be Sunday Lunch with all my family. My mum is the most amazing cook and makes everything from scratch. Her Yorkshire puddings are light and fluffy and she makes a mean apple crumble with a flapjack topping.

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

I think I would go back to the time of the Inca civilisation and see how they built Machu Picchu. When you stand and look at the size of the stones they used and the location of Machu Picchu high on a mountain ridge, it is a feat of engineering from the 15th-century. I can see why it is one of the Wonders of the Ancient World.

9. What are you most looking forward to next year?

I am looking forward to having a full year in school with Otters class.

10. What advice would you give children?

Don't be afraid to try something new. It is ok to get things wrong sometimes and learn from your mistakes. As Clare Balding says "when you fall off, get back on and keep going." (I have started reading her book and would recommend it)

