

What's on ...				
Monday 7th	Tuesday 8th	Wednesday 9th	Thursday 10th	Friday 11th
	Theatre Train -Dance 3.15 - 4.15pm	Yoga 3.15 - 4.15pm	Gymnastics 3.15-4pm GoGo Makers 3.15-4.30pm	Celebration Assembly

News from The Executive Head's Desk

Well you can certainly feel that Autumn is well and truly developing. There is a definite chill in the air first thing in the morning and the trees are turning into a beautiful range of colours. No matter what you are doing take time to stop and look at the leaves and appreciate nature in all its glory. I can guarantee you will feel more relaxed.

We have been extra busy at Heathcote this week preparing the school for our Open Week next week. The children have been adding to the displays in the corridors and the hall. Each class has created a superb collage of their class animal/insect/bird and these are now displayed in the hall and over time photographs and the children's learning will be added to them so we can remember everything we learn. Year 3 have made some great skeletons and these are now in our new area for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. We are adding interactive tables so the children can explore and problem solve. Reception are exploring the world and improving their knowledge of geography. They are following the key text 'Lost and Found.' They are learning all about penguins and the Arctic. In their outside area they have been exploring ice and observing the changes it makes. I have loved going down to visit them to join in their phonics and read them stories.

We are keen to continue to foster the love of reading with the children. We already have a superb library in the school, you'll find reading corners in every classroom and now in our playground we are creating a reading hut. You may have seen the festive bunting and the posters of books on the walls. We are going to buy plastic boxes and put books outside so the children can find a quiet place to sit and read or talk to their friends about their favourite book. The children are very excited and are keen to collect books to go out there. Our school council met with Mrs Abernethy this week and are very excited about improving the playground further in all sorts of ways. They are leading a survey and will be asking the children what they would like playtime to be like. We also launched Language of The Month. We know that we have many different languages in our school and we are keen to celebrate them and also learn how to communicate. The children will lead assemblies and teach us their language. We cannot wait to see our new display celebrating all our different cultures.

Thank you to everyone who have returned their survey. We are busy collating them and hope to share your views soon. It has been lovely to read that you feel the school is welcoming and friendly and that you feel your children are safe and well. We recognise that communication is a focus for the school and hope that the initiatives we have put in place so far go some way to helping you know what is going on in our busy school. The communication board is being updated weekly, you can find dates on our website under the calendar. We have now only one twitter account which is updated with children's learning and key events. Slowly but surely the website is being brought up to date. The Friends of the School now have their own page on the website and will be adding in events and photos. We will do our best to make sure you have key dates in plenty of advance. We will be developing the use of E-Schools this year to support you all in knowing what is happening. Please note we value your views and will always make time to speak with you. Remember a quick chat can allay many concerns.

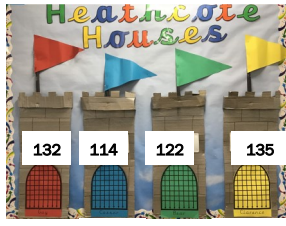

Next week we have our Open Week. If you know of anyone who has a child who is starting school in September 2020 please tell them to phone our school office and book on a tour.

'Happy Weekend. Life is short, grab a friend and do whatever excites your spirit and makes your soul sing with joy.' *Karen Kostyla*

Mrs Humphriss

<u>WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS</u>	
Butterflies	97.50%
Hedgehogs	100%
Otters	94.58%
Foxes	99.58%
Owls	91.25%
Squirrels	98.68%
This week Mr Cote (our attendance badger) will be with: Hedgehogs	



<u>WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS</u>	
	Well done
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Safeguarding

On our website we have a magazine called DITTO which can be downloaded to find out more about how to keep children safe on the internet. Look under parents and online safety. There are also links to websites which help understanding the wide world of the web.

School Council



Welcome from our new school councilors. This year we have set ourselves 3 goals we hope to achieve to make the school even better.

1 - Look at creating designated play zones and getting new equipment for play times.

2—Create a kindness box where everyone can nominate someone in school they think has been kind.

3— Look at introducing more lunch time and after school clubs.

We are excited to see what we will achieve this year!

From

William & Evelyn (Otters), Minnie & Miles (Foxes), Rayan & Gurshaan (Owls), Scarlett & Monty (Squirrels)

Spotlight on Excellence



Butterflies and Hedgehogs

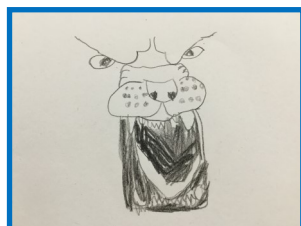
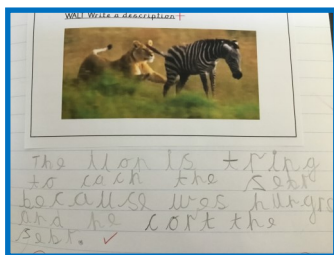


This week in Butterflies and Hedgehogs we have been focusing on our book of the week 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. The children have created their own penguins using paint and collage materials and sequenced the story. We have continued to learn new sounds during our Phonics lessons and also began our Mathematics mastery lessons, where we have been busy making repeating patterns with lots of different materials.



The Otters

Otters are really enjoying our African theme based around our text "One Day on our blue planet...in the Savannah". We have been finding out how lions hunt their prey and exploring food chains in Science. In English we have been describing how the animals of the Savannah move and how they hunt. In our art lesson we have been learning drawing skills and creating lion artwork. For maths this week we have been learning to add and subtract independently using a number line and solving mixed addition and subtraction equations.



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

Hopefully all Reception children are looking forward to the Welcome Disco on the Wednesday 23rd October. This has been an extremely popular event the past couple of years. It is a ticketed event and food must be pre ordered.

Also if you want to get involved with helping the Friends of Heathcote Primary and the school please come to the AGM on 14th October at the school after school drop off (3.30pm). Just a little help, from many, can do amazing things!



Harvest - Collection for the Food Bank

We will be collecting donations on **Wednesday 16th October** for the local food bank. All donations greatly appreciated.

Please do not bring donations into school until 16th October.
Many thanks.

Academic Year 2019

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

Autumn Term 2019

16th October	Flu Vaccinations
16th October	Harvest (collecting for the food bank)
23rd October	Vision Testing—Yr 1
24th October	School Photographs
23rd October	Friends Disco for Reception
25th October	Teacher Training Day—No children in school
28th October—1st November	Half-term Holiday
4th-16th November	Team4U Christmas Shoe box drop off
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