

Reminder: **TT day 25.10.19 return to school Monday 4th November**

24th October 2019

What's on ...				
Monday 4th November	Tuesday 5th November	Wednesday 6th November	Thursday 7th November	Friday 8th November
	Theatre Train -Dance 3.15 - 4.15pm	Yoga 3.15 - 4.15pm Year 4 Trip	Gymnastics 3.15-4pm GoGo Makers 3.15-4.30pm	

News from the Deputy Head Teacher

Wow, what an exciting first term we have all had!


As I think back to some of this term's highlights, I'm filled with joy and pride of some of the exciting activities and achievements the children have made. Owls kicked off this term with a Bird of Prey visit and Otters got to hold little furry animals brought in by the Pets at Home team. Our little Reception children joined us and have settled in incredibly well. Through their learning they've enjoyed playing doctors, learning about penguins, exploring different languages and cultures, creating revolting concoctions for Halloween and last week had their wonderful Teddy Bear Picnic. I thoroughly enjoyed walking into the hall to see children, parents and teachers alike really getting into their penguin dance moves. Foxes have enjoyed creating bridges out of straws and designing suitable suits for Humpty Dumpty to make sure he doesn't break after his great fall! Squirrels have fully immersed themselves in their Roman topic, making coins, moulding Queen Boudicca wire statues and finished their topic on a trip to St John's house in Warwick on Wednesday. As a school we have elected House captain, school councillors, celebrated World Maths day, raised money on pyjama day for DACS and collected a range of donations for Harvest to go to a local food bank. We've enjoyed visits from Reverend Rob, Team4U regarding their shoebox appeal and the police to make sure our bikes and scooters can be identified. The Friends held their AGM meeting, hosted a Macmillan coffee money and finished this term with the very exciting Reception welcome disco. Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported the school and children this half term.

As you can see, we have all been very busy I think everyone definitely deserves a well earned rest. I hope you all have a wonderful time over the half term. Take time to rest, enjoy each other's company and recharge for our next exciting half term on the lead up to Christmas. Just a quick reminder that parent consultations will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday on the first week back. Please go to your e-school account to book a ten minute slot with your child's class teacher.

Look forward to seeing you all back after half term.

"Take rest; a field that has rested gives a bountiful crop" – Ovid

Mrs Abernethy

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS	
Butterflies	97.14%
Hedgehogs	98.35%
Otters	97.11%
Foxes	98.36%
Owls	96.50%
Squirrels	95.95%
This week Mr Cote (our attendance badger) will be with: Foxes	
	

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS			
			
124	104	126	151
Guy	Caesar	Bear	Clarence
			
Well done			



CHRISTMAS PLAY

This year the Christmas Play will be performed by Reception Children only. Remaining classes will be attending a carol service at Heathcote Church.

11th December

(Times to be confirmed)

Children in Year 1 and 2 will be performing a joint play in the Spring Term. With Years 3 and 4 providing a performance in the Summer Term.

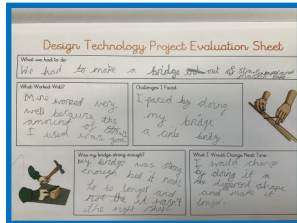


Spotlight on Excellence



Year 2—Foxes

This week in Foxes we have been busy investigating structures as part of our Design and Technology learning. We made bridges that needed to be strong enough to hold a cup of coins. We had to design, build and test our bridges. Finally we wrote some super evaluations about our bridges.



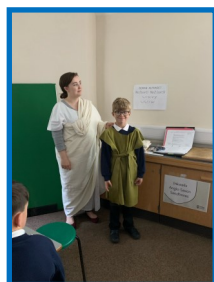
Year 3—Owls

There is never a dull moment in Owls! Our learning over the last few weeks has included life saving surgery on a very poorly patient; Mr Would Not! The Owls looked on nervously as Dr. Lawson, in full theatre scrubs, carried out 'Operation Contraction'! We are pleased to report that the necessary letters were removed and the apostrophe inserted correctly! Mr Wouldn't has made a full recovery. On Monday the inaugural 'Beanbag Toss World Championships' took place at Heathcote! The tension mounted as the Owls worked in teams to throw, then measure and record their distances. The event concluded with a nail-biting House competition in which each competitor had to throw with their opposite throwing arm to level the playing field. You have all been 'winners' this half term, Owls. Congratulations each and everyone of you.



Year 4—Squirrels

The squirrels have had another fantastic couple of weeks, jam packed with heaps of excellent learning. In Science the children became electricians and had to investigate how to make a complete electrical circuit, they used different equipment and made bulbs light up and produced sound using buzzers. In Maths they have been sequencing numbers, counting in steps of 25 and recognising patterns all with 4 digit numbers. In English the children planned and wrote some fantastic Gladiator short stories, they were action packed and included lots of detailed descriptive language. Finally to finish off their Roman topic they took part in a Roman workshop. They became archaeologists for the day, exploring and handling real Roman artefacts that were over 2000 years old, tried on Roman clothing, tried their hand at writing like a Roman on wax tablets, smelt some of the Roman food and discovered some of the Roman delicacies on offer...dormice and swan!!! It has been a brilliant half term and the children should be extremely proud of all their hard work. I hope everyone has a fantastic break and has a well deserved rest.



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: friendsofheathcote@gmail.com

The Friends would like to say a great big thank you to everyone who came to the Welcome Disco yesterday. Everyone seemed to have a super fun time. Thanks for your support and great to see some new faces helping with the event. Next events planned are two bookfairs during the week commencing 25th November and Christmas Fayre on Friday 13th December.

Wishing you a fun filled half term!

Christmas Fair



Donations of good quality toys, games, puzzles, jigsaws etc would be greatly appreciated for a toy stall at the Christmas Fair. Many thanks.

Academic Year 2019

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

Autumn Term 2019

28th October—1st November	Half-term Holiday
4th-16th November	Team4U Christmas Shoe box drop off
11th December	Reception Nativity (times to be confirmed)
13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
16th December	Christmas Service
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