

Reminder: **Teacher Training Day—Friday 25th October**

18th October 2019

What's on ...				
Monday 21st	Tuesday 22nd	Wednesday 23rd	Thursday 24th	Friday 25th
	Theatre Train -Dance 3.15 - 4.15pm	Year 1 Vision Testing Friends Disco for Reception Yoga 3.15 - 4.15pm Year 4 Trip	Individual School Photographs Gymnastics 3.15-4pm GoGo Makers 3.15-4.30pm Year 2 Theatre Group	Teacher Training Day No Children in School

News from The Executive Head's Desk

Thank you so much to everyone for your generous donations for our harvest collection for Warwick food bank. You can see photos on the front page of our website. Amazing and I know they will be gratefully received. Rev Rob led our harvest celebrations this Wednesday and taught the children that if you take away the letter 'h' from 'harvest' and rearrange the letters you spell 'starve.' No one in our world should be in a position where they have not got food to survive. Your donations will help so many families. If you want to find out more about The Trussell Trust you can visit their website - www.trusselltrust.org.

If you attended the Friends of Heathcote AGM then thank you for coming along and finding out more about what is happening. We voted Rachel Pugh as chair. We still need a secretary and we would really appreciate new faces coming along to help plan exciting events and raise money for our school grounds. Please don't think it is a massive commitment. We meet monthly to talk about what we can do for the school and the children and just ask for your help to maybe run stalls at fairs, plan discos, market events and share ideas.

This Tuesday was also World Maths Day and Mrs Mitchell led an assembly on maths and how maths is so much part of our everyday lives. The older children have been spending the week making maths games to share with the younger children, exploring maths problems and finding out how they can use things around them to help. For example Year One have been out and about using the playground lines to give directions to their friends. Slowly but surely we are introducing interactive tables in our corridor for the children to explore Science and Maths and get to realise what fun it can be.


The teddy bears came to Heathcote Primary Wednesday afternoon as our two Reception classes welcomed their parents and grandparents to a grand teddy bear's picnic. Hedgehogs made cucumber and cheese sandwiches and Butterflies fruit kebabs to share. The hall was transformed with picnic blankets and tables and the children enjoyed sitting and chatting with their families. They then entertained us all by demonstrating the phonics they have learnt, singing 'The days of the Week' song and months of the year. To round it all off they sang a penguin song which resulted in everyone acting like a penguin. The children were all so confident and happy. It was a delight to see. Of course we couldn't just let the children be penguins! They taught all the adults in the room their songs and the afternoon ended with laughter as grown men and women flapped their flippers and nodded their heads! Thank you to all of the team who work in Reception. You are doing a great job!

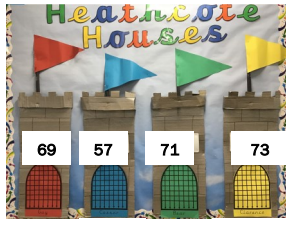
The police came to school yesterday! Don't worry, they came to help mark bikes so the children know their bikes are safe and can be easily identified. Thank you to the community police team for organising this. I had such fun today down in forest school with the children and Mrs Everett. She promised that I would get muddy and yes I did. Being outside is so good for the soul and it doesn't matter whatever the weather is you can have fun bug hunting, building dens, exploring nature and much more. Can't wait to go again.

"TELL ME AND I FORGET. TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER. INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN." –BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Have a super weekend. Mrs Humphriss

Mrs Humphriss

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS	
Butterflies	96.87%
Hedgehogs	98.18%
Otters	97.08%
Foxes	98.68%
Owls	95.73%
Squirrels	96.49%
This week Mr Cote (our attendance badger) will be 	

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS	
	Well done Clarence
Guy 69 Caesar 57 Bear 71 Clarence 73	

Pyjama Day!

Wednesday 23rd October

To raise money for D.A.C.S (Domestic Abuse Counselling Service) we invite children to come to school on Wednesday 23rd October dressed in their pyjamas.

We ask if you could please donate £1 for the charity. DACS are a non-profitable charity organisation who provide counselling, support and services for victims of abuse.

CONSIDERATE PARKING

Please ensure that you park with consideration to residents, do not block driveways or park on grass verges. In the event of inconsiderate parking the police will be notified of offending vehicle registration details. Thank you for your cooperation.

Spotlight on Excellence



Reception

This week the Butterflies and Hedgehogs have been busy preparing for our teddy bears' picnic. We have sorted foods looking at healthy and not so healthy choices, talked about why it is important to look after our bodies, created healthy meal ideas and then celebrated our learning with our grown ups at our teddy bears' picnic. It was lovely to see so many adults coming to support their children. The children enjoyed seeing their grown ups joining in with the penguin dance!



Otters—Year 1

This week in Otters we have been exploring patterns in our maths lessons and using the language of position and direction. The children have been very bossy giving instructions to each other and exploring their way around school. In English we have been focusing on grammar and Learning about nouns and verbs. In our science lessons we have been finding out about animals and what they eat, sorting herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We have been finding out why Christians celebrate Harvest in our RE and art lessons.



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

We hope any Reception children who wanted to come to the Welcome Disco have requested and paid for their tickets as today was the last day to pre-order tickets and hotdogs.

Please, please can any parents from the school who wish to offer some help serving drinks and food get in touch. I sign up sheet will be available on the notice board at pick up or send an email. Thank you.



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

23rd October	Vision Testing—Yr 1
23rd October	Yr 4 Trip
24th October	School Photographs (individual and siblings)
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
11th December	Reception Nativity
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