

Reminder:

15th November 2019

What's on ...				
Monday 18th November	Tuesday 19th November	Wednesday 20th November	Thursday 21st November	Friday 22nd November
<p>Mad Science 3:15—4:15pm</p> <p>Friends meeting 8pm at The Heathcote Inn</p>	<p>Theatre Train -Dance 3.15 - 4.15pm</p>	<p>Yoga 3.15 - 4.15pm</p>	<p>Gymnastics 3.15-4pm</p> <p>GoGo Makers 3.15-4.30pm</p>	<p><b>Celebration Assembly 2.45pm</b></p>

## News from the Deputy Head

What a wet, soggy end to the week! I'm not sure about you, but I was worried I might need to swim to school! Hopefully it will dry up over the weekend.

With all the different activities we've done this week, the focus has been on considering others. We started the week with a Remembrance Day assembly and created a poppy display in school. The children showed great compassion for those who have served



and fought in wars and enjoyed sharing stories about their great grandparents. Butterflies and Foxes created poppy wreaths, Hedgehogs drew pictures of poppies and Otters made clay poppies to put around the school. Owls collaborated in making a poppy collage inspired by Andy Warhol's pop art, they also wrote letters to soldiers thanking them for their bravery and Squirrels

looked at how we remember fallen soldiers by creating poignant crosses.

On Tuesday we launched our new Language of the Month and decided as a school to learn Makaton. Makaton is a type of sign language that is used with speech to help communicate understanding. As I walk around school, the children are enthusiastically greeting me and asking how I am using the signs they have learnt. If you would like to join in, Singing Hands UK on YouTube has lots of great songs for you to learn some of the signs.

This week also marked Anti-Bullying week with the theme – Change starts with Us. Across the school, the children have been looking at how we can make positive changes or help others to make changes for the better. All these ideas have been recorded and decorated on heart templates which will be hanging around school for all to see shortly.



You may have noticed lots of yellow and spotty children running around school today. Thank you for your donations towards the Children in Need charity. Like the Children in Need vision, it is important to us that all children have a childhood that is safe, happy, secure and allows them the chance to reach their full potential.

On top of all of this, we have been busy in other areas too! Reception had an owl visitor who enjoyed swapping over their heads and flying around the hall, Reverend Rob visited us on Wednesday to deliver an assembly on friendship, some of staff have enrolled onto a Children's Mental Health course, we've had more visits from prospective parents for Reception 2020 and we've had lots of donations for the T4U Christmas box charity. What a busy week we've all had! Hope you all have a very restful weekend.

*"When you are kind to others, it not only changes you, it changes the world"*

Harold Kushner

Mrs Abernethy

<b>WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS</b>	
Butterflies	96.94%
Hedgehogs	98.26%
Otters	96.82%
Foxes	98.36%
Owls	96.67%
Squirrels	96.17%
This week Mr Cote (our attendance badger) will be with:	
<b>FOXES</b>	

<b>WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS</b>	
	
<p>73 64 101 94</p> <p>Guy Caesar Bear Clarence</p>	<p><b>Well Done Bear !</b></p>



## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

This year the Christmas Play will be performed by Reception children only.

Wednesday 11th December

10am and 2pm

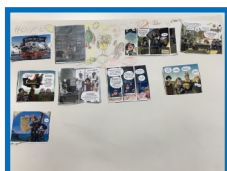


## Spotlight on Excellence



### FOXES

This week Foxes have been busy sequencing and retelling the story of The Pirates Next Door. We created some fantastic story maps following the sequence of the story, however they then had to take out all the pirate characters and replace them with their own. On Friday they spent the morning writing some fantastic stories about their new characters creating chaos in the gloomy seaside town of Dull-On-Sea.



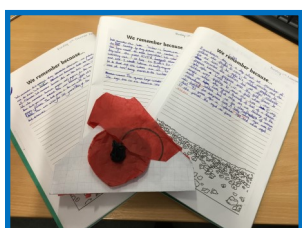
### OWLS

Owls really enjoyed the 'fantastic finish' to their 'Predators' topic. In conclusion to their mini enterprise project, they organised a 'Make and Bake Sale' for children in Years 2 and 4 last Friday. It was a hive of activity in the classroom as many satisfied customers bought lots of owl-themed crafts and a cake or two! Thank you for all the edible donations we received. There was lots of exciting learning going on from handling money, giving change, persuading customers to buy and helping and communicating with younger children. Some of the Owls appear to be budding entrepreneurs and Sir Alan Sugar himself would have been very impressed. Through their 'jobs for pocket money' scheme and the proceeds of the sale, we are pleased to report that Owls have raised **£55** to go towards the cost of their visit from Arden Falconry last half term. Great work Owls.



### SQUIRRELS

This week Squirrels have been remembering the soldiers who fought bravely in all wars. They all did some fantastic writing explaining why November 11<sup>th</sup> is important and created an imaginative display using poppies. It has also been anti-bullying this week and we have had discussions about how to be kind to people, how to help people and what to do if someone is seen being unkind. In Maths the children have been continuing with their column addition and subtraction calculations and in English we have been learning about Jacques Cousteau, the children have written biographies about his life and achievements.



## Friends of Heathcote

You can see what the 'Friends' are up to by liking us on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofheathcote/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofheathcote/) or contact us by email: [friendsofheathcote@ps@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofheathcote@ps@gmail.com)

Come and get your voice heard, or failing that, just come for a drink and a chat! Next Friends meeting is on Monday at 8pm at the Heathcote Inn. We need to start planning for the school's Christmas fayre on Friday 13th December. Come and listen to our ideas and share some of your own.

### PARKING

Please do not obstruct the school gates at anytime during the day, these are to be kept clear in case of emergencies. Please park considerately.

### 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

4th-16th November	Team4U Christmas Shoe box drop off
W/C 25th November	Book Fair—TBC
29th November	Parent Reading Workshop 2pm onwards
4th December	Yr 1/2 Christmas Craft 2 pm onwards
6th December	Non Uniform Day - Tombola prizes
11th December	Reception Christmas Performance 10am/2pm
13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
13th December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm-5pm
16th December	Christmas Service
18th December	Christmas Lunch
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