



Heathcote Herald



Highlight from Deputy Head Teacher's Desk

I can't believe that we have already reached the May Bank holiday! It is amazing how quickly the months can fly by. It reminds me how precious each day is and how important it is to notice and remember the little things we do for each other that sometimes are easy to forget, such as saying good morning, asking how your day is going, holding a door open or giving someone a smile (as tricky as that may be through a mask!) Today, Scribbles (our school dog) has returned to Heathcote and has enjoyed spending time with the children. It has been lovely to see how gently and carefully the children interact with him, asking questions and wanting to make sure that he has enough water and food. We are very lucky at Heathcote to have children who understand how important it is to be caring, respectful and kind to one another and know that when this doesn't happen it is important to speak out and let a trusted adult know so they can help and support them further.

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not—Dr Seuss

Key Dates

The school calendar is also available on the school website:

Teacher Training Day

Friday 30th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May

Teacher Training Days

Monday 7th June

Friday 18th June

Spotlight on a SEND

Special Education Needs covers four main areas of need:

- Cognition and Learning;
- Communication and Interaction;
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health;
- Physical and Sensory.

Our staff are trained in meeting the needs of our pupils with additional needs and we also utilise the expertise of Educational Psychologists, SEND Supported, Speech and Language Therapy and counselling to inform and provide recommendations to support individual children. Our Heathcote Team of teachers and teaching assistants generate programmes of intervention and support to enable children's specific areas of need to be targeted and these are reviewed to ensure there is impact. With staff members each having a variety of skills and training, we are constantly learning from each other as well as learning from the children, who regularly set us new challenges to meet!



All Students Can Learn

Safeguarding corner—Being on time for school (part1)

Why should I arrive for school on time?

It is important that children arrive in school on time every-day for a number of reasons:

- it is the legal responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that children attend school on time
- If a child is later they miss important information about the days activity
- A child that is late will miss school work
- Children that arrive in good time for registration are able to talk to their friends before school and settle into the school day.
- A child who is arriving late may feel sad, embarrassed or unsettled.
- A child that is late disrupts staff and other children.

Getting your child to school on time really matters.

If in a school year your child is late everyday...	Your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 Lessons
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 Lessons
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 Lessons
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 Lessons
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 Lessons

Lateness = lost learning!

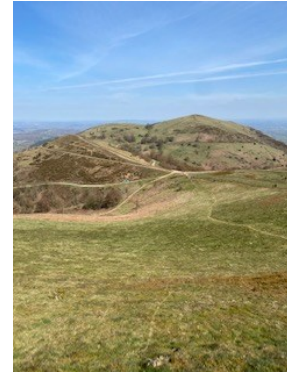
It next week's newsletter we will share some top tips on how to help children being on time for school.



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Questions
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Mrs
Shirley



1. What is your role at Heathcote Primary

I teach Year 1 and lead Maths and Pupil Premium at Heathcote.

2. What do you most like about your job?

I love supporting all our children and their families at Heathcote. Leading Maths and Pupil Premium allows me to work with the all children across the school. In Year 1 I enjoying teaching the children practically through investigations and problem solving.

3. Have you always wanted to be a teacher?

I came to teaching a little later in life however I have spent majority of my career working with children of all ages. It's a privilege to be able to inspire young lives.

4. What makes you happy?

So many things! I love spending time with my family, though my 3 teenage children are not so keen on spending time with their parents anymore! I love exercising, particular hiking up hills- there's nothing better than a clear view.

5. Do you have pets? If not what is your favourite animal?

I am the proud owner of a 9 year old patterdale cross named Oscar. He made a couple of guest appearances in my live lessons due to barking at local cats. He loves walks and sleeping on our sofa.

6. What are you currently reading?

The Longest Holiday by Paige Toon. I'm missing travelling the world so I'm enjoying some holiday themed escapism.

7. If you were The Prime Minister what would be your first job?

To allow us all to have summer holidays overseas, safely of course!

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

I would love to go back to the Victorian era, they were so full of imagination and invention. I'm not so sure I'd be keen on school life though.

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

I am looking forward to supporting the development of our school and continuing to build our local community. I'd love to return to school without bubbles- fingers crossed!

10. What are your top tips for learning?

Remember we don't learn without making mistakes!

I shall leave you with my favourite Dr Seuss quote:

**'The more you read, the more you'll know,
The more you know, the more places you'll go'**

