

What's on ...				
Monday 14th	Tuesday 15th	Wednesday 16th	Thursday 17th	Friday 18th
Friends AGM meeting— 3:30pm	Theatre Train -Dance 3.15 - 4.15pm	Flu vaccination Reception teddy bear picnic Yoga 3.15 - 4.15pm	Bike marking event by the police—2pm Gymnastics 3.15-4pm GoGo Makers 3.15- 4.30pm	Celebration Assem- bly

News from the Deputy Head

Thursday marked World Mental Health Day. Life these days always seem to be busy, hectic and at times over-whelming with so many plates to juggle. Make sure to take time out for yourself and check in with each other. A simple 'hi', 'how you doing?' or a smile to someone across the playground can make a real difference to someone's day. If things ever do get too much, remember we are a community and always here to listen and offer support if needed.

This week, Mrs Humphriss and I have enjoyed getting to showcase our fabulous school to prospective 2020 Reception parents. All the children did a fantastic job welcoming our visitors, sharing their work and setting a good example of our one school rule of Respect. During this time, I also got to see some of the exciting activities that have been going on in school this week. Butterflies and Hedgehogs have transformed their role play area into a doctor's surgery. They were busy booking each other into appointments, making sure they had their medical uniforms on and checking that all illnesses were cured, Butterflies have reassured me that I am fit and healthy. Otters and Squirrels have both been working on their PE skills with Otters showing great flexibility in dance and gymnastics and Squirrels have been practising their team skills and ball control during their hockey lessons. Foxes have been busy researching and learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel and his amazing achievements and have used this to create a non-fiction report about him. Owls have been getting arty with paints creating copies of Henri Rousseau jungle paintings and using wax pastels to create camouflage pictures.

Next week, the Friends will be having their AGM meeting after school on Monday. If you are interested in running for a position, being a part of the team or finding out what the Friends do, please come along. The Friends are a vital part of the school and their contributions and impact on the children is part of what makes the school feel like a community. We greatly appreciate all that they do, thank you.


Next Tuesday is World Maths Day and Mrs Mitchell has been organising some exciting opportunities with the rest of the staff for the children to create maths games to share with children from other classes. Look out on Twitter to see what we get up to.










To tie in with awareness for mental health, I'm going to finish with the wise words from Albus Dumbledore

"Happiness can be found even in the darkest times if one only remembers to turn on the light". J.K.Rowling

Have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Abernethy


WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS	
Butterflies	96.74%
Hedgehogs	98.43%
Otters	96.74%
Foxes	98.95%
Owls	95.99%
Squirrels	95.94%
This week Mr Cote (our attendance badger) will be with: Foxes	
	

<u>WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS</u>			
			
			
59	80	75	136
			
Guy	Caesar	Bear	Clarence

Well done

Clarence

	
Newsletter by email	
In an attempt to cut down on paper, the newsletter will be available on the school website and sent home by email.	

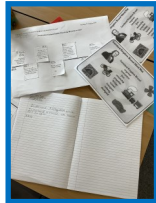
Pyjama Day!	
Wednesday 23rd October	
To raise money for D.A.C.S (Domestic Abuse Counselling Service) we invite children to come to school on Wednesday 23rd October dressed in their pyjamas.	
We ask if you could please donate £1 for the charity. DACS are a non-profitable charity organisation who provide counselling, support and services for victims of abuse.	

Spotlight on Excellence

Foxes



This week in Year 2 we have been finding out all about Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We made timelines and fact posters to help us write a non-fiction report. Please ask us to tell you all about Brunel's amazing structures. In maths we have been solving word problems by using a bar model. We started the week by using cubes to construct a bar model and then progressed to drawing and labelling our own. Super learning Foxes



Owls



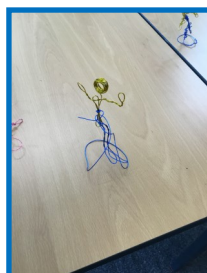
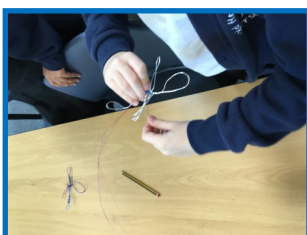
Owls have enjoyed getting their painting aprons on and exploring our Predator topic through art. With Mrs Lawson they have mimicked the style of Henri Rousseau to create a jungle painting and with Mrs Abernethy they have been looking at camouflage and have started to create their own chameleon camouflage pictures.



Squirrels



The Squirrels have had another fantastic couple of weeks, they have been learning about the Heroic leader of the Iceni Tribe 'Queen Boudicca' who led a ferocious attack against the Romans. They created a wanted poster to help the Romans catch her and designed and created some wire sculptures of the brave Queen. Squirrels have also been learning about what it was like to be a Roman soldier and they even worked together as a group to re-enact some of the attack formations the Romans used when at war. In Maths they have been working with numbers up to 10,000. The work has been challenging but they were brilliant at ordering and comparing the numbers. Well done Squirrels yet again you have all worked so hard.



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)
16th October	Reception—Teddy Bears Picnic
17th October	Bike Marking
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
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