

Reminder:

20th September 2019

| What's on ... | | | | |
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| Monday 23rd | Tuesday 24th | 25th | Thursday 26th | Friday 27th |
| | Theatre Train -Dance 3.15 - 4.15pm | Yoga 3.15 - 4.15pm | Friends of Heathcote Macmillan Coffee event GoGo Makers 3.15- 4.30pm | Celebration Assem- bly |

News from The Executive Head's Desk

Well I don't know about you but I have struggled with deciding what to wear this week; chilly starts to the morning with blazing sun by the end of the day! Beautiful blue skies though and bright sunshine cheer everyone up. I cannot believe we are at the end of week three and there has been plenty going on.

Year 3 (Owls) had a great end to their week last Friday when Birds of Prey visited them and gave them a super start to their topic Predators. The owls and hawks always inspire the children to want to learn more. Their classroom is looking very inspirational too with hundreds of owls they have created. I have also loved visiting our new Reception children over the week too. They are loving their unit; exploring the outdoor area mixing sand and water to see what happens, creating bubbles, digging in the mud and much more. The children have been reading The Rainbow Fish and I've loved seeing their artwork. They are excited to share their writing with me too and all of them have settled brilliantly. In Year 1 (Otters) they are exploring The Savannah. Imagine my surprise when I walked into the classroom and was greeted by a lion in all his glory (admittedly it was on the whiteboard... but still.) Year 2 (Foxes) have been watching out for kindness and recognising all the good things they do for each other. They have a beautiful recognition tree in their classroom. Finally Year 4 (Squirrels) were learning plurals when I walked in. I completely agree with them, I have never seen 'some elephant' but I have definitely seen 'some elephants.'

On Monday Mrs Abernethy and I enjoyed meeting some of the hard-working Friends of Heathcote School and getting to know what they have done for the school in their time on the committee. They have raised funds for picnic benches, items for forest school, paid for trips and much more. The committee clearly have a good plan going forward but would love more people to join them. On Monday 14th October at 3.30pm FOHS will be holding their Annual General Meeting. The current committee are coming to the end of their 2 year tenure and at the AGM elections will take place for Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. Please put yourself forward if you think you would like to help be a part of the development of the school. All parents/carers are automatically members of The Friends of Heathcote School. As the school grows we have lots of ideas to support the children's learning. As a well-known lottery company says -'You've got to be in to win it.' Come and join us and change children's lives for the better. This year we are really focussing on raising funds to develop forest school and outdoor learning. We look forward to seeing you on the 14th October.

Thank you everyone for bearing with us during our change to pick up at the end of the day. Please remember not to approach your child in the line. Wait for the class teacher to dismiss them. Also please remember not to walk through the children, go around. Thank you also to our new Reception parents for their resilience. It is never easy leaving your child, I know that. Can we please ask that you now help your child with their independence by dropping them off at the Reception outdoor gate and letting them walk to the classroom doors on their own. There will always be two members of staff on the gate to support and they can take messages.

Finally we hope you have enjoyed your Meet the Teacher sessions. We realise that not everyone can attend these due to working commitments but the powerpoints will be on our website class pages soon if you could not come plus we are always happy to answer your questions/queries. Don't hesitate to ask. Have a lovely weekend. Strictly is kicking off this weekend. So guess what I'm doing!!!

'Have a happy Friday, may your day be filled with love and laughter. Have a beautiful day and weekend!' – Winnie the Pooh



Mrs Humphriss

| WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS | |
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| Butterflies | 94.33% |
| Hedgehogs | 98.64% |
| Otters | 98.33% |
| Foxes | 99.66% |
| Owls | 97.24% |
| Squirrels | 96.84% |



This week Mr Cote (our attendance badger) will be staying with:

FOXES

| WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS | |
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|  | <p>Well done GUYS</p>  |
| 72 | 55 |
| 60 | 54 |

House Captains



Our new House Captains for this year are:

Bear -> Tyler (Captain—absent from photo) & Rian (Vice captain)

Caesar -> Ray (Captain) & Skyla (Vice captain)

Clarence -> Noah (Captain) & Ella (Vice captain)

Guy -> Neev (Captain) & Raajun (Vice captain)

There will be a meeting soon with Mrs Humphriss to focus on our one school rule of Respect.

Spotlight on Excellence



Butterflies and Hedgehogs



The Hedgehogs and Butterflies have had a brilliant start to term. We are so impressed with how well they have settled and adjusted to school life. This week we've been learning all about sharing and being a good friend. We've been reading the stories 'Sharing a Shell' and 'The Rainbow Fish'. We've been fishing for numbers, decorating our own Rainbow Fish and working with our friends to retell the story. We loved doing PE for the first time!



The Otters



This week in Otters we have been adding two amounts in maths and beginning to write equations using the + and = signs. In English we have started our new text about the life of a lion cub "One day on our blue planet ...in the Savannah". We have found out lots of information about lions and their habitat.



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

The 'Friends of Heathcote Primary' are already planning the forthcoming events but we also need your help. This will give you the chance to hear about what we do, why we do it and how you can help us do it. Please come along and share your ideas and opinions on fundraising activities and how we can best spend the money raised. On a different topic we are holding a Macmillan coffee morning on Wednesday 25th September after school drop, about 9am. Please can you help support this invaluable cause by donating cake and popping along to taste someone else's! Finally, date for Reception parents diaries. We will be holding a Welcome Disco on Thursday 24th October at 4.30 pm. Due to the number of children in the school this year it will only be open to Reception children, their parents/carers and siblings.

Job Opportunities

TEACHING ASSISTANT—LEVEL 2

Please see the school website for details.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

We are currently looking for a Midday Supervisor to help at lunchtime. Please see the office for details if you or someone you know would be interested.

Open Week—Reception 2020

We are having an open week for children starting Reception in September 2020. Appointments are being made for 7th, 9th and 10th October, please contact the office to book.

Academic Year 2019

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

Autumn Term 2019

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| 25th September | Macmillan Coffee 9am |
| 1st October | Flu Vaccinations |
| 16th October | Harvest (collecting for the food bank) |
| 24th October | School Photographs |
| 24th October | Friends Disco for Reception |
| 25th October | Teacher Training Day—No children in school |
| 28th October—1st November | Half-term Holiday |
| 23rd December—3rd January 2020 | Christmas Break |

Academic Year 2020

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| 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 |