

# Heathcote Herald



## Highlight from the desk of the Executive Head

How wonderful to start a new academic year with a celebration. Our great school is 5 years old and we hope you enjoy this special newsletter with memories from those who were here right at the beginning. So much has happened since 2017 when the doors first opened to admit 46 children in Reception and Year One and there was a small area of grass for the children to play on at the front. We have welcomed many children and their families and now have 307 children and our very first year 6. We have watched houses surrounding our school being built and a new community begin to thrive. Our staffing team has grown significantly to ensure that our children receive excellent teaching and are cared for during their primary education and in November 2020 we opened a second building to house our key stage 2 children. How brilliant it was to watch this rise from the foundations and we are now full of plans for creating inspirational grounds for the children to explore. We all love Heathcote Primary and to see all of the children this week come back to school and to hear the sound of their voices in the playgrounds and classrooms warms our hearts. We have welcomed all our new Reception children this week and their families. They have settled so well and we can't wait to see how they progress. We have also welcomed new children in other year groups too and we hope they love being part of our family. New teachers and teaching assistants have arrived to help shape the minds of the children and we will introduce these over the next few newsletters. We never stop growing. We might be a relatively young place of education but it is clear we are a part of our community and are proud of our journey so far. So join us in wishing our school happy birthday and celebrate with us as we create more memories.

Mrs Humphriss

## Key Dates

*See attached sheet of key dates for this year.*

*Any amendments or new additions will be communicated as they occur.*

The school calendar is also available on the school web-

**"We didn't realise we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun!"**

*A A Milne*



## SPOTLIGHT ON

### Leamington Arts Festival

During the Summer holidays, ten enthusiastic and dedicated children did a fantastic job representing the school at the Leamington Arts Festival. They joined with other local schools to sing and sign "Count on Me" by Bruno Mars in front of a large audience in Jephson Gardens. Max described it as "enjoyable and exciting," while Riley said "it was scary having so many people watching us but it was a big opportunity that I enjoyed." It was a perfect opening to the festival, leaving everybody with smiles.

Year 6 also had their wonderful dream catchers on show. They looked stunning hanging from the trees around the gardens. Tyler said 'I went to 'Art in the Park' and I saw all of my friends' dream-catchers. It made me feel happy to see my work'.

Well done to all of the Heathcote singers and artists.



## Celebrating 5 years at Heathcote!

### Birthday message from Mr Ed May—Executive Director and Founding Trustee

Happy 5th Birthday to you Heathcote Primary School!

I remember standing on a muddy open field, just over 5 years ago, imagining what you would look like when you had grown up, how your building would work, who the teachers and teaching assistants would be and where all the children would come from to fill your sparkling new classrooms!

How you have grown! Not only have you welcomed children from all over Whitnash, Leamington and Warwick, but you have been a great friend to those who have also moved to the area to live in brand new houses, making them feel wanted, valued and welcome in our new community.

And look at you now! Hundreds of brilliantly behaved, hard working children walk your corridors, enjoy your playgrounds, enjoy exciting lessons taught by brilliant staff and make incredible progress each and every day. You have grown up to become the hub of your community and a place where children love to learn.

And when everyone leaves you at night, and you close your door and windows and rest for a while, I hope you think about all that you have achieved in the past five years and how proud we all are of you.

Happy Birthday Heathcote Primary School!



**Heathcote Farm Primary School**  
Leamington Spa.  
1 Storey, 1FE primary school  
i-SIP Full Structure completed – 6 weeks



### Birthday wishes from Mrs Worth

I can't believe that the children in my first class at Heathcote are now in Years 5 and 6! We have grown so much since that first term. A few have left but many more have joined and it has been so rewarding to be part of the journey. Heathcote truly is a wonderful place to learn and to work.

### Birthday wishes from Clara and William (Year 4)

"I've enjoyed having lovely teachers, nice classrooms and really lovely lessons"

"I really like that we celebrate that everyone is different in Heathcote."



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## Birthday message from Mr Paul Wakeley — Chair of Governors

It is a pleasure to be able to write this note as we mark our school's fifth year.

This means that it is the fifth year of our Governing Board too. It continues to be the role of the Governors to support and challenge the school's leaders by ensuring we have a long-term aim and vision, and that everything that we do is designed to deliver the very best experiences and education for our children, making them ready to be active citizens of the future.

In doing this we have a team of governors - drawn from parents, our community and our staff, who seek to ensure our school is the best it can be. School governors are all volunteers, and bring with them a wealth of experiences and skills from their own lives. Being a Governor is also incredibly rewarding.

In thinking about the last five school years, I've had a look back through the governors' archive: When we first met as a Governing Board, our first report from the Headteacher reported we had 2 classes, and just 55 pupils - it is astounding to see how quickly we have grown, and become distinctively our own school, shaped by the amazing Heathcote family.

In reflecting on how far we have come, and celebrating our success, we can also look to the future with boldness and optimism. Our school continues to be really well placed to provide for the needs of our pupils, and be at the centre of the new Heathcote community.

As Governors, we are proud to be part of the Heathcote Family. As we celebrate our first five year, we look forward with confidence to many more amazing years of education and experiences for generations of young people to come.



## Birthday message from Mrs Lara Jefferies — Heathcote's first Headteacher

Happy 5th Birthday Heathcote! I honestly cannot believe that it has been 5 years since we were unpacking and building furniture in the summer of 2017, preparing for the 50 pupils that started on that very first day in September. It was, and still is, one of the proudest moments in my life; what an incredible privilege to be the founding Headteacher of an amazing school like Heathcote.

I can see the school has gone from strength to strength, led by the lovely Mrs Humphriss and her brilliant team. The team of staff at Heathcote, along with the great community of parents and governors, make Heathcote what it is; a superb school at the heart of a growing community.

I miss you all very much and hope to come and visit if only to fulfill my promise to Roman that I would come and say hello again one day!

Good luck for the next 5 years!

Warm wishes,



Look out in next week's newsletter for more birthday wishes from staff and pupils.