

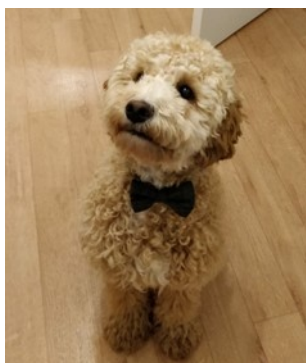
Reminder:

29th November 2019

What's on ...				
Monday 2nd December	Tuesday 3rd December	Wednesday 4th December	Thursday 5th December	Friday 6th December
Mad Science 3:15—4:15pm	Theatre Train -Dance 3.15 - 4.15pm	Year 1 & 2 Christmas craft workshop 2—3pm (parents welcomed) Yoga 3.15 - 4.15pm	Gymnastics 3.15-4pm GoGo Makers 3.15- 4.30pm	Non-uniform day Tombola donation School pantomime visit

I've definitely started to get the feeling that December is just round the corner as Christmas trees are springing up around town, twinkling lights are draping the streets and as I walk around school I can hear children's voices practising carols for their upcoming Christmas event. If you pop into school next week, you will notice that the Christmas elves have been busy decorating the classrooms, corridors and hall in Christmas spirit! Have a look at the diary dates to see all the upcoming Christmas events we will be hosting in December.

Other exciting news this week is the arrival of our new school dog, Scribbles. Scribbles is a cavapoochon puppy who belongs to me and has thoroughly enjoyed coming into school and getting to meet everybody. He had a wonderful time in Butterflies yesterday meeting all the Reception children. He's enjoyed all his little visitors throughout the day eager to show him their work, pictures or just for a cuddle. He's looking forward to coming into school regularly to help support the children. I am waiting for a few more reply slips to let me know how much interaction your child would like with Scribbles, please hand these in to the office.



On Wednesday, Mrs Humphriss and I visited Nelson Mandela Primary School in Birmingham which is a lead associate RSC school. As soon as we entered the school, there was a real Shakespeare buzz in the air. We enjoyed talking to staff about their Shakespeare curriculum and shared some exciting writing, art and drama opportunities. As we continue to develop our curriculum, we are excited to create opportunities for the children to look closely at different Shakespeare plays. I enjoyed working with Heathcote last year with their Mid-summer Night Dream topic and it is lovely to hear the children still talking about what they learnt and their performance. I love teaching Shakespeare in primary schools, the stories of magic, mystery, comedy, revenge and love really capture the children's imaginations and learning the interesting names, language and phrases is great fun.

On Monday and Wednesday this week, the Friends have been busy organising and running a book fair. We hope those who were able to make it have picked up some enjoyable reads. Nothing beats getting caught up in a really good book, especially as the days get darker earlier I love cuddling up with Scribbles on the sofa lost in a great story. I would like to thank the Friends for their help and support in running events like this to help raise money for the school. The next big event will be the Christmas Fayre on Friday 13th December. If you are able to give up some of your time for this, even if it's for 30minutes, the Friends and the school would be very grateful. Please let us know if you are able to.

Across school this week Reception discovered mysterious footprints in their outdoor area, I hope they've worked out who they belong to! Otters have continued with their space topic, looking into the life of Neil Armstrong and have written information pages about his life. Today, Foxes welcomed their parents into school to take part in their reading afternoon where they got to share their favourite books and explain the reading skills they have been learning this term. Owls have worked very hard in maths this week as they've moved onto solving addition and subtraction questions using the column method. They showed great perseverance when trying trickier questions and are starting to notice when they've made a mistake. Squirrels have been busy helping around school, making sure that children are walking down the corridor sensibly and quietly at lunchtime.

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book!" – Dr Seuss
Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Abernethy & Scribbles

<u>WEEKLY ATTENDANCE BY CLASS</u>	
Butterflies	96.67%
Hedgehogs	87.92%
Otters	97.08%
Foxes	94.17%
Owls	94.76%
Squirrels	94.74%
This week Mr Cote (our attendance badger) will be with:	
OTTERS	

<u>WEEKLY HOUSE</u> <u>POINTS</u>									
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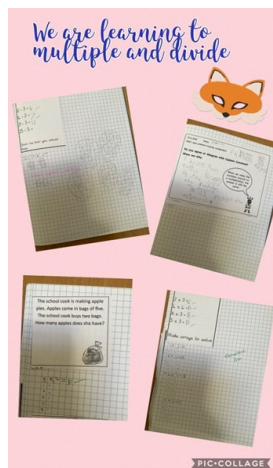
	<p><u>Y1/2 CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTER-NOON</u></p> <p>Come and join your child to make a Christmas decoration and they might even do a mini performance of songs and rhymes for you.</p> <p>Wednesday 4th December 2pm</p> <p><u>Yr 3/4 CHRISTMAS CAROLS</u></p> <p>Join Owls and Squirrels on:</p> <p>Monday 16th December 2:30pm</p> <p>To sing Christmas carols and songs around the Christmas tree.</p>	
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Spotlight on Excellence



Foxes

This week in Foxes we have been super Mathematicians. We had to solve multiplication calculations using arrays and division calculations by grouping. We then had to investigate what happened when we swapped the numbers around on a multiplication calculations. Finally we used our skills to solve some word problems. Fantastic work Foxes



Art competition

Our inaugural Art competition was a huge success. Thank you and well done to all our budding artists who created fabulous portraits of some of the Heathcote adults. Our new portrait gallery has been a real focal point in the corridor, bringing smiles to all who pass by. It was wonderful to see such a range of materials and media used to portray us so imaginatively. It was a very difficult judging process as every one of the portraits was a masterpiece. The winners in each class were:



Butterflies- Cameron Gill
Hedgehogs- William Dempsey
Otters- Harry Daly
Foxes- Leo Thomas -Perez
Owls- Sienna Lavell

Watch this space for Heathcote's Spring Art Competition.

CHANGE OF SHOES



As our school continues to grow, we are very aware that at break times and lunch times we have lots of children on the playground. To help ease this, different year groups will be playing in a sectioned part of the field. As we move into winter, children can bring in a spare pair of outdoor shoes or wellies to

FREE SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATION:



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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: friendsofheathcote@gmail.com

A HUGE thank you for everyone who supported the Friends at one of the book fairs. Although Monday was quiet, Wednesday's fair was really busy and we have raised **£325** for the school to spend on library books and school supplies. All the money you help raise goes to improve our children's school experience.

If anyone would be able to help with the collection of filing cabinets from our head office to here, there are 3 units so would need a van. We are looking at collection some time next week. Please contact the office. Many thanks. Mr Forrest

A gently reminder at drop-off and collection, not to park your cars in front of the school gates. Access to the school gates needs to be free at all times. May we also ask you to be mindful of the local residents when parking.



Academic Year 2019

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

Autumn Term 2019

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
	Year 3 & 4 Christmas carols 2:30pm
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