



Heathcote Herald



Reminder:

6th September

What's on ...				
Monday 9th	Tuesday 10th	Wednesday 11th	Thursday 12th	Friday 13th
Reminder: Children to be collected at the end of the day on the playground	Theatre Train -Dance 3.15 - 4.15pm		GoGo Makers 3.15-4.30pm Play On! Theatre 3.15-4.15pm	Celebration Assembly

From The Desk of The Executive Head Teacher

Welcome back to the start of our new academic year and the first newsletter of the year. We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and enjoyed spending time together as a family. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know everyone this week. I have really loved meeting all the children properly and when I came into school Tuesday lunchtime they all rushed up to say hello and show me what they had been up to. I have loved going out in to the playground with them. If you had been passing the school yesterday you would have seen me skipping and dancing. Not on my own I hasten to add with the children!

There has been plenty happening in school this week already. When I called into Year 4 (Squirrels) they were brainstorming everything they know about Romans and are looking forward to their new topic. Year 3 (Owls) have been making owls in different forms and their classroom is a veritable parliament of owls (a collective noun for a group of owls.) They were having a hoot! Year 2 (Foxes) have been roving reporters learning all about Rapunzel and developing question words and have been focussing on place value in maths and in Year 1 (Otters) they have started their topic Paws, Claws and Whiskers and welcomed rats and guinea pigs from Pets at Home. They were really cute.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children next week. Our EYFS team – Miss Cowcher, Miss Bagley, Mrs Everett and Mrs Crossley have been out and about on home visits and getting to know the children and parents and are very excited about the children starting. The classrooms look great as does the new outdoor area. The rest of the school can't wait to get to know the children as they start their primary education. We have also welcomed some new children in our school and hope they all have a super time at Heathcote and embrace everything it has to offer. Welcome to Skyla, Noah and Scarlett in Year 4 and William in Year 1. Also hello to their families. We also have new members of staff in school and know that they are really looking forward to being part of the continuing growth of Heathcote Primary.

Our Meet the Teacher sessions are coming up in the next couple of weeks and curriculum maps and letters from the teachers are coming out with those dates on. This will be an opportunity for you to properly meet your child's class teacher, get to know expectations and ask questions. We hope to see as many of you as possible. We are also in the process of updating the school website, please keep an eye on it as new things will be going on all the time. It is also where our calendar is and you can find key dates. Don't forget that if your child has moved classes then their twitter page will have changed. So if you were foxes last year you are now owls. Please sign up and keep up with the class news.

Finally thank you for making me so welcome and bearing with me whilst I get to know the routines and day to day aspects of Heathcote Primary School. I am a big advocate for communication and encourage you to share things with myself or Mrs Abernethy or any of the staff. Speak to us about your concerns, ask us questions and share good things too. Often a quick chat can allay a multiple of fears. Have a great weekend. I am super excited 'Strictly' starts. Time to practice my Charleston in the kitchen.

'Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass it's about learning to dance in the rain.'

See you next week.

Mrs Humphriss

SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to keeping children safe and well. This is a reminder that Mrs Humphriss is The Designated Safeguarding Lead and the deputies are Mrs Abernethy, Ms Cowcher, Mrs Mitchell. Please note:

Under the Education Act 2002 (Section 175), schools must make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Parents and carers should know that the law (Children Act 2006) requires all school staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a child's welfare. This includes risk from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse.

Generally, the staff will seek to discuss any concerns with parents and carers, and where possible, seek their consent to a referral to Social Care. This will only be done where such discussion will not place the child at increased risk of significant harm.

Schools will seek advice from Social Care when they have reasonable cause to suspect a child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. Occasionally concerns are passed on which are later shown to be unfounded. Parents and carers will appreciate that the designated person for child protection was carrying out their responsibilities in accordance with the law and acting in the best interests of all children.

All of our staff have received annual safeguarding training this week and are here to support and help you and your family.

Year 1 - Paws, Claws and Whiskers



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

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a great summer break. The new school year is upon us and that means a new year of fun and fundraising. We will soon be releasing details of how much money was raised last year and we want your input for decisions on what it should be spent on to enrich our children's school experience. We will soon arrange a meeting at school to encourage more parents to have a say and offer a little help, so watch this space and keep up to date on our Facebook page.

Contact Details

Please ensure you notify the school office of any change in mobile number, email address or change of address.

Afterschool Clubs

Places are still available for:

Play On Theatre—Thursday 3.15-4.15pm

Gymnastics—Thursday 3.15-4pm - starting 19th September

The clubs for Southam Football and Onside Coaching have been cancelled due to their staffing issues.

Year 3 and Year 4—Change of meal prices

With effect from September 2019, the price of a child school meal will increase to £2.25. Please pay in advance via ParentPay. Many thanks.

Academic Year 2019

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

Autumn Term 2019

2nd September	Teacher Training Day—No children in school
3rd September	Children back to school
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

6th January	Teacher Training Day—no children in school
7th January	Children back to school