

Spotlight on Excellence



BUTTERFLIES AND HEDGEHOGS

Reception have continued reading traditional tales. This week we've read Goldilocks. We've been painting pictures of Goldilocks, writing a sorry letter and learning some information about real bears. We ended the week with a brilliant Chinese New Year workshop where we learnt some Chinese words, played Chinese instruments and took part in a dragon parade!



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Today the whole school were lucky enough to experience and take part in celebrating the Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the rat. Children celebrated by dressing up as a ninja, playing musical instruments, dressing up as a Chinese lion and completing a dragon dance. We also learnt some Chinese phrases and listened to the Chinese New Year story where we were told which zodiac animal we were.



Are you eligible for free school meals?

Did you know that our school receives funding to help children who are eligible for free school meals?

This means we can help support families to enrich their children's learning experiences.

Even if your child already receives universal free school meals (Reception, Year 1 and 2) you may still be entitled to apply!

Families who receive the following are eligible for free school meals:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- guarantee element of state pension credit

Universal Credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)

Both income-based and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both but the income-based amount is greater, but not if the contribution-based amount is greater.

Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, not in excess of £16,190 are also eligible to claim free school meals providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

Please go directly to <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals> or call 01926 742543 to apply.

If you need any further help please contact Mrs Shirley-Pupil Premium Champion



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

Please bring your ideas for school fundraising to the next FoHPS meeting. Many hands make light work, as they say, and more people must equal more ideas! Our next meeting is at the Heathcote Inn at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th January. So far this term we are planning a family race evening and an Easter tea party. Look out for further details on flyers, Facebook and the school website.

Academic Year 2020

Tuesday 28th January	Friends of Heathcote Meeting
Friday 31 st January	Celebration Assembly 9.10am
Thursday 6th February	Year 3 trip
	Reception Phonics Workshop 9.15am
Friday 7 th February	Celebration Assembly 9.10am
Friday 7th February	Reception Phonics Workshop 2.30pm
Tuesday 11th February	Year 2 Trip
Friday 14 th February	Celebration Assembly 9.10am
Friday 14th February	Break up for half term
17th-21st February	Half Term Holiday
Monday 24th February	Return to school
Tuesday 25th February	Pancake Day Races (time TBC)
Friday 28 th February	Celebration Assembly 9.10am
Friday 3rd April	No Teacher Training—children in school
6th-17th April	Easter Holidays
Friday 8th May	Bank Holiday—no school
1st June	Teacher Training Day

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

School Term and Holiday Dates 2019/2020 are available

We are busy gathering Art resources. If you have any unwanted fabric or haberdashery items (ribbons, buttons, wool etc) we would be very pleased to take it off your hands. Also if you have or know anyone who has access to bundles of scrap paper or card- any sizes, thicknesses, colours accepted we would be very grateful (as a one-off or regular donation). This is a fabulous way of recycling and reusing materials and also helps with the school budget. Please send any materials in to your child's class teacher or make them aware if you may be able to source some 'freebies' for us! We all always need newspaper for covering tables during art lessons so please save them for us and send in. We ask you to be selective though!