

What's on					
Monday 9th March	Tuesday 10th March	Wednesday 11th March	Thursday 12th March	Friday 13th March	
	Maths Day	Year 1 Trip	GoGo Makers 3.15- 4.15pm	Comic Relief Meal	
Sport Relief Meal	al Theatre Train Dance Club	Multisports 3.30- 4.30pm	Acrotrix Gym Club 3.15- 4.15pm	Celebration Assembly 9.10am	
Mad Science 3.15-4.15pm					
	Football 3.30-4.30pm				

News from The Executive Head's Desk

Well there are signs of Spring wherever you look. I love going out with the dogs each morning and seeing the daffodils start to burst and green buds on the trees and bushes and of course the sounds of the birds chirping away lifts your spirits.

We have been teaching the children how to wash their hands properly throughout the week and ensuring that they stay well. Please remind them to use a tissue if they sneeze or cough and put it in the bin. We want everyone to be well and healthy. As you know the government this week have written an emergency plan for COVID-19. Schools receive daily updates from The Department for Education and The Public Health Office and the key advice is WASH YOUR HANDS. If you genuinely feel unwell self-isolate and seek advice from NHS 111. Should schools be required to close this will be communicated to you. Please don't worry. I am writing a plan to continue educating our children should this ever happen.

We have all had a fabulous week watching the builders at work on our new building. They are working quickly and now have the footprint of the new building dug out. Mrs Abernethy and I attended our health and safety briefing on site so that we can visit and attend the progress meetings which are vital to keep the project on track. Apparently I need to get some safety boots! Safety high heels are not going cut the mustard! Thanks to Ibstock PLC we have a whole class pack of hi viz, safety helmets and safety glasses for the children. It is our intention to take the children in small groups over the next 9 months to see how the building is progressing and have a better understanding of the construction world.



Yesterday was World Book Day and we have made this newsletter a world book day special. The children all looked amazing and so did the staff. I spent the day dressed as an orange crayon from the book 'The day the crayons quit!' Trying to take Mr Whatson seriously whilst he was dressed as Elsa was very difficult and Miss Cowcher kept moulting all over the school when she was Hairy McClary. It was wonderful to see the children so excited about reading and as I walked through the school I kept coming upon different classes reading in unusual places demonstrating that you can read a book anywhere.

We are currently recruiting for new teachers ready for September which is very exciting as we add to our team. In September we will have 2 x Reception classes, 2 x Year One classes, 1 x Year Two, Year Three, Year Four and Year Five. Many of our children have been helping with this important task. Our school council have been listening to presentations from prospective candidates and contributing to the decision making. We have had an amazing response to our advert for new teachers and are holding 2 days of recruitment. When we know who has been successful we will share that with you and arrange for you to meet the new staff.

Please have a lovely weekend and enjoy sharing stories with each other. There are so many fabulous books out there and the more we read the more we learn.

'A good book is like a good friend' - Winnie the Pooh.

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BIG SOUL SING-TUESDAY 31st MARCH

Year 2,3 and 4 have been busy preparing for the Big Soul Sing. The children sound amazing and we feel very lucky to have been able to take part in this uplifting musical experience. Parents, you are in for a treat on Tuesday 31st March. We still have a few permission slips outstanding, so please can you ensure that you have signed to say that your child can take part. We are also pleased to announce that there are some spare seats in the audience, so if you would like more than the original allocation of 2 tickets per child, please let the office know and pay via ParentPay (this will of course be on a first come first served basis).

Spotlight on Excellence



FOXES

Wow what a busy week we have had in Foxes. We started the week by looking at physical and human features in Geography, linking this to our learning about Mount Snowdon and Table Mountain. We have been exploring The Secret Garden and pretending to be the all seeing Robin. Finally yesterday we celebrated World Book Day with some

fantastic outfits and lots of brilliant story sharing. '

OWLS

Owls think every day should be World Book Day! What a fabulous celebration of books and stories we had yesterday. We have been working very hard on our reading this term, practising at every oppor-tunity to improve our fluency and comprehension. The children are being awarded 'Golden Tickets' for the time and effort they are putting in to their reading in school and at home. The tickets are entered into a monthly draw in which five of our bookworms are awarded a book as a prize. Well done to our first winners; Hrithik, Dhanvi, Mat, Ciaran and Spencer. As well as reading extracts from their chosen books and talking about their disguises for the day, Owls came up with some brilliant titles and front cover designs for the next best-selling children's book. In Art Club, we enjoyed a Quentin Blake master class and had a go at copying his illustration of Willy Wonka. We definitely have some budding authors and illustrators in the midst. Mrs. Lawson (aka Gangsta Granny) really enjoyed sharing her favourite childhood story, Mr. Happy with Years 2 and 3. Thank you for listening and laughing. Remember, "If ever you feel as miserable as Mr. Miserable you know exactly what to do; just turn the corners of your mouth upgo on, try it!"



SQUIRRELS

Squirrels have been busy this week discovering equivalent fractions. They created a fraction wall by folding paper in different equal parts. They could then use this to compare fractions and find out which fractions were the same. They have also been amazed to see the effect that sugary drinks has on our teeth. They conducted an experiment where they kept eggs in different drinks for a few days. During this time, the impact on the egg shell was shocking. I wonder if we will now see more of them choosing to drink water!

WORLD BOOK DAY





PARENT CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Tuesday 17th March 3.30pm—6pm Wednesday 18th March 4pm—6.30pm Please book your appointments before Monday 16th March, bookings close at 8am



Friends of Heathcote

You can see what the 'Friends' are up to by liking us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/ groupsfriendsofheathcote/ or contact us by email: 'friendsofheathcoteps@gmail.com

Thank you again for all your support. If you want to get a bit more involved please come to our next meeting at 7.30pm at Heathcote Inn on 16th Match. We will be planning our next event the Easter Tea Party 2pm-4pm on 3rd April and we will need plenty of bakers to help donate the yummy cakes & biscuits we'll need.

Academic Year 2020				
W/C Monday 9th March	Science Week			
Tuesday 10th March	Maths is Everywhere Day			
Wednesday 11th March	Year 1 Educational Trip			
W/C 16th March	Shakespeare Week			
Tuesday 17th March	Parent Consultation			
Wednesday 18th March	Parent Consultation			
Friday 27th March	Year 2 Maths Workshop 2pm			
Thursday 2nd April	KS1 Spring Play 9.30am and 5.30pm (Details to follow)			
Friday 3rd April	No Teacher Training— children in school			
Friday 3rd April	Easter Tea Party 2-4pm (Friends)			
6th April—17th April	Easter Holiday			
Friday 8th May	May Bank Holiday			
25th May—29th May	Half Term Holiday			
Monday 1st June	Teacher Training Day			
Friday 19th June	Teacher Training Day			
Friday 17th July	End of Term			

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 on the school website



Comic Relief—Menu Change—Friday 13th March

Breaded Fish Fillet

(v) Smiley Face Red Nose Pizza

Chips, Peas or Baked Beans