

Highlights from the Head of School

It has been a busy week at Heathcote. At the start of the week Leo's mother, in Year 1, came to share her veterinary career with the school as part of our Monday assembly. Scribbles was a very good patient and helped demonstrate what checks vets need to carry out to make sure animals are healthy and well. The children really enjoyed looking at an x-ray of a mischievous dog who had eaten a ball and three children helped to perform surgery on Miss Bagley's toy dog to make him feel better! Thank you Ms Cooper for such an enjoyable assembly, I think lots of our children will be interested in a

career as a vet now!

On Tuesday, Rev Rob joined the children in our Harvest celebrations. The children really understood that Harvest is a time when we share food with those who need extra help and myself and Rev Rob were overwhelmed with the generosity of everyone with so many donations given. Rev Rob will be taking our collection to share with the local food banks next week.

This week was also Open Week and we had a great turn out of parents looking at Heathcote for Reception 2022. Mrs Humphriss and myself were very impressed with how the children greeted and welcomed our visitors and it was lovely to hear such wonderful comments about how impressed they were with the children, teachers and resources available at Heathcote. A special thank you to Ella and Dev in Year 6 who helped on the tours.

I can't believe how quickly this half term has gone and that next week will be our last week before half term. As we start a new half term, we sadly say goodbye to Mr Watson who is leaving teaching to explore new adventures in life, we wish him all the best and we welcome Mrs Riman, who has been teaching Year 3 this half term, as a permanent member of staff, congratulations and welcome to the Heathcote family! After half term we will be holding Parents Evening on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd November—please go on e-schools to book your face-to-face appointment with your class teacher. There will be the opportunity at this meeting to discuss how your child is settling into their new class and to have a look at their work so far. Next half term we also look forward to our Diwali workshops, Remembrance day trail, individual school photos, anti-bullying week, phonic workshops with parents, Reception and Year 1 nativity play and all our Christmas celebrations! (Yup, I'm mentioning Christmas in October!)

Wish you all a lovely weekend, Mrs Abernethy

Key Dates

Thursday 21st October—Show Racism the Red Card—wear something red to school

Friday 22nd October—INSET day

Half term—

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October

Monday 1st November—Return to school

Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd November—Diwali celebrations workshop

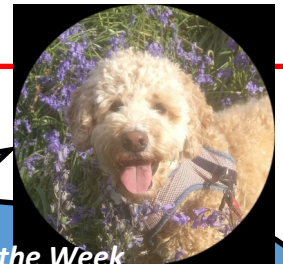
Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd November—Parents evening

NEW

Scribbles' Thought of the Week

Be loving

Your dog loves spontaneously and happily. He loves his human family. He loves his doggy friends. In his world, loving and being loved is what really matters. And that should be what really matter to you too!



Celebration assembly

Well done to all the children who received a Certificate of Excellence award.

Butterflies— Zacharia **Hedgehogs**— Roman

Otters— George **Kingfishers**— Lola

Rabbits— Ramone **Foxes**— Vanni

Hazel— Hayes **Maple**— Minnie

Cherry— Ruby **Beech**— Shaheer

House cup— **BEAR**



Congratulations!

Many congratulations to Mr Harwood and his wife who welcomed their beautiful daughter, Sophia, into the world on Monday 11th October.



Safeguarding corner

Protective Behaviours

This half term, the children have been completing their Protective Behaviours project. Our Protective Behaviour scheme of work is based on two key messages:

"We all have the right to feel safe all the time".
"Nothing is so awful that you can't talk with someone about it".



Through these messages children have looked at how to keep themselves safe, what their early warning signs are and who are their 5 trusted adults they can talk to.

You can find out more, including stories, poem and resources you can use with your child at:

<https://www.protectivebehaviours.org/protective-behaviours-resources-training-room/stories>

SPOTLIGHT ON

Maple class

Maple Class have had a busy and fun few weeks since starting Year 4. They have really enjoyed the Roman topic, with a particular highlight been the Roman day where everyone got dressed up, took part in many Roman activities and games before practicing Roman soldier drills and javelin throwing. On Tuesday they had a wonderful opportunity to visit the Heart of England Forest where they did lots of Maths in the forest, including measuring and estimating. They could then use free time to make their own creations using mathematical vocabulary. We had dens built using acute angles, investigations into the thickness of branches and the sound they created in the "music room" plus digital clocks and calculators in the "classroom." Their creativity and imagination was endless. It has been an exciting, fun filled first half term. We can't wait to see what the rest of the year will bring.



Safety First



**PLEASE CLOSE
THE GATE
BEHIND YOU
THANK YOU**

Car park Safety

As you enter the school site at Polkdot gate, you and your child will need to cross the car park. We have put cones after 8:30am to make sure cars cannot cross the path when you are. However, before 8:30am staff are arriving to work and if you are dropping your child at nursery then please make sure you cross safely. Your child should be walking with you and you should make sure that you watch out for cars arriving. Please remember that at no point should people be walking up the middle of the car park. Use the paths provided.

Thank you. Keep safe at all times.

Late arrivals

We have an increasing amount of children arriving late at the start of the day. **School gates close at 8:55am** and all children should be in their classrooms ready for registration. It is not good for your child to arrive late to school. They miss key messages, lunch orders and walking into a classroom when everyone else is settled is embarrassing.

Please time your mornings so that you arrive to school no later than 8:55am.

Thank you.

Pedestrian gates

Can we please remind you to close any gates after you, especially the car park gates and Polkadots gates.

This is to keep our site safe and secure at all times.



Thursday 21st October



Show Racism the Red Card!

On Thursday 21st October we will be supporting "Show Racism the Red Card" in school.

Children are invited to wear something red with their uniform to school to celebrate that we are all together at saying 'NO' to racism. At Heathcote, we celebrate diversity and celebrate what makes us all unique from all our different ethnicities.

Change Hearts. Change Minds. Change Lives

Children to wear something red to school