



Heathcote Herald



Highlights from the Desk of the SENDCo

My couple of days at Heathcote started listening to the wonderfully eager singing emanating from the hall from singing assembly. I love singing and hearing singing, and I was really impressed with the volume and enthusiasm from our Heathcote children; a really heart-warming start to my week!

Year 4 had another of their 'Maths in the Forest' days on Tuesday and it seemed like they had a great day learning in the outdoor environment; something that is increasing as a focus for all children throughout the school.

Wednesday was a big day for all the children at school as it was Transition Day. They began the day entering straight into their next classrooms to be greeted by the staff, and spent the day doing activities and getting used to their new learning environments. I noticed many of the children walking around school that bit taller with the pride of joining the next year group! Our two new teachers joined us for the day; Mr Cole and Mr Morgan are very welcome as they become part of our Heathcote team. We also welcomed in our new September intake for Reception throughout the course of the day, and this has given them an important taster for Heathcote school life.

Our Year 6 children all spent their first full day at their secondary schools, which is a massive step for them and one that we sincerely hope we have prepared them for. No doubt there was excitement tinged with nerves at the prospect of this transition day and we are very proud to know that our first graduates of Heathcote Primary School are ready to continue their journey.

Miss T Bradburn

Key Dates

Friday 15th July—Celebration Assembly- 9.15am

Friday 15th July—School Reports to be sent home

Thursday 21st July -End of term 1.30pm finish

We shall return to school on **Wednesday 7th September**

The school calendar is also available on the school website



Scribbles' Thought of the Week

Walk on the funny side of the street

Your dog grins and she also makes a 'huff huff' noise, which is how she laughs. Opt for friends, films and books that make you laugh. Laugh and smile as often as you can.

It is not always easy to begin discussions about racism however dialogue about race and racism are actively supported in school.

Can you gain an insight into how to begin these discussion with your children by visiting the two useful links below.

We shall be supporting 'Show Racism the Red Card Day' in October

[How to talk to kids about racism](#)

[How to talk to your children about race and racism.](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON

Year 4—Maple



Maple class have had a busy few weeks. They are four weeks into their swimming lessons at St. Nicholas Park. Even in such a short period of time, the children are showing great progress with their swimming strokes. For those children that can't yet swim they have developed a lot of confidence being in the water.

The playground, classroom and corridors have been full of singing recently. The children absolutely loved the Year 4, 5 and 6 performance and put their all into the singing particularly. Even now that the play has finished, we can still hear the songs echoing around the school! During the performance, it gave a great opportunity to learn a little more about what it was like to be a Victorian child and some historical facts linked with Vikings.

On Tuesday we had our final visit to the Heart of England Forest where we have been learning Maths skills throughout the year. This time the children consolidated their class work on triangles by making as many different scalene triangles as they could using sticks. They then used positional language to guide a team through the forest to collect their forest animal. Finally they were taught how to use a compass and successfully managed to navigate through the forest to the "fat oak" where they had a treat of hot chocolate waiting for them.

Well done, Year 4 on an active and exciting few weeks.



Parents and carers invited to join SEND webinar on speech and language provision

Warwickshire County Council is hosting another special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) webinar on Tuesday 19 July on the topic of Speech and Language Provision.

There can be many reasons why a young person may have a Speech, Language and Communication Need (SLCN). It may be due to physical difficulties such as a cleft palate or a hearing impairment, or it could be linked to other developmental conditions such as Autism. In some cases, there is no obvious cause.

Whatever the reason for a SLCN, it's important that children and young people receive timely support to improve their overall development and educational outcomes. This webinar will provide parents and carers with a better understanding of the different levels of speech and language therapy support and how to access this for their child. It will also be an opportunity to share feedback on the current provision to help inform and improve future support across Warwickshire.

The webinar takes place on Tuesday 19 July, 1pm - 2pm and you can register to attend at: <https://bit.ly/SpeechLanguageProvision>

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Webinar
Tuesday 19 July 2022 - 1pm to 2pm

Speech and Language Provision

Join the discussion hosted by Warwickshire County Council to understand more about current speech and language provision and help us to improve the service.



School Meal Increase

We have been advised by Educaterers that the price of a school meal will increase by £0.05, therefore the cost per meal will not be £2.30.

Please pay for meals in advance via Parent Pay. Children moving up from Year 2 to Year 3 are now required to pay for meals taken.

If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.

Remember you can apply for Free School Meals by following this link and clicking on 'Apply'

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>