

Welcome to our new look Newsletter!

What's on next week ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Assembly focus on friendship Last chance to order school photos from school! You can order online too!	Flu Immunisations		Music for Otters	No School Inset Day

Dates for diary: PTA planning a disco on 10th November—more info to follow! Non Uniform day on 1st December!

Official Opening

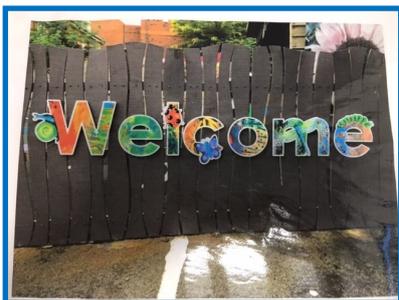
Official Opening

What a huge success it was! We were enormously proud of the children last Friday when they took part in our special day. Not only did they complete some fantastic art work (some of which we have displayed in school already) but their behaviour was superb!

I was delighted to see so many parents attend and family from further away too. "we had so much fun sharing the day with Ranveer, and everyone else, it's a lovely school with such polite kids and wonderful staff!" Ranveer's family visited from Derby; great to see the wider community getting involved.

I spent some time chatting to the CEO of Gallagher Estates and have asked him very nicely if his company might out some money towards our Playground...I think it is a yes—so watch this space!

The printing that you helped to complete with form the letters for a big WELCOME sign, which we place on the wall by the playground. I hope this will really bring the back of the school alive! The picture below is an example of what the finished piece will look like.



Maths Parent Workshop

A huge thank you to Miss Lukanowska, who delivered a fantastic workshop for parents to explore and learn how we teach maths at KS1.

The children worked with their parents on some practical challenges and hopefully parents gained an understanding of some of the key concepts in mathematical understanding.



PLEASE PLACE PHOTO ORDER IN THE OFFICE BY MONDAY AT THE LATEST! OR ONLINE!



Our Balloon Release

Messages of peace sent to the community

Spotlight on Excellence...



One of our big school priorities at Heathcote is to ensure the best behaviour is demonstrated by our children at all times. We have noticed that not having the older year groups modelling exemplary behaviour means that our KS1 and Reception children have to be reminded, sometimes, of what excellent behaviour looks like.

Behaviour is key to achieving a child's potential in school, it means they are focussed on their learning, they develop a respect for those around them and relate to one another kindly, treating each others as they would wish to be treated.

I am proud of much of the behaviour we see around the school and on the playground and I want to celebrate those who are showing us this on a daily basis. Each week I will choose two pupils who will receive a note sent home in the post from me, Mrs Jeffries.

Myths and Legends...

*A selection of comments and misconceptions
we sometimes face*

"It's fine... if I am late and can't get there for the end of the school day they can just go with...."

We absolutely do NOT allow this. It is vital the school knows exactly who children leave with. Ad-hoc arrangements like this place ALL children in danger even though we do our best to ensure children are leaving the school with the right people. ALWAYS contact the school first if arrangements need to change.

School Attendance

Attendance is currently 98.1 for Hedgehogs and 97.8% for Otters. We expect 98% + for the whole school.

Good attendance at school is vital for pupils to achieve their full educational potential. Pupils with good attendance records benefit in the following ways:-

- Continuity of learning which makes progress and retention easier
- Enhanced performance in lessons
- Continuity of relationships and friendships with adults and peers
- Good habits that are formed for later life

Children by law must attend school and all schools are required to record details of pupils' attendance and absence at school. We do so at the beginning of each morning and afternoon sessions. We are also required to report poor attendance. Our focus is however very much on reward. We encourage children to be on time and attend school by giving children lots of praise when they are 'being brave for carrying on' with minor ailments like a cold. We will reward 'never lates' and 'good attendance' by giving children certificates on a termly basis. We do however understand that children are sometimes unwell and certainly don't wish children to come into school unwell just to achieve an attendance reward, and for this reason we will also include children whose attendance is also very slightly below 100%.

Weekly Safety Message

Each week we give the children a quick safety reminder in assembly on Friday. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message.

This week:

Internet Safety Parents checklist: What you can do?

Limit approved web sites and hours spent online.

Set high security settings with browsers, membership, and social networking sites.

Install and maintain Internet Security software and parental controls.

Use parental controls to limit the web sites your child can visit.

Monitor your child's computer use and sit with them when they're online, wherever possible.

Talk about protecting private information (name, phone number etc.) and never sharing passwords with friends.

Academic Year 2017-2018

Autumn Term 2018

Staff Inset Day

Half Term (1 week)

School Finishes

Friday 20th October

Monday 23rd October

Friday 22nd December

Spring Term 2018

Staff Inset Day

Children Return to School

Half Term (1 week)

Staff Inset Day

School Finishes (Easter)

Friday 5th January

Monday 8th January

Monday 19th February

Monday 26th February

Thursday 29th March

Summer Term 2018

Children Return to School

Staff inset day

Half Term (1 week)

Staff Inset Day

School Finishes (Summer)

Monday 16th April

Friday 25th May

Monday 28th May

Friday 22nd June

Friday 20th July

These dates may be subject to change if necessary.

New and amended dates shown in bold.

Details and times to be confirmed nearer each event.

Who's Who

My name is Anna Cowcher and I am the Reception teacher at Heathcote Primary school. I am a born and bred Warwickshire girl having grown up in Stratford-upon-Avon. I lived in London for a few years where I did a Geography degree at UCL. I also spent a few summers working at a summer camp in New York where my passion to work with children began. After I completed my undergraduate degree I moved back to Stratford and attended Warwick University to do my PGCE. I then began my teaching career at Snitterfield Primary School before moving on to Alderman's Green in Coventry. I am so excited to be a part of the team shaping Heathcote from the beginning. I have a particular passion for technology and computing and will ensure Heathcote pupils are well equipped for the digital age we live in. I love teaching because every day is different and every second counts; it's the most rewarding job in the world and I can't imagine doing anything else!



Uniform

We take great pride in how staff and children look at the school, as I am sure you do! Please ensure children come to school in the correct uniform, preferably with a logo jumper, we have plenty now in the office, so please come and buy one. It looks fab when they have their little badgers on their uniform and makes them look very smart!

Hair

Hair for girls and boys which is longer than shoulder length MUST be tied back with a small / discrete hair bobble. Large bows, flowers, and hair bobbles are not part of our school uniform and if worn to school, children may be asked to remove them. Headbands and slides are allowed to be worn however, again they must be discrete. We have had cases of head lice—so it is really important tie it up!