

# JULY 2018

## Year 6

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing our Year 6 pupils every success in their new schools. They have worked very hard and have always represented the school so well in whatever they have done including sport, music, Young Voices and drama at the Shakespeare Festival. I am sure that they will continue to work hard and do great things in their respective secondary schools. I hope that Year 6 will enjoy their year books which they received today and that these will provide many happy memories of their time at Heron. I know that our association with a number of families will end today as their youngest child leaves Heron. Thank you to all those parents/carers for the support and encouragement over the years. Please keep in touch; the school is always keen to hear how our former pupils are doing.

Mrs Claire Brookes

## Calendar 2018/19

The calendar is on the website.

School term 1 begins on

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**Term 1 – Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

Half term holiday: Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fri 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Term 2 – Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.**

Christmas holiday: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019.

Please note that **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan** is an Inservice Day.

**Term 3 – Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019**

Half term holiday: Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2019

Mrs Claire Brookes

## Y6 LEAVERS

All of the staff in Year 6 would like to wish our Leavers good luck as they depart to go to their next schools. You have been a fabulous year group!

A Huge “Well done!” to our Year 2 and Year 6 children for fantastic work in their SATs tests. We are very proud of them.

## THANK YOU

This year Friends of Heron have bought Beebots and Cameras for us to use in school. On behalf of the staff and children “Thank You” for supporting Friends of Heron events as the children certainly benefit as a result.

Mrs S Smith

## House Champions

House Champions for 2017/2018  
are

**Berkeley**

**Well Done Berkeley!**

## Bug Club

Bug Club have had another successful growing season despite the weather we have experienced. Thank you to Mrs Preen for her help throughout the year. This year we had a bumper apple crop! Our apple crumbles were delicious.

Mrs S Smith

## Changes to Staff

We wish Mrs McGreggor all the best as she leaves Heron to take up a post in another school.

We welcome Miss Hannah Liddle who will be joining us to teach in Year 4 and Miss Florence Ridyard who will be teaching in Year 5.

## || Music News

|| We are excited to be taking a small group of Year 5 children to perform at Gloucester Cathedral with other local schools in October. We will also be inviting Year 6 to take part in the Young Voices concert in Birmingham in January.

|| Remember, if you would like your child to learn an instrument in school, please pick up a form from the office.

|| Mrs Hart



### BOOK BAGS

When purchasing a book bag for school please can you endeavour to buy a regulation school book bag. The school book bags are the right size and we are having problems fitting various styles and sizes into our allocated spaces.

Thank you in anticipation.

Mrs E Neate

For Parents/Carers of Heron School

Activities at

Heron Primary School:

Date: **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

**Tuesday 7th August**

Drop in anytime: from 10:00 - 12:00

Abbeymead School

Date **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August (Heron Parents Welcome)**

### E-Safety

Throughout the year the children have discussed online safety issues as part of the curriculum. During the summer many children and staff will spend more time online and it is always a good idea to be aware of which games they are playing or which websites they access. If you want advice on how to use parental settings on your home computer or the issues regarding on line safety, the BBC website has lots of good advice.

Mrs S Smith

### HOUSE T SHIRTS

We would be grateful for donations of any of the following items that have been grown out of by your child.

- House PE T-Shirts
- Sun Hats

### Heron on the Run

Thank you to everyone who supported 'Heron on the Run' this year. We have collected an amazing £ 1434.49 so far ! We will let you know the total raised once we have received all outstanding money. If you still have any outstanding sponsor money could you hand it into the office as soon as possible.

Thank you

Mrs E Neate

and finally..

I would personally like to thank all our parents and carers for all your support throughout this, my first year as Headteacher. It seems to have flown by so quickly! What a lot we have packed in including many trips and visits: from drama to cookery to art and technology- I really believe that our broad and balanced, exciting curriculum is part of what makes Heron so special. Of course, our innovative and dedicated staff play a crucial part in fostering a love of learning in the children that is amazing to see so, my thanks also go to the staff. We have participated in two very successful residential trips: YHA Welsh Biknor with Year 4 and PGL Hillcrest with Year 6. Everyone had a fantastic time and the children were a real credit to you and the school. Indeed, on both trips, other staff at each site commended our children as being the most polite, keen and respectful of all of the schools that visit them. Our sports day was another highlight and it was great to see so many parents attend this event. The year has ended with great results including in EYFS, Year 1 Phonic screening, KS1 SATs and KS2 SATs- all the children across the school have worked so hard. The children's reports were great and I thank parents again for the positive responses and kind words on the feedback forms- it is appreciated.

We have a new breakfast club starting in September which we hope will be a huge success and we will be thinking about what we could offer in terms of an after school club at a pertinent point in the future.

I would like to see even further engagement and communication with parents throughout the new academic year and we will be working on plans to facilitate this. Parents views will be sought in the new academic year as we really do value your input and ideas.

I will finish there and wish you all a relaxing summer holiday.

Best wishes

Claire Brookes