

Heron Newsletter – Term 1

Dates for your Diary

Term 2

- 4 Nov – Return to school
- 4 Nov – Parent consultation Mtgs all week
- 8 Nov – Welsh Bicknor Mtg
- 14 Nov - Y1 Polar Day
- 15 Nov – Non uniform Day
- 16 Nov – Christmas Fair
- 5 Dec– Christmas Lunch
- 16 Dec – Y2 Christmas Production
- 17 Dec – EYFS/KS2 Productions
- 18 Dec – Y1/KS2 Productions
- 20 Dec– Last Day at school Party Day



Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents/ Carers

Wow! The summer holidays seem to be in the dim and distant past! I hope you all managed to have a relaxing break. The children have settled really well back into school life and are working hard. They have enjoyed numerous 'Wow!' days, coming to school dressed as Egyptians, Romans, Greeks and Pearly Kings and Queens to name just a few. Thank you so much for supporting us with these days and providing fantastic costumes. The children really love being immersed in the topic they are studying. Thank you also for your generous donations at our Harvest assemblies- it will be collected before the end of term by the Gloucester Food Bank and distributed to families in need around Gloucester. We look forward to seeing you for parents' evenings (Years1-6) during the first week back after the holidays

Claire Brookes

Opal news

The children have absolutely loved the new freedom that OPAL has brought this term. We have witnessed very happy children swinging from trees, building dens and making mud pies. We are really looking forward to having our giant sand pit installed in the next few weeks!

STAFF NEWS

- Our Congratulations go to Mrs Liddar (Miss Smith) who got married during the summer.
- Miss Witt gave birth to a baby boy in August and Miss Heard gave birth to a baby girl in September. We wish them all well.

EYFS NEW

EYFS have settled well into their first term at Heron. We have been busy learning routines and making new friends.



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YEAR 1 NEWS



This term Year 1 have been exploring the story, “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt” through drama, role play and reading response. We’ve planned and published our own stories ‘We’re going on a Penguin Hunt’.

YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have had a very busy start to the year. Here they are building and programming robots with a visitor from Stenworks. They have also had a teddy bears’ picnic, a special London day to celebrate their learning in geography and a trip to St Oswald’s church in Coney Hill. They have had a visit from Jane the Baker who taught them about the Great Fire of London and in between they have been working hard improving their writing and Maths.



YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 really enjoyed their Roman Day, re-enacting a battle between the Celts and the Romans. It really brought our topic to life.



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Year 4 NEWS

On October 4th, Year 4 had their Egyptian Day and got up to lots of exciting things! We had a catwalk, made scarab beetles out of clay and even mummified tomatoes! Look at how great we look in our costumes!



Year 5 NEWS

Year 5 have experienced a Victorian School Day at Sevington Victorian school as part of our Topic learning this term. We made beeswax candles and lavender bags, sang hymns, learnt poems and we even enjoyed eating our Victorian lunches.



Year 6 NEWS

Year 6 have been investigating the Ancient Greek period this term and even held their own Ancient Greek Olympics. They have had the opportunity to try Greek food, create mosaics and have used maps to study the location of Athens in relation to Europe.



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

We now have a newly elected School Council who are excited and looking forward to gathering the views of all the children to develop specific aspects of our school.

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MUSIC NEWS

It's been a great musical start to the year with lots of children really enjoying the music we are covering in our lessons. As you walk past the Jubilee Hall you might well hear anything from reggae to rock, Abba to classical music! Please remember that if your child would like to learn an instrument they can pick up a form from the office. If the family income is below £27,000 you may be able to apply for a bursary to help with the costs. Please see Mrs Hart for further details.

SPORTS NEWS

Football 1st Team News –A huge well done to the Heron 1st Team, who qualified for the GPSFA finals at Oxstalls Sports Park. After 3 hard fought draws, and a loss, the team were placed 5th overall in the city. A great effort everyone! Team -A.Wood, O.Rolfe, G.Jones, L.Liggett, S.Hart, C.Jones, F.Parsons, F.Milton.

Y4 Badminton Team – Congratulations to the first ever Y4 Badminton team who represented themselves and Heron so well at the 1st GSSN schools Badminton festival. All the players enjoyed learning the game before joining in with other Y4 teams from schools in Gloucester.

Team – E.Williams, E.Dolby, C.Davies, I.Cottle,R.Commander, T.Malpas-Watkins, L.Gozman, O.Woodward.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club children have enjoyed making ghosts for Halloween! We still have spaces available, so come and enjoy the fun with a healthy breakfast. If you have any enquiries please call the school office.



Reminders to Parents

- Could we politely remind parents to name your child`s uniform and belongings. This makes things easier when looking for lost items or trying to return them to their rightful owner.
- Please be reminded that you cannot park in the school car park without a permit, nor enter the gates to drop off a child after 8.15am without a permit.

Heron on The Run

Thank you to all those who sponsored our" Heron on The Run" this year. We raised an amazing £1112,60. Thank you for your continued support.

Accelerated Reader Book Donations.

Our AR book stock consists of a wide range of quality children`s literature. If you are having a clear out of unwanted books at home, then we would be ever so grateful for donations to school to replenish our AR book stock.

OFSTED

As you are aware we were inspected this week by OFSTED. As soon as we receive official confirmation of the outcome, we will let you know. Look out for a Parentmail letter.