

Heron Newsletter – Term 4



Attendance –Please ensure your child is in school every day unless they are ill or have a medical appointment. Attendance Improvement meetings will be held next term for children who are persistently absent from school.

Absence

Please report all child absence to the office before 9.15. You can call 01452 415105 and choose option 1 to leave a message or choose option 3 to speak to a member of the office team.

Dates for your Diary

Term 5

- 28 April – Return to school
- 1 May – Polling Day – school closed
- 5 May –Bank Holiday
- 8 May – VE Day Celebrations
- 9 May – Sponsored Bounce
- 23 May – Break up
- 26 May – 30 May –Half Term

Attendance

Possible attendance 100%
Actual Attendance this term is
93.99%

Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents/ Carers

It has been a very busy term here at school with numerous exciting events including: trips to the church, Year 1,2 and 3 scooter training, World Book Day, Red Nose Day, The FOH Easter Trail and the Year 4 residential to The Wilderness. It was great to see so many of our parents attending parents' evening and drop ins- the feedback has been very positive. We will look forward to seeing you in school next term for our next drop-in sessions.

I wish you a relaxing Easter break.

Mrs Brookes

School Car Park

Please remember that parent parking in the school car park is not permitted unless you have a pass issued by the school.

EYFS have had another fabulous term where we have been 'Down on the Farm'. We have been learning all about the different animals and their young, the many jobs there are and all the different vehicles and what they do. The children have enjoyed learning all about chicks and the life cycle of a hen.

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YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 have been really busy this term. We started with our Antarctica Day where we worked together to build an igloo and melted ice using salt. We also had a visit from Life education and Harold the giraffe who taught us all about our "wonderful body".

In geography we went for a local walk around Abbeydale where we explored and spotted all the features of our environment.

Year 1 also had a trip to Multi-Skills this term where we had lots of fun playing games and learning new skills.

YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have had an exciting term, filled with lots of learning. In Maths we have had lots of fun developing our knowledge of fractions and have been learning how to tell the time. We have been researching and writing non-chronological reports all about hibernating animals in English and have been exploring world habitats and how to be healthy in science. In Geography we have been investigating our local area. We have learned how to use aerial photographs and different maps to find out about where we live. We then were amazing Geographers doing practical fieldwork. We went for a walk exploring our local area, drew sketch maps and collected data about how people travel to the local shopping centre.



YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 really enjoyed the Easter Experience trip to Christchurch Church. They found out about what Easter means to Christians and had a go at 5 different activities, including tasting bread and grapes, making a flower garden and they even learnt a song!



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YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have really enjoyed reading 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. The reaction of the children when revealing the ending was particularly special. They have started writing the next chapter of the book using their own predictions about what they think might happen next. As part of our wellbeing sessions, we enjoyed a visit from the Life Education team and learnt all about how unique we are and how important it is to keep ourselves healthy. There has been lots to celebrate too with some children being awarded their pen licenses and others have even managed to turn their heat maps 'green' on Times Tables Rockstar! Keep up the brilliant work, Year 4!

YEAR 5 NEWS

We have had another very busy term in Year 5: we had the visit from the Life Education Team; we have written some wonderful poetry based on the poem 'The Highwayman'; in Maths we have converted mixed numbers and improper fractions; we discovered more about how the Tudor dynasty began in History; and in Geography we have found out about our own locality by looking at the physical geography of the United Kingdom. Another fantastic term – well done Year 5!



YEAR 6 NEWS

Year 6 have had yet another busy term of learning!

In Science, we have been getting very investigative, particularly exploring how components within an electrical circuit can impact each other. In English, we have really enjoyed reading and writing about our class book: Stormbreaker. From writing similar stories, to persuading spies to buy our gadgets, it has been a great book! Computing has really challenged our ability to program games; we have had to hone our debugging skills to ensure that players have no issues with our coded creations. Lastly, History has encouraged us to explore different ancient artefacts in detail, which has led to the question: where do artefacts belong? In museums, or back in their country of origin?

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MUSIC NEWS

Young Voices

At the end of February, Children in Y6 attended their Young Voices Concert where they sang alongside 5000 children from other schools, as well as some famous faces including MC Grammar, Tommy Blaize (Strictly) and Souparnika Nair (Britain's Got Talent). They performed in a huge arena with amazing lights and sound. It was a great experience.

Musical Theatre Showcase - Save The Date!

Musical Theatre Club members are working hard every week and are preparing a performance to show-off their efforts.

Performances will be after school on Wednesday 21st May and during the school day on Thursday 22nd. Full details and times will follow. Musical Theatre Club will continue running until this date.

Singing Assemblies

Singing Assemblies this term had the theme of 'Nature and the World Around Us'. Next term, we will be linking our assemblies to VE Day and World War 2.

Breakfast Club

Children have been enjoying doing Easter crafts and enjoyed pancakes on Pancake Day. They have also been busy colouring pictures which will be going on display in Morrisons.

There are limited spaces available, if you require a place for Breakfast Club, please enquire at school office. Thank you again to Morrisons for all they have donated.



OPAL

The children have enjoyed the sunshine and have been busy playing with water, making dens and crafts. A big Thank you to Friends of Heron who funded the new Table Tennis Table. The children have really enjoyed using it. Thank you to parents for your donations this term. We are now looking for donations of small cars, real size pushchairs and scooters.

If you have anything you think is useful for Opal please enquire at office and we will let you know if it is suitable.

Thank you to Gloucester City AFC who donated artificial grass to us and as always, Thanks to Morrisons for their donations. This term they also donated soil and seeds which the children have planted.

Please remember to send your child to school with a lightweight coat as although the sun is shining, we can still have unexpected showers.



Congratulations

to the Catering Team, who once again achieved a 5-star food hygiene certificate. Our summer menu will be available when we come back from Easter holidays.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Currien, our Catering Manager.



Free School Meals

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