

# Heron Newsletter – Term 4



## Dates for your Diary Term 5

- 8 April – Return to school
- 2 May – Polling Day School closed
- 6 May – Bank Holiday
- 27 May – Break up
- 29 May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term

**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

## Attendance

Possible attendance 100%  
Actual Attendance this term is 93.80%

## Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents/ Carers

It has been a very short but busy term here at school with numerous exciting events including: trips to the church, Year 2 scooter training, the Really Wild Reading Festival, World Book Day, the Book fair, Red Nose day, The FOH Easter egg hunt and the Year 4 residential to The Wilderness. Our Year 6 children have been working on writing, performing and recording their leavers' song, which sounds amazing! It was great to see so many of our parents attending parents' evening and 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 and will see you on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## PARKING

It has come to our attention that there continues to be some inconsiderate parking in the roads around our school, specifically: Shergar Close and Grebe Close where residents have been unable to access their own properties due to cars parked in front of their driveways. We ask that all our school community park their cars respectfully. As you know, we have been doing lots of work with the Think Travel Team this year to try to improve the issue of parking and safety around the school. As part of this, the local shops, Morrisons and The Ridge and Furrow are all happy for our parents to park in their car parks and walk the rest of the way to school. This would also support the Big Walk and Wheel that we have been involved in over the last few weeks.

## EYFS NEWS

Reception have had such an exciting term with our topic 'Down at the Farm'. The highlight was our delivery of eggs which we kept safe and warm in an incubator. The children were so excited watching them hatch and helping to look after the chicks. After two weeks, we waved them off as they were collected to be taken to their new home on the farm.



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## YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 have had an exciting term. We have had a visit from Life Education and Harold who talked to us about our wonderful bodies and telling us how to keep them healthy. Year 1 also had a visit from the chicks. At the end of the term we had lots of fun on our Multi-Skills trip.



## YEAR 2 NEWS

The children have been learning about maps and the local area in Geography. We have been comparing past and present London in History. In English we have been reading "Winter Sleep" and learning about hibernation. In Maths we have been working hard to understand fractions. We have designed a habitat in DT and made a part of our picture move with a slider or lever.

The children learnt how to ride scooters safely and practise a few tricks and turns.



Year 3 have had a busy term. We have had a visit to the church for our 'Easter Experience' and have been tasting a variety of fruits and smoothies as part of our DT project. We loved dunking biscuits for our science investigation during Science Week.

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## YEAR 4 NEWS

In Year 4 this term we have been busy sculpting our very own Susan Lordi inspired pieces of art using clay. We have really enjoyed carrying on with our Power of Reading text about Edward Tulane and seeing where his adventures take him next. Our Life Education session really made us all think about ourselves and what happens in our bodies. As a class we pretended to be food travelling through the digestive system, which was a little bit funny!



## YEAR 5 NEWS



We have had another very busy term in Year 5: we have visited Gloucester Academy to carry out two Science investigations; 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

Another term and some more brilliant learning completed in Year 6! Our class book (Alex Rider: Stormbreaker) has given us more writing opportunities, including publishing our own spy graphic novel. In our P.E. lessons we have been developing our netball skills outside and our gymnastic skills inside. And, we have been working incredibly hard at improving our understanding of algebra and statistics in maths. Furthermore, our history work has provided us with opportunities to compare different ancient time periods, in terms of the architecture and artefacts relating to them. In addition, our geography lessons have provided us with time to study the topical issue of climate change and discuss what we can do to find solutions for it.

Lastly, we have been thoroughly enjoying our time collaborating with The Music Works group, who have been helping us to develop our very own song, which we will be recording very soon!



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## MUSIC NEWS

Year 6 had a great time in Birmingham at this year's Young Voices, along with many of their proud parents. The arena was packed with over 5,000 children, performing the songs they have been rehearsing over the last few months. They sounded fantastic and the atmosphere was electric! What a brilliant concert and an amazing experience for all those who took part.



## Breakfast Club

Due to popular demand, we have now increased our capacity to 45 children per day. This term the children have been enjoying doing Mother's Day and Easter crafts whilst enjoying their healthy breakfasts. If you would like a place at Breakfast Club please call the school office and you will get a call back from the breakfast club team. Big thanks again to Morrisons, Abbeydale for all of your donations.



## OPAL

The children have been busy building dens and sandcastles and building models out of play doh. We have also added wind chimes to the wild walk which they are enjoying. Thanks to the Non-Uniform donations, we raised £260.00 which has been used to buy new games for quiet areas, scooters, balance bikes, play doh, cars, bubble mixture, magnets and pushchairs! Thanks to your support, your child can enjoy a wide range of activities during Opal. Thanks, as always to Sue Ryder at Abbeydale for their donations.

We continue to receive regular donations from families which are gratefully received. This term we are especially looking for Toy/real pushchairs, cars, old telephones, keyboards, remote controls, suitcases, old slides (just the actual slide not the frame) and any loose parts for our loose parts area e.g pipes or wood. If you have anything you think would be useful and are not sure, please enquire at 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.
- 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.
- Please stick to the schools paths when entering and leaving the site.