

Heron Newsletter – Term 2

Dates for your Diary

Term 3

- 6 Jan – INSERVICE
- 7 Jan – Back to School
- 17 Jan – Young Voices
- 24 Jan – Sponsored Bounce
- 14 Feb – Break up
- 17-21 Feb – Half Term Break



Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have certainly had a busy term! We are really proud to have had a very successful Ofsted and my thanks go to all the staff and children for showing the inspector what a fabulous school Heron is. I would also like to thank our parents and carers, for taking time to complete the parent questionnaire; it was very positive. I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas productions – the children and staff worked very hard to produce fantastic shows!

From myself, all the staff and children at Heron, we wish you 'A very Merry Christmas' and we will see you in 2020.

Claire Brookes

Opal news

The children continue to enjoy the OPAL project at lunchtimes and it is great to see the children interacting with each other so well. Our Year 6 play rangers are doing a fantastic job at helping the younger children.

EYFS NEWS

EYFS have been getting in to the Christmas spirit! They've been enjoying role playing Father Christmas and his elves. They've been making Christmas decorations, cards and calendars. The children practiced their songs and lines for the Nativity. We hope you enjoyed their performance!



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YEAR 1 NEWS



Year 1 have enjoyed learning about cold places this term . We were so excited when it snowed on Polar Day for our expedition and camp.

YEAR 2 NEWS



Year 2 have had a lovely time this term, baking cakes for bonfire day, enjoying building shelters and learning about the properties of wood during their outdoor learning day. They had a very exciting visit from the fire service, where they all got to explore the fire truck and a turn at squirting the hose, as well as learning some very important lessons about fire safety.

YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 enjoyed their archery morning, there were quite a few bulls eyes! 🏹 Great fun was had by all!



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Year 4 NEWS

Y4 were lucky enough to take part in a special PE session with a yoga teacher this term. We really enjoyed learning some new poses and ways to strengthen our body and minds.

Year 5 NEWS

Year 5 have been learning about Christian festivals this term. We all enjoyed our trip to Abbeydale Church to learn about the first Christmas.



Year 6 NEWS



Year 6 have continued with their theme of Ancient Greece, writing non-chronological reports about mythological creatures; discussing democracy; and using mark-making to sketch beasts from ancient mythology. We also had a visit to Wagamama to develop our understanding of other cultures and our Driver of 'Healthy Living'.

Now we are getting ready for Christmas with rehearsals for our production of 'What Christmas Means to Me!'

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Thank you so much for donating all the food to Hamper Scamper. The School Council were amazed about how much produce we received. The total weight of food donated was 206.20 kg. Once again thank you, your donations will help lots of families in our community. Have a fabulous Christmas from the School Council.

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Music News

I am delighted that so many Year 6 children have offered to give up their time to sing at a special Remembrance Service at Gloucester Cathedral on Thursday 19th December, 7.00pm. The service is free of charge to all and is an opportunity to remember friends and family members who have passed away. You are very welcome to come and support us.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to the Heron Sports hall Athletics team who finished in third place out of the 12 large schools to gain well deserved Bronze Medals.

Y3 have enjoyed Xperience Archery this term learning a new skill and competing against their class mates with a shoot-off at the end of the session.

The Heron H Football team performed brilliantly in cold and wet weather at Oxstalls Sports Park during the B-Team Festival. They drew their first game and won the next three with plenty of goals and only conceding one.

The Heron Football First team have been battling hard in the Large Schools' League and their latest result was their highest yet with a 3-0 win away against Robinswood Academy.

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends of Heron pupils who have helped to transport the Teams and supported the Heron teams at each event.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club children have enjoyed making Halloween Ghosts and Mosaics. 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 that your child will need a warm PE kit in school next term, including joggers, a warm jumper and trainers.

A Big Thank You

Thank you to 'Malvern Tyres', who donated a large quantity of tyres to the school Opal project.

Thank you also to Mr Williamson and 'Black Friars Wealth Management', who donated the beautiful tree and decorations in the school foyer.

Many thanks to the Lady Downe Trust for their generous donation of £700. This will go towards replenishing 'scrap' for OPAL.

Thanks to Year 6, I just wanted to share with you some of the comments we have received about our year 6 swimmers:

'They are the best-behaved children in Gloucester!' (GL1 staff)

'What beautifully behaved children.' (Member of the public at GL1)