

Heron Newsletter – Term 2



Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have come to the end of another busy term at school. The children have been working hard and feedback from the staff has been positive. We hope you were able to attend parents evening earlier in the term and have the opportunity to talk face to face with the teachers. It was great to be able to invite you all in to watch the Christmas productions this year- we hope you enjoyed them.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

Mrs Brookes

- Cars are NOT permitted in the school car park without a permit. We are frequently being told that cars are turning around in the gateways after dropping off children or driving through the car park to drop off. This is extremely dangerous! Please park considerably OUTSIDE the school and in surrounding areas when dropping off and picking up your child. Thank you.

Our “Wear Red for Show Racism the Red Card” raised £182.40 and our “Children in Need raised £172.60”. Thank you for your donations.

EYFS NEWS

Wow, Reception have had a fantastic Autumn Term. This term we have loved learning all about Space. We have learnt about different planets, the sun and moon and astronauts. We have enjoyed our book ‘Astro girl’ and have been getting more confident with our reading and writing. All the reception staff are very proud of the children and were super impressed with how well they did in their nativity.



Dates for your Diary

Term 3

- 8 Jan – INSERVICE
- 9 Jan – Back to School
- 22 Feb -Young Voices
- 9 Feb – last Day Break up
- 12-16 Feb – Half Term Break
- 19 Feb - Back to school

Attendance

Possible attendance 100%
Actual Attendance 93.83%

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YEAR 1 NEWS

This term in Year 1, we have been busy practising our sewing skills in DT. We designed and made our own alien puppets. In Music Year 1 have been singing and learning the songs for our Christmas show. In Maths we have been learning and recognising 3D shapes. We found lots in our classroom.



YEAR 2 NEWS

What an amazing time Year 2 had at Multi-Skills. They all took part in different PE activities such as skittles, obstacle courses and using hoppers. They had lots of fun and developed great teamwork skills. Well done Year 2!



The children learnt about London landmarks, created amazing London collages and designed their own bear.



YEAR 3 NEWS

This term Year 3 enjoyed dressing up for our Circus Day. We had great fun practising our juggling skills with circus equipment and enjoyed a range of craft activities.

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Year 4 NEWS

In Year 4 we have continued to enjoy being Newspaper reporters and have written some fantastic articles based about 'The Vanishings' from our PoR book. Being budding scientists we have investigated how the weight of fizzy drinks change when they lose carbon dioxide. We enjoyed singing our Christmas songs and had fun performing them to everyone!

Year 5 NEWS



This term, Year 5 have enjoyed carrying out scientific investigations in both our forces unit and testing conductivity with electrical circuits. We have been studying the book *Street Child* and we have been amazed by the standard of writing of the children, as well as their empathy for the main character, Jim. We have studied both North and South America, discussing their similarities and differences, while in Art we have looked at the artists, Pablo Picasso and Gustav Klimt. We also really enjoyed our Church visit to learn more about the Christmas story 😊

Year 6 NEWS

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard in the run-up to Christmas. We have really enjoyed reading our new class book: *Wolf Brother*. From this book we have developed some brilliant book talks (linked to our VIPERS) and we have produced lovely pieces of writing. Gymnastics so far this term has challenged our jumping and balancing abilities. Whilst in maths, we have been getting to grips with multi-step problems!

School Council NEWS

This term school council have been focusing on 'Keeping our school tidy', this matches up with our drivers of Respect and Our World. We have met with Mr Gravells to discuss what it is like to be a councillor in the community, what his favourite thing is and how he helps people. We also spoke to Mr Gravells about how our school council got elected and talked about the importance of voting and democracy which is one of our British Values. This Term, School council have helped organise Children in Need. As a school we raised £172.60.

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Opal news

Lots of fun has been had at Opal during lunchtimes. Children have been building tunnels in the sand pit, making mud pies in our Mud cafe and lots of dens have been created.

Please remember all children should have wellies, waterproofs, or a change of clothes so they are able to enjoy all play opportunities.

Thank you for all donations sent in this term. We are always looking for donations especially of scooters/balance bikes ,toy pushchairs, full size pushchairs, cars, and any materials children can make dens with for our loose parts area. We are also looking for basketball hoops with stands. If you are having a sort out, please keep us in mind as donations enhance the children's play opportunities. If you are unsure whether the school can make use of it please enquire at school office for a call back.

Breakfast Club

Children have been getting into the Christmas spirit making decorations, cards and pictures. We have limited spaces available so if you require a place for your child please enquire at the office We would like to say "Big Thank" you to Morrisons for all of your donation.

Attendance

As you know, there is a national drive to improve attendance in schools. With this in mind, we will continue to monitoring pupil attendance and lateness very closely and working together with you to improve your child's attendance where appropriate.

Fond Farewells

At the end of term, we say goodbye and 'Happy Retirement' to our caretaker Mr Gibbons. I'm sure you will want to join us in wishing him all the very best.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Gary Sansom as our new site manager.

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. These MUST be in the specified school colours and NOT football shirts.
- Thank you to the Friends of Heron for an amazing Christmas Fair. The money raised will be used to buy books linked to our Phonics Programme.