

Heron Newsletter – Term 5



Dates for your Diary

Term 6

- 03 June – Return to school
- 08 June – Heron Fest
- 18 June – Sports Day
- 20 June – Reserve Sports Day
- 10 July – Y6 Residential
- 17 July – Y6 Leavers Disco
- 18 July – Y6 Leaver's Evening
- 19 July – Break up for end of term

Welcome from Mrs Brookes

The term seems to have flown by! The children have been working hard on their learning, our EYFS children have been entertaining their parents with their 'Minibeast Musical', our junior swimmers were very successful at the large schools swimming gala, bringing home many medals and our Year 6 children have been sitting their SATs tests. It is hard to believe that there is just one more term left before we will say goodbye to our Year 6 children! However, there is much to look forward to during the next term including the Year 6 residential and sports day.

Wishing you a restful half term break.

Mrs Brookes

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARK UNLESS YOU HAVE A PERMIT. (NOT EVEN IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE OR DROPPING YOUR CHILD OFF)

EYFS NEWS

We have had another wonderful term in Reception - this time we have been learning all about minibeasts! The children have loved learning about the different minibeasts, going on minibeast hunts, building wormeries and creating bug hotels. We have also had some more little visitors this term. This time it was 5 caterpillars who we have loved watching as they have grown, changed into chrysalis and then into butterflies.

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YEAR 1 NEWS

This term we have been busy learning about WW1 in History. We got to look at some artefacts from WW1 and from the modern army.

In wellbeing we have discussed lots of healthy foods that we eat and talked about healthy routines like brushing and washing.

YEAR 2 NEWS

Year Two had so much fun learning about life in a Victorian school during our very own 'Victorian day'. We learnt about the very strict rules, punishments, artefacts, handwriting, playground games and made cup and ball toys.



YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 have had a very busy term, we have enjoyed having Pete, our regular coach return to Heron to teach us tennis. We have learned how to use a fore hand and a back hand and we have also learned how to do rallies. We have looked forward to our special high fives at the end of the lessons. We have also enjoyed having extra movement breaks recently in line with Mental Health Awareness Week. In other areas of the curriculum we have been reading Charlotte's Web and thinking about Wilbur and Charlotte's relationship, in Geography we have been focussing on flooding and in Science we have been exploring shadows.



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Year 4 NEWS

Year 4 have been discussing what makes Heron a great place to learn with a view to writing some non-chronological reports in English. We also studied the amazing explorations of Viking explorer Leif Erikson in History, asking the question; Are the Vikings more remembered for their raiding or their discovery? In Maths we have been using the column method to add and subtract decimals as well as looking at 24-hour time.

Year 5 NEWS



Year 5 have had a fantastic term and created some wonderful abstract art using photography while we also enjoyed using the Crumbles in Computing. We have been writing diaries and letters based on our text 'The Northern Lights', while learning about angles and shapes in Maths. We can't quite believe that we are in our last term already, although we are excited to see what we can achieve in our last few weeks of Year 5. 😊

Year 6 NEWS

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard this term, particularly with our focus on SATs; the pupils should be very proud of themselves with how much effort they have put in. In addition, we have been doing a lot of investigating in science and mapping in geography. Both of these have certainly improved our observational skills and understanding of key concepts. Lastly, we have produced some lovely pieces of silhouette artwork and have worked very hard on our 3D model designing in Computing, which have both helped us to embrace our creative problem solving sides.

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MUSIC News



During their music lessons, some of the year 3, 4 and 5's have been working hard learning various songs in preparation for the junior voices project. The event took place at Gloucester Cathedral on 1st May. The evening concert was watched by many proud families and friends. All the children enjoyed taking part in the concert. They sounded fantastic. It was such an amazing experience for them to sing in Gloucester Cathedral in front of everyone. Thank you to those families who provided transport to the Cathedral and back, and a big thank you to our Heron families for supporting their talented children.

Breakfast Club

We have limited spaces left at Breakfast Club but if you require a place for your child please contact the school office to see if there is availability. We provide a healthy breakfast from 7.45 am and there are always fun activities for your child to entertain themselves with until the school day starts. We would like to say a big thank you to Morrisons for all the donations this term, it really is appreciated!

For those of you who currently use the Heron breakfast club please could you let Mrs Ponter know by 21st June if you no longer require your place after September 2024, so that these places can be offered to children on the waiting list.

There will be a small increase in the cost of breakfast club from September 2024 with the cost of a session increasing to £4.

OPAL

Pupils have been enjoying the sunshine experimenting with lots of blankets/pillows and having fun with water play. We also had an extended lunch time where all teachers/TAs came out to see what the children engage in at lunchtimes.

Please can you ensure your child brings in a hat to protect them in the sunny weather and although we are hoping for lots of sunny weather, please can you ensure your child also brings in a rain coat as we will always get those unexpected showers.

Thank you to Friends of Heron for funding a storage box for us to put blankets/pillows in.

We will be holding an Opal Stay and Play for Parents on July 10th from 2.30pm. Further information to follow.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

As many of you will be aware we have not increased the prices of school lunches at Heron for a long while, however the costs of providing hot school meals have increased considerably, due to the rising costs of ingredients and operations.

We strive to maintain quality and an affordable menu however, there will be a small increase in the price for a lunch from September 2024 for Key Stage 2 children to £2.35 per day.

Reminders to Parents

- Your child should bring a water bottle into school each day which can be refilled through the day.
- Children will need to bring a sunhat to school every day and apply sun screen BEFORE school on hot days.