

# Heron Newsletter – Term 1



## Dates for your Diary

### Term 2

- 4 Nov – Return to school
  - 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parent consultations
  - 20 Dec – Last day at School
- End of term – 20 December  
Inservice Day – 6<sup>th</sup> January  
Term 3 Starts – 7<sup>th</sup> January  
Half Term 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February

## Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have come to the end of Term 1 and look back on a very busy term. The children have settled back into school life well and are working hard. We have hosted a successful Wear Red Day in support of Show Racism the Red Card, participated in a week of Bikeability for Year 6, Year 2 attended the Cheltenham Literature Festival, had fun on the Year 1 Space Day and the Year 3 Circus Day. We were also delighted to receive the Mental Health Champion Award from GHLL.

Thank you for your generous donations to our Harvest collection- the Gloucester Food Bank will be distributing this to families in need around Gloucester.

We look forward to seeing you in person during the parent consultations after half term.

Have a great Half term.

### REMINDER TO PARENTS

**PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARK UNLESS YOU HAVE A PERMIT. IF YOU HAVE NOT GOT A PERMIT AND FEEL YOU ARE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST COLLECT AN APPLICATION FORM FROM THE OFFICE.**

### EYFS NEWS

Wow! What a fantastic first term at school for Reception. We have been so impressed with how well the children have settled in. It has been wonderful watching their confidence grow and friendships start to develop. Our topic this term has been 'Marvellous Me' and we have been talking about what makes us special.

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## YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 had a fantastic time on Space Day! The children looked excellent in all their space themed outfits and we had a parade to celebrate everyone's costumes. We had a busy day learning about the order of the planets through pictures and songs. Then we learned lots of fun facts about space and wrote about our favourite ones.

## YEAR 2 NEWS

What a busy start to the term for Year 2! We have enjoyed reading Traction Man in English and finding out what adventures he gets up to. We loved seeing an author at Cheltenham Literacy festival and finding out about their book. We have also been exploring colours and shapes in art and creating our own abstract pictures. During our Maths lessons we have started learning about 2D and 3D shapes and testing them in different ways. We've had a close up look at seeds in Science and created our own maps in Geography. What amazing hard work Year 2!



## YEAR 3 NEWS

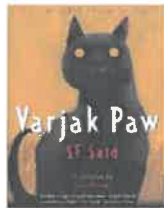
Year 3 had a great time on Circus Day. We had lots of activities to choose from including arts and crafts and Lego. We enjoyed having a go with the circus equipment too!



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## Year 4 NEWS

Year 4 have had a super start to the new term! We have been busy reading our Power of Reading text 'Varjak Paw' and learning all about Varjak's adventures. We are learning all about newspaper reports ready to write our own versions. In History, we have been busy learning all about the Ancient Egyptian social hierarchy and what life was like in Ancient Egypt. In science, we've looked at the digestive system in humans, including an interesting investigation! We are currently looking at how living things are grouped and classified.



## Year 5 NEWS

Year 5 have settled in very nicely and are currently learning about: Aquatic Biomes; North and South America; the properties of materials; studying the poem 'The Magic Box' (by Kit Wright); looking at 'Notan' art and recreating patterns using light and dark space; recognising place value up to 6 digit numbers; and what it means to be part of a community.



## Year 6 NEWS

It has been a busy but brilliant start to life in Year 6! In our English, we have been using poetry created by Ted Hughes to inspire our own poems and other writing genres. In addition, we have worked very hard on our place value and use of the four operations in Mathematics. Furthermore, we have been getting to grips with new topics, such as: how light travels (in Science); the beliefs of different ancient civilisations (in History); how ocean currents work (in Geography); what Hindus believe (in RE). We have all been working very hard and look forward to sharing our future learning with you.

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## MUSIC NEWS

### Singing

I have been very impressed by the KS2 children`s singing this term.

Every Wednesday morning the children have been enjoying Singing Assemblies with this term's song theme being Friendships.

For children who want to do more singing, Miss Wyndow will be running a Christmas Choir during Term 2. This is open to all children in KS2 to come and sing together and learn a range of Christmas songs. Christmas Choir Rehearsals will take place in the Main School Hall on Wednesday's after school 3.15-4pm

### Recorders!

Year 5 children are currently learning to play the descant recorder in lessons and have made good progress so far. During Term 2, all Y5 students are invited to come along to Recorder Club at lunchtime on Wednesdays 12.30-12.55 in the Jubilee Hall. Children will develop their recorder skills further and have a go on the full range of recorders from soprano through to great bass!

## INCLUSION TEAM

Mrs Wood and Mrs Churchill held two coffee afternoons this term giving parents/carers opportunities to meet the Inclusion team. These afternoons went well, thank you to all the parents who attended and to the Friends of Heron who made the tea and coffee and welcomed at the gate.

We hope to hold some more sessions soon, please look out for the dates. We would like to meet parents and for parents to meet each other, please don't feel your child needs to be seeing one of us to attend as this is a whole school offer.

## Breakfast Club

The children have been enjoying making Autumn pictures and Halloween crafts this term.

We have limited spaces left for Breakfast club so if you do require places, please enquire at the school office.

Sessions are £4 which includes a healthy breakfast.

Polite reminder. Please make sure that children walk down the path as the grass is extremely wet and children are falling on their way down to Breakfast club.

## OPAL NEWS

We have added more utensils to the mud kitchens and added an undercover seating area as requested by parents in the recent parent survey. The children have been enjoying the change in the weather and have been finding lots of bugs as well as enjoying using our new scooter boards and basket ball hoop. Reminder - Please can children have coats and waterproofs in school every day. We are now looking for donations of any figures/animals/real size pushchairs and dolls prams. We really appreciate all donations as they really help to enhance your child`s play.