

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you for all of your support this term. It has been busy especially with trips and visitors back on the timetable. Year 6 enjoyed a visit to Duxford Air Museum as part of their World War 2 topic and Year 5 visited Hampton Court Palace for their Tudors topic. It was noted that staff at both venues commented on how knowledgeable and well mannered the children were during their visits. The children in all year groups have been working hard this term and it has been pleasing to see some fantastic homework projects coming into school. Thank you so much for your support. On that note, the response to our reading challenge has been amazing. We are looking forward to drawing out the lucky winners who have received tickets this term. Again a big thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home and completing their reading record, it has been great to see the children so excited about their reading. We are very much looking forward to our class party days and raising money for Save the Children by wearing our Christmas jumpers. Please do not feel the pressure to go out and buy jumpers, instead try decorating an old t-shirt or jumper with tinsel and baubles or decorate with coloured pens. Any bright festive colour will be great! The classrooms will be decorated for the party day, with the additional challenge of all decorations made from recycling. Prizes will be given to the best decorated class in each year group. The tree in reception looks wonderful thanks to Hunters Farm shop, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Jewell (for their artistry).



Heronsgate Newsletter December 2022



As this is the last newsletter of the year we wish you all a very happy festive break and look forward to seeing you back in school on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**.
The Heronsgate Team

Winter

Please ensure all your child's belongings - coats, hats and gloves, are clearly named and that children have suitable coats in school with them.

In the unlikely event of a school closure due to bad weather updates will be on local radio and the council website www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/closures.

Free School Meal Entitlement

If you are in receipt of certain benefits your child may qualify for free school meals.

We are encouraging all parents to check their eligibility for free school meals and pupil premium funding by answering a few questions via the link below.

This will ensure you continue to receive the benefits you are entitled to and the school receives appropriate funding.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Before & After School Care

A reminder that Premier Education operate both breakfast and after school clubs on site providing care from 7.30am to 6.00pm daily without your child having to leave the premises. They are also able to take childcare vouchers now. Full details are on our website, all bookings and payments are made direct with Premier.

[www.http://heronsgate.org.uk/after-school-clubs](http://heronsgate.org.uk/after-school-clubs)

Dates for your diary:

December 2022

Wed 7th—Yr 3 Christmas concert
9.15am/2.15pm

Fri 9th - Xmas Jumper Day (Save the Children £1 donation)

Wed 14th - Xmas Lunch (Book with Caterlink via ParentPay). School disco's

Fri 16th - Last Day of Term/Class party day—non uniform



SPRING TERM – JANUARY 2023

Term begins Weds 4th January

Staff Training Friday 10th February

Half term Mon 13th to Fri 17th February

Term ends Friday 31st March

SUMMER TERM – APRIL 2023

Term begins Monday 17th April

Bank Holidays **Mon 1st & 8th May**

Half term Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd June

Term ends Friday 21st July

(Pupils do not attend school on staff training days)