

# Heronsgate



## Newsletter July 2023

### Staff Changes

We bid farewell , thank you and all the best to Mr Jones, Mr Dobson and Mr Wilson. We wish them all the very best in their new roles.

We will be welcoming: Miss James, Miss Viveiros and Miss Hudson to our teaching team.

Our classes are as follows:

#### **Year 3**

- Sparrows- Miss Viveiros,
- Wrens- Mrs Brockbank
- Nightingales- Mrs Oubridge-Lyons

#### **Year 4**

- Moorhens- Mr Bowskill
- Herons- Ms Cogger
- Swans- Miss Robinson and Mrs Dimmock

#### **Year 5**

- Kingfishers-Miss James
- Toucans-Miss Hudson
- Penguins-Mrs Graban

#### **Year 6**

- Hawks- Mrs Fisher
- Eagles- Mrs Timmins
- Kestrels- Mr Paine
- Falcons—Mrs Walton

Dear Parents & Carers

As we come to the end of a fantastic school year we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support and cooperation. Years 4 and 6 have enjoyed successful residential visits and all the children have taken part in a range of exciting themed and charity days. Year 6 have finished the year and time at Heronsgate with a fabulous leavers assembly, graduation and prom.

Friends of Heronsgate delivered a spectacular year of fundraising, including the school discos, cake sales and another wonderful Break the Rules Day. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children, all of whom have worked so hard and achieved excellent results in their Key Stage 2 SATs. The results were extremely positive, especially in reading. Well done and thank you to all involved. We wish them all the very best in their new schools.

We hope you have an enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you back to do it all again in September !

### Changes to the Leadership team

Congratulations to Mrs Fisher who will now take the role of Assistant Head, Mrs Dimmock who will be Year 3/4 Phase Lead and Mrs Graban who will be Year 5/6 Phase Lead. We look forward to working with them as part of the school's leadership team.



### Summer Reading Update

#### Heronsgate Reading Bingo:

Over the summer we have set a reading challenge involving a range of different reading activities. Can you try each one? Bring in your signed bingo card after the holidays for your chance to win a book.

#### Phonics Virtual Classroom:

Does your child take part in a phonics group? Visit the reading page on our website to access the links to our Virtual RWI Classroom.

## Autumn Term dates 2023/24

### 2023

Friday 1st September —Inset Day

Monday 4th September —Inset Day

**Tuesday 5th September —School opens to all pupils.**

Friday 20th October —Break up 3.20pm.

*Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October —Half term*

Monday 30th October — school re opens.

Friday 22nd December—Break up 3.20pm

Term dates for 2023/24 are available on our school website:

<http://heronsgate.org.uk/term-dates>

Please refer to this when booking holidays as there are other websites giving incorrect information and time off in term time cannot be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.



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### Gardening Club

A huge thank you to all of the children and families who have helped support our Gardening Club this year. Despite the rain and cold weather earlier in the year, the garden is now in full bloom. Mrs Cox, our gardening expert, has been busy with the children in the week to tend to each of the crops. As you can see from the pictures, we are expecting a bumper harvest when we return in September.



### Before & After School Care

A reminder that Premier Education operate both breakfast and after school clubs on site providing care from 7.30am to 6pm 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 Sport.

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

### Preparing for the new year...

- Please ensure you **clearly label/name all** your child's clothing, bags and equipment.
- Our 'PE Ready' days mean children will come to school wearing their PE kits for the whole of their 2 PE days.
- If your normal after school collection arrangements change on the day please notify us by 2pm at the latest.
- Please take a look at the school uniform requirements which is available on the school website.

<https://www.heronsgate.org.uk/about/school-uniform/>