

It's nearly half term already in our 2017/18 Autumn term and it's been a very busy 6 weeks.

We're delighted to have welcomed all of our new families and pleased with how quickly all of the children have settled into their new classes and routines throughout the school.

This week Year 4 welcomed Rachael Lindsay, author of Warrior Troll, and her fabulous collection of Trolls into school for readings and book signings.

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Newsletter October 2017

Homework Questionnaire Feedback

Results showed that children enjoy their project work and we can see they take great pride in it. It was also mentioned that different year groups were sending out projects at different times. Parents wanted more opportunities for maths activities .

In response to this we have coordinated when year group home work is sent home and extended our Sum Dog online maths activities so children can access them at home. All classes will now be provided with access to additional activities directly linked to their current work in maths.

New break & lunchtime schedule

We have split both morning breaks and lunchtimes this year to improve the children's playtime and dining experience .

Years 3 & 4 eat between 12 & 12.30pm, play 12.30 to 1pm.

Years 5 & 6 eat between 12.30 & 1pm, play 1 to 1.30pm.

Before & After School Care

A reminder that Premier Sport 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, bookings and payments are made direct with Premier Sport.

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

AUTUMN TERM DATES & EVENTS

Fri 20th October - School closes

Mon 23rd to Fri 27th October - Half Term

Mon 30th October - School opens

Friday 24th November - Non-uniform day

Fri 01 December - Staff training day

Fri 8th December—Christmas Fete

Wed 13th December—Christmas Disco

Fri 15th December - School closes

18 December to 1st January - Holidays

Tue 2nd January 2018 - Staff training day

Wed 3rd January - School opens

Punctuality

A reminder that all children should be in their class lines on the playground ready for the bell at 8.40am. After this time the classroom doors are closed and children must come through the main reception where they will be marked as 'Late'. Children should not come through the front doors before 8.40am.

Termly Learning Conversations (TLC's)

This terms dates are as follows:-

Tue 7th November - Year 4

Thu 9th November - Year 5

Tue 14th November - Year 6

Thu 16th November - Year 3

For those of you new to TLC's further details will be sent out straight after half term. Keep an eye out for the invitations by email.

New staff

A reminder for all of our new staff this year:-

Mr Bowskill - Year 3 Teacher - Sparrows

Mr Wilson - Year 4 Teacher - Kingfishers

Learning Support Assistants - Mrs Gungaloo, Mrs Gayler & Ms Wright.

Mrs Roncone - Inclusion Manager; and

Mrs Gardner-Potter as Deputy Head