

# Heronsgate

## Newsletter

### January 2017



**Welcome back to Spring term and the start of a new year.** We would like to say a big thank you to all of our families for the fantastic support you gave to our end of term activities. Friends of Heronsgate had a particularly successful end to their fund raising efforts for the term and we appreciate everyone's valuable contributions. H2S wowed shoppers at the city centre by supporting the Cornerstone Christmas Appeal. They were very well received and we are extremely proud of them.

#### **Parking**

Sadly, we are still experiencing problems with parents parking in restricted/unsafe areas such as the Heronshaw side carpark, at the front of the school on the yellow hatched areas and on the grass verges.

These areas are restricted for the children's safety, please keep them clear & refrain from walking through the car parks by using the foot-paths provided at all times.

*Keep our children safe...*

#### **Lost Property**

We are still finding a lot of lost clothing that is not named. There is now a large wicker hamper in the main reception foyer for all un-named clothing that has not been collected from the year group areas. If you/your child cannot find an item in their year group please look through the hamper. Lost un-named PE property will be kept in the Year 4 changing room area.

Once again we urge you to clearly name all clothing and property (including gloves, hats & scarves) given the extreme weather forecast.

#### **TLC's**

We were absolutely delighted with the reaction from both parents and children to the new TLC's . We had overwhelmingly positive responses and many parents expressed how despite initial anxieties they really gained from the experience. We will use the information from the questionnaires to improve the process for the future and an analysis of the responses will be available soon. Once again, thank you for your valued support.

#### **Goodbye**

Sadly, at the end of term we said goodbye to Mrs Sanders who had worked at Heronsgate for eleven years and spent a number of those as Year Manager in both Years 4 and 5. The school held a special assembly and her class surprised her when they sang Doe a Deer from her favourite musical, Sound of Music. We wish her all the very best for the future.

#### **Year 3 Performance of Gold to Bethlehem**

We were extremely proud of our Year 3 pupils who performed Heronsgate's first nativity for many years. They worked incredibly hard and their singing and acting was wonderful.

#### **New staff for 2017**

We warmly welcome 3 new staff members:-  
Mrs Shane - Petrels Y5 Teacher  
Mrs Clarke-Hagen & Mrs Miller - Learning Support Assistants

#### **New Parent Governors**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of two new parent governors - Kerry Middleton and Tamzin Dunn.

#### **School Meals & Packed Lunches**

As many of you will be aware we have experienced numerous problems with online ordering of school meals over the last 6 months. Thank - fully this should be resolved when a new online company takes over the contract after February half term (w/c 20 Feb).

Packed lunches are to be brought to school by the children, please do not deliver them after school has started.

#### **School Hours**

8.20am : Gates Open  
8.40am : Registration & Circles  
11-11.15am: Break  
12.10-1.10pm: Lunch  
3.20pm: End of School Day

Any changes to after school collection must be advised to the teacher in the morning at drop off. Only urgent changes should be phoned through to the school before 2pm please.