

# HERONSHAW NEWS

FEBRUARY 2021

## SPRING 2021 STARTING REMOTELY

The Christmas break seems like such a long time ago now. January was a long month and for many families the first half term has been really challenging. I have spoken to families about how things have gone and understand how balancing parenting, working and supporting learning at home has been a steep learning curve.

The remote education that has been provided by Heronshaw has gone a long way to ensure that the children from Foundation through to Year 2 are able to continue to focus on skills that are essential in their journey. We do not underestimate the further challenges ahead, but the staff continue to adapt to plan the best opportunities for all. Details of parent/teacher meetings will come out shortly.

As a parent of two lively boys myself I have experienced highs and lows. I cannot wait for my children to get back to some sense of normality too. All staff at Heronshaw are eager to welcome back all of their children and to be together as a school community.

Technology has played a huge part in keeping us all connected. The Safer Internet Day activities last half term focused on keeping safe and checking fact from fiction online. Once the children come back to school we will continue to use technology to support the curriculum in new ways. There are lots of benefits that have been seen and this will be our positive legacy from the pandemic.

At the end of last half term we said farewell to Mrs Tyler who retired after almost 20 years at Heronshaw. Mrs Tyler was very touched by the cards and gifts shared with her and enjoyed a goodbye Zoom chat with the children. I am sure that once restrictions lift that Mrs Tyler will be back volunteering and listening to readers at school. We would like to thank Mrs Tyler for all of the hardwork over her time here. Lots of children, families and staff have many happy memories.

For now, we await the government announcements regarding full reopening of schools. Brighter days are on the horizon.

Jamie Ainscow  
*Head of School*

Don't miss our regular news updates on our website.

<https://www.heronshawschool.co.uk/news/>

Heronshaw school also has a [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter account](#). If you are not already connected to our social media pages then do join and follow. There are reminders and posts to read and share. Thank you.



## A RIGHT ROYAL TIME IN YEAR 1

How lucky to meet Queen Elizabeth - well almost.



## ADA'S TENNIS MATCH SCENE

Wonderful creative work.



## YEAR 2 SHALL GO TO THE BALL

The display outside of Year 2 shows off some of their amazing work this half term.

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

In January, all the children in **Year 1** celebrated by taking part in a very royal tea party. Children wore their posh, smart clothes in school and when attending the online lessons. In school, they had a cup of tea and the Queen's favourite Rich tea biscuits. The children enjoyed dipping their biscuits in the tea and the children at home enjoyed dancing with Miss Guntrip and eating their tasty tea party treats with their families! Some children were even lucky enough to have their photo taken with the Queen!

The first half of the spring term has been a very busy one for year 2. The children at school, and at home have worked so incredibly hard and produced some very impressive pieces of work. In English we embarked on an epic journey to learn and write about the well-loved fairy tale of Cinderella. The children amazed their teachers with some fantastic pieces of independent writing using a range of the skills that had been taught over the 6 weeks. We covered adjectives, noun phrases among many other, but included our favourite... onomatopoeias!

Mrs Elford has joined the year 2 team teaching online and has been super impressed with the children's multiplication and division skills - a couple of tricky concepts to get to grips with



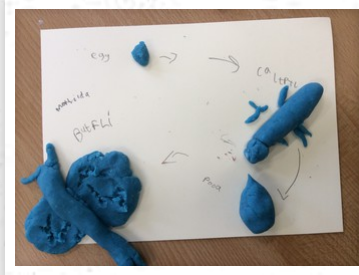
but the year 2 children have risen to the challenge and made all of the teachers very proud of them – well done year 2!

In our non-core curriculum, we have been learning about lifecycles of humans and animals – lots of fun was had making the life cycle of a butterfly with playdough, and of course, how could we not play in the snow!! We have been creating some snow dances so that it snows some more...hopefully enough to make a snowman next time!

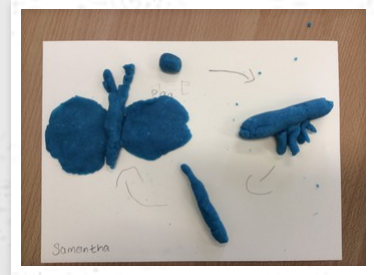
Read more on our ['News' section on the Heronshaw website.](#)



## SNOW FUN



## CREATIVE LIFECYCLES



## WHICH CREATURES CAN YOU SEE?



## BREAKFAST CLUB

If you are interested in your child attending breakfast club then you can book directly with Miss Sophie Lake.

**7.45-8.40:** Child 1-£3.50 (Sibling- £2.50)

**8.00-8.40:** Child 1- £2.50 (Sibling- £2.50)

**8.15-8.40** Child 1- £1.50 (Sibling- £1.50)

## TERM DATES

### SPRING 2021

School Starts - Monday 4th January 2021

Break Up - Friday 12th February 2021

School Starts - Tuesday 23rd February 2021  
Break Up for Easter - Friday 26th March 2021

## SUMMER 2021

School Starts - Monday 12th April 2021  
Bank Holiday - Monday 3rd May 2021  
Break Up - Friday 28th May 2021  
School Starts - Monday 7th June 2021  
Break Up for Easter - Monday 19th July 2021



## SPECIAL EVENTS AND DAYS TO NOTE

**Friday celebration assembly** - broadcast LIVE weekly on our YouTube channel at 14:40 (then saved on the channel).

**National Old Stuff Day** - Tuesday 2nd March (Share a photo of an unusual old item).

**National Maths Day** - Wednesday 3rd March (Activities will be shared).

**World Book Day 2021** - Thursday 4th March. (Dress up as your favourite book character at home or at school).

**Science Week starts** - Monday 8th March. (Lots of fun activities and experiments happening this week).

**Global Recycling Day** - Thursday 18th March.

**Comic Relief/Red Nose Day 2021** - Friday 19th March (more information to follow).

**World Water Day** - Monday 22nd March

**Wear A Hat Day** - Friday 26th March (more information to follow).

## EMAILS AND TEXTS

We use Teachers2Parents, an online platform to send out important messages. These texts and emails go via the school database using information that is provided by parents on the initial registration form.


If you are not receiving texts or emails from the school then please do follow this up with the school office immediately.





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