

# HERONSHAW NEWS

DECEMBER 2020

## A MOST UNUSUAL TERM

With everything that has been happening across the country with Covid-19 it was only a matter of time before it started to have an impact on Heronshaw school too. Our second autumn half term had a number of bubble closures to help keep children and their families safe. On reflection, there are many of our Heronshaw values that come to mind.

One of our Heronshaw values is **Challenge** and we have all certainly been challenged with the changes. Children have made adaptations to learn from home via a screen; parents have juggled work and supported their children at home and our staff have experienced delivering lessons from their homes.

I have been impressed with the quality of learning that has been provided from staff, using resources that can be easily on hand at home - all whilst laptops have been propped on ironing boards and chairs. It's quite remarkable at how everyone has found ways to keep going. The engagement of the children from Foundation to Year 2 was impressive - well done children for doing such a good job..

Thank you to all of the school **community** for support, **kindness** and emails to thank the staff for everything that has been done. It has been hard on everyone and we have worked hard to ensure that we have supported children and families as much as possible. Our celebration assemblies have continued, broadcast via our YouTube channel and this will carry on in 2021.

We have welcomed two new members onto our Heronshaw staff this half term. Mrs Agar and Mrs Bobrowska have joined our team of midday supervisors.

As some of you know, Mrs Champion (*Bears class*) has been absent from school for several weeks. Unfortunately, Mrs Champion has made the difficult decision that due to ill health she is taking a break from teaching and this will be with immediate effect. Miss Wilson and Miss Boothroyd will continue to support the children along with the whole Foundation team.

We hope that everyone is able to have some rest during the Christmas break. If you are celebrating Christmas with your family then we hope you manage to make it a special time. Many of us are unable to be with the people we may hope to be with now that Milton Keynes is Tier 4, but I hope that everyone remains safe and well, ready to come back on 4th January 2021.

Jamie Ainscow  
Head of School

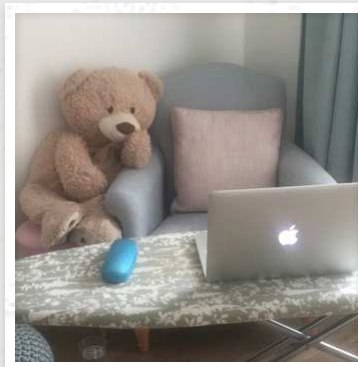
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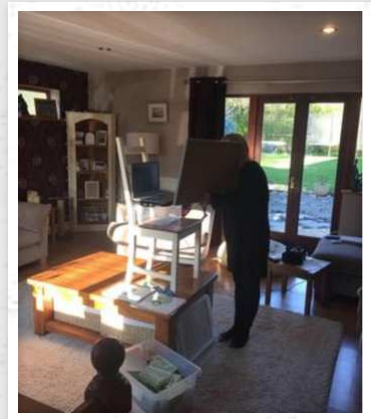
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## PROPS READY FOR MRS NICHOLS



## MRS SAVAGE'S HOME LEARNING SET UP



## MRS RAVILIOUS TEACHING 'LIVE LESSONS'

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

**Mrs Nichols** has been teaching maths through the medium of song. Everyone at Heronshaw knows Mrs Nichols loves a sing song and with added props. What could be more fun? She printed, laminated, 'borrowed from her children' and rehearsed until she was hoarse just to make sure she was ready to sing some number songs to the children in Foundation. Mrs Nichols is hoping there is a record producer out there just ready to snap her up!

**Mrs Savage** has enjoyed her zoom sessions from home and finding a new use for her ironing board! She enjoyed interacting with the children and seeing all their lovely smiles each day made isolating so much easier. Snuggling up at story time and seeing everyone's teddy bears was a lovely way to end each day. Although she was looking forward to seeing everyone in the flesh back at school!

**Mrs Ravilious'** Kitten Lulu likes to be the star of the show in the phonics sessions and helps Mrs Ravilious by jumping on the sounds and mixing them up! How helpful! Mrs Ravilious says "It's lovely to still have a connection with the children and to be a big part of their learning. They love seeing me on the screen and seeing how they get excited just is heart warming."

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



## FUNDRAISING ACHIEVEMENTS THIS TERM

What an amazing school community we have. This term the children have enjoyed some special days:

- Children-in-Need 2020 raised **£206.56** for good causes
- Christmas Jumper Day raised **£202.07** for Save the Children
- Sports for Schools raised **£1196.76** (with over £1000 going towards PE equipment for Heronshaw)
- PTA Christmas Disco/Party Day raised **£303.71** for the school fund (playground development)

The grand total raised in the autumn term was **£1909.10!** Wow - this is truly fantastic. Thank you all so very much.







## 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



## 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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