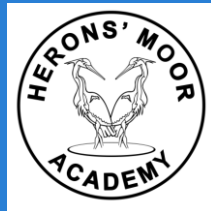


Heron's' Moor Academy Newsletter

November 2024



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This month's value is patience



Dear Parent/Carer

As the festive season fast approaches, we have found ourselves facing colder weather – thank you for your encouraging and smiley faces when we are stood outside on the gate every morning!

The academy has enjoyed its last couple of November weeks with lots going on from football tournaments for both girls and boys to poignant days like remembrance and Children in Need. All year groups are excitedly preparing for their Christmas performances which is a joy to hear around the school.

Our KS2 children took part in TT Rockstars competition and improved their individual and class scores brilliantly – thank you for any support you gave at home with this.

Please find attached dates for the busy month ahead.

Lastly, we said goodbye to Mrs Ford on Friday as she leaves HMA to begin her maternity leave – we wish her all the happiness in the world!



Mrs Georgie Tinker

Immediate dates for your diary:

- Monday 2nd December Christmas card post box on KS1 and KS2 corridor
- Wednesday 4th December Bristol Old Vic visit for Y5/Y6
- Wednesday 4th December Y5 to Winter Gardens
- Thursday 5th December Choir singing in community
- Tuesday 10th December PTA Disco night 4:45-6:30pm
- Thursday 12th December Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 12th December Y4 to Weston Playhouse

Safeguarding at HMA

As we continue to prioritise the health and well-being of our students, we'd like to share some tips and reminders about packing healthy lunch boxes. A nutritious lunch can significantly impact your child's energy levels, concentration, and overall performance throughout the school day. Here are some key components of a healthy packed lunch:

Fruits and Vegetables: Aim to include at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables. These can be fresh, tinned, or dried.

Protein: include a source of protein such as lean meats, fish, eggs or beans

Dairy: a portion of dairy or a dairy alternative, like cheese or yogurt, provides essential calcium.

Heron's' Moor Academy - Safeguarding Children

The whole school community at Heron's' Moor Academy is committed to the safeguarding of all our learners - it is everybody's responsibility. We ensure that all adults who carry out any work within our academy have current DBS checks. Our safeguarding policy is available on our website and from our academy office. All adults who work at the school must ensure they are aware of policies and procedures in relation to the safeguarding of children. When we have concerns about the welfare of a child, we will share relevant information and work in partnership with external agencies. We will always ensure our concerns about individuals are discussed with their parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that this is not in the best interest of the child.

Concerns over the welfare of a child should be shared and discussed with a member of our safeguarding team.



Further information on safeguarding can be obtained from the South West Safeguarding and Child Protection Group www.swcpg.org.uk or the North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board www.northsomersetcsb.org.uk



Reminders

We have had some disrespectful behaviours being shown by children and adults from Herons' Moor outside of our academy which is not acceptable. Please remember that we are role models and Herons' Moor citizens whether we are in school or outside of school and in the local community.

We have noticed that children are increasingly coming into school on PE days with branded sports clothes instead of our PE kit uniform. Please ensure the following items are worn:

- a gold t-shirt or house colour t-shirt
- plain navy or black shorts/jogging bottoms
- black daps or pair of trainers
- school jumper (not branded hoodies)

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for the children who need it most.



Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond!) put on a festive knit at their school or with friends and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve.

Please, if you can, send your child into school with £1 for this great cause in return for wearing a festive knit or festive accessory! Please contact Mrs Tucker if you would like to use one from school as we have a supply of festive jumpers.

Thank you for raising £337.89 for Children in Need and £327.62 for our Young Carers Group. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Attendance

Last week, we saw our highest day of attendance ever with 98.5% of our children being in on one day. We were the highest primary school across the trust and very proud that our families realise the importance of being in school every single day because it is where our children learn, grow, and succeed.

Here's why every school day counts:

Consistent Learning: regular attendance helps children stay on track with their learning and avoid gaps in knowledge.

Building Routines: attending school every day helps children develop a routine, which is crucial for time management and discipline.

Social Development: school is not just about academia; it's also where children build friendships and learn social skills.

Achievement: studies show a strong correlation between regular attendance and academic achievement.



What a success the PTA movie night was! Thank you to those parents who helped out with squash and sweets - the children really did enjoy the cinema experience in their classrooms.

We are now looking forward to our next PTA event which is our disco on **Tuesday 10th December in the school hall.**

KS1 4:45 - 5:30pm

KS2 5:45 - 6:30pm

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Christmas at Herons' Moor Academy

Dates /Events for December 2024



Monday 2 nd December	Tuesday 3 rd December	Wednesday 4 th December	Thursday 5 th December	Friday 6 th December
 Snowman Christmas post box opens (please ensure the <u>recipients</u> name and class is written on the envelope)		Y5 Christmas Celebration concert at the Winter Gardens Bristol Old Vic in school to visit Y5/Y6	Thursday choir club singing at Summer Lane care home and Diamond court. Choir singing at Morrisons at 12.30pm 	
9th December	10th December PTA school Disco KS1 4.45-5.30pm KS2 5.45-6.30pm 	11th December 2.15pm Reception Christmas performance 5.30pm – KS1 Nativity performance	12th December  Christmas Jumper day in return for a donation to Children in Need Y4 to the Panto Weston Playhouse	13th December 9.30am Reception Christmas performance 1.30pm KS1 Nativity performance
16th December	17th December 	18th December 11am Nursery Christmas Singing Christmas lunch day (for those who have pre-ordered)	19th December	20th December 9.30am KS2 Carol concert 2.15pm KS2 Carol concert Last Day of Term 2