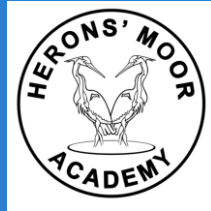


Heron's' Moor Academy Newsletter

January 2025



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Dear Parent/Carer

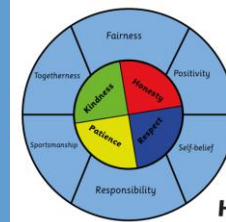
Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to school. I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and are feeling re-energised for the start of 2025!

This month's value is positivity and we can certainly begin with some very happy news: I am pleased to be able to share with you that April Audrey Ford was born on 21st December 2024 weighing 8lb 5oz and all are doing well. The best Christmas present ever and we send Mrs Ford and her family all our congratulations!

It has been a great first week back and children have been discussing their new year resolutions and how they want to be in 2025. In assembly, we thought about how we could be better than last year – I even found the courage to play my flute to everyone and found the lion inside of me to be heard.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our first Wake n Shake of 2025 on Thursday (16th Jan)

Mrs Georgie Tinker



I am kind.
I am respectful.
I am patient.
I am honest.

I am a
Heron's' Moor Citizen

Safeguarding at HMA

As we continue to prioritise the health and well-being of our children, we want to emphasise the importance of personal hygiene. Good hygiene practices are essential for preventing illness and promoting overall health.

Here are some tips to help encourage your children to develop good hygiene habits:

Lead by example: children often mimic the behaviour of their parents. By practising good hygiene yourself, you set a positive example for your children to follow.

Make it fun: turn hygiene routines into enjoyable activities. Use songs, games, or colourful charts to make brushing teeth, washing hands, and bathing more engaging.

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 parent/carer 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.northsomersetscb.org.uk



Reminders

Reception Intake September 2024 (for children born between 1st September 2019 - 31st August 2020)

From 1st September you may apply for a Reception place for your child if your child was born between the dates above. Applications may be made online at www.n-somerset.gov.uk or you may obtain an application pack from the School Admissions and Transport Team at the Town Hall on 01275 888328. **Please note that packs are not available from school.** The closing date for the first round of allocations is at **Midnight on 15th January 2024.**

Please note a change in our Admissions Policy. If you currently have a child in Year 6, the sibling rule still applies, so you will have more chance of getting your child a place. Remember that if your child attends our Nursery, this sadly **DOES NOT** guarantee you a place in Reception, you need to apply for a place in the same manner as all other parents.

A message from the CLF Governance Team

If you have ever considered volunteering within your community, working with and contributing to one of our CLF Academies could be one of the most rewarding things you ever do. If you have the desire to improve children's lives and outcomes, are passionate about the importance of education to change lives for the better then this could be the role for you.

Education is not just about the academic work that children undertake; it is a time when children develop their life skills creating the young adults that join our society; as Councillors, there is the chance to help shape their lives and give them opportunities they may otherwise never have.

If you have an enquiring and challenging mind, put it to use and help shape the educational direction of the academy.

As a Councillor, you have had the opportunity to undertake professional roles outside of your own everyday remit and develop a diverse range of skills that are transferable to other areas of your professional life. A role as an Academy Councillor within the Cabot Learning Federation is highly recommended: the training and opportunities are invaluable, joining really can make a difference. Contact shane.hawkings@clf.uk for more information.

Attendance

Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Please start 2025 off well by reinforcing this message with your children.

Medical Appointments

We appreciate that getting appointments at the doctors and dentists can be a bit of a challenge, but if at all possible, can you please try to arrange appointments outside of school hours or during holidays. This would benefit your child as it would cause less disruption to their learning. If an appointment needs to be booked at short notice, the afternoon would be the best option as most English and maths learning happens in the morning.

Daily Reporting of Absence

If your child is so unwell that they are unable to get to school, please contact us on each day of their absence so that we know not to expect them in school.



The PTA had a hugely successful Term 2 with discos and a movie night. Thank you to all staff and parents who helped with these events: we raised just under £2000 which will go towards our goal of ensuring that all classes have iPads to support the children's learning.

Look out for our next meeting date in term 3 and come along to get involved and do your bit!

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TERM 3			
16 th Jan	Thurs	8:30am	Wake n Shake in playground Year 6 trip to Bristol Museum
30 th Jan	Thurs	All day	Y5 Bikeability
31 st Jan	Fri	AM PM	Y5 Bikeability Y4 Bikeability
6 th Feb	Mon	All day	Y5 Bikeability
7 th Feb	Tues	AM PM	Y5 Bikeability Y4 Bikeability
13 th Feb	Mon	All day	Y5 Bikeability
14 th Feb	Tues	AM PM	Y5 Bikeability Y4 Bikeability
14 th Feb	Fri		END OF TERM 3
TERM 4			
24 th Feb	Mon		INSET DAY
25 th Feb	Tues		START OF TERM 4
26 th Feb	Wed	8:30am	Wake and shake
25 th Feb	Tues	3:30-6:30	Parents evening
27 th Feb	Thurs	3:30-6:30	Parents Evening
4 th March	Tues	All day	Y4 trip to Wild Place
6 th March	Thurs		World Book Day
18 th March	Tues	9am	Textile Recycling – please bring donations in by 9am
21 st March	Fri		Red Nose Day

24 th March	Mon		Tickets available for Easter egg raffle
2 nd April	Tues		Draw tickets for Easter egg raffle
3 rd April	Thurs		Raise the Roof Performance to parents
4 th April	Fri		END OF TERM 4



Despite the cold weather ParkPlay still happens at Castle Batch every Saturday (behind the play area on the hard court).

Playing some great games for all ages, this is ideal for families to come and get active together for Free.

From 9.30am until you feel like stopping.

Bring along a hot chocolate to have to keep warm.

To find out more go to: <https://park-play.com/parks/castle-batch/>