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## Newsletter September 2020

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# This Month's value is Creativity

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to Herons' Moor Academy and a special welcome to all our new families. We hope that you all had a good summer break. It is lovely to see the children returning to the Academy.

### **Mark Making**



We are beginning the year with a whole school mark making project from the 2<sup>nd</sup>– 18<sup>th</sup> September. (Nursery/Reception will do theirs later when they are all in). The theme for September's mark making will be 'The Natural World'. We are sure children will really enjoy this and be proud of their work. You will be able to see examples of their work on the school website and facebook page.



The mark making programme is a whole school approach to raising the standard of handwriting and presentation. It starts with the basics of how to hold a pencil correctly and moves through to correct letter and number formation and then fluent joined handwriting. The intensive project teaches new

skills, raises self-confidence. It is important it takes place at the beginning of the year as it sets the expected standards for the year.

### **Date Changes**

The dates for the year have been published in the Children's planner (first page).

There are 2 changes:

Term 2 – last day of term for pupils is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 is an INSET day.

Term 4 – There is an INSET day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

### **Staff News**

Congratulations to Sophie Davis (Y1) and her partner, Joe, who are expecting their second baby in December and to Meg Downs (Y1) and her partner, Mike, who are expecting their second baby in February

### **Places at Herons' Moor**

Unusually, due to a lot of mobility during the summer, we have spaces in the following year groups: Nursery, R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y6. If you know anyone looking for a space and would like to come and visit, please let us know.

### **Reading**

In accordance with the school's increased focus on reading, we will ask children to read a minimum of five times a week rather than three, as previously. This brings us in line with



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many other schools and will help your children on their journey to become practiced and confident readers. To support this, children in Years 1-6 will receive a school planner which will contain diary-like pages for you to record their reading. These will also contain lots of other useful information to help children with school life.

Thank you for your support.

We purchased a lot of new reading books last year but some have not returned to school. Please could you check and return any books to school as soon as possible.

### **Tempest Individual Photographs**



Tempest photographers are visiting the school on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020** to take individual photographs of your children for you to purchase. **Details of the deadline date for returning your order will be printed on the envelope.** Orders received after this time will not be included in the order sent from school.

Children will be photographed individually and with their siblings, who attend Herons' Moor Academy, (excluding all Nursery children).

If you wish siblings who do not attend Herons' Moor Academy (including any children in the Nursery) to be photographed, we have arranged for the Nursery gate to be opened earlier so that you can be in the school hall for 8:20am.

### **Reception Intake September 2021 (for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017)**

From 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 the school. The closing date for the first round of allocations is at midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



Please remember that if your child attends our Nursery, this sadly **DOES NOT** guarantee them a place in Reception, you need to apply for a place in the same manner as all other parents. If you have any questions concerning this procedure please ask a member of staff or contact the Town Hall.

### **Nursery Applications**

If you would like to apply for a place in our Nursery for September 2021 (for children who have had their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday before 1st September 2021) please complete an application form which is available from the school Front Office.

### **Antibiotics**

We are very happy to administer antibiotics to your child, as long as you have filled out a medical form (available from the front office), and providing your child needs antibiotics 4 times a day. If your child only needs them 3 times a day the medical advice is that they can take them before school, after school and before bed. However, if your child has not taken a particular type of antibiotic before, please do not send them in to school for the first 48 hours in case they have an allergic reaction to them.

### **Free School Meals System**

You are able to apply for Free School Meals online and get an instant result by going to [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/fsm).

The system will generate a letter that you can print off and give to us to show eligibility. If you do not have a printer you can send it to us via the school email.

Please apply even if you currently get free meals in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. We will get extra funding (if you are eligible) to enhance your child's learning and you will get 50% off trips.

### **Play Equipment Safety**

Please can parents/carers make sure that children do not play on the large play equipment in the playground before and after school for safety reasons.

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### **Break-time Snacks**

Foundation Stage and KS1 are provided with a healthy snack at break time. KS2 children are welcome to bring in a snack to eat at break time on the playground. The school promotes healthy snack choices and pupils are encouraged to bring fruit or vegetables as their playground snack. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and sweets are not permitted. The snacks should be stored in their drawers or in their bag on their peg for ease of access at break.

### **REMINDERS**



We would like to remind everyone that the whole of The Campus is a non-smoking site and that all forms of smoking are prohibited including 'vaping'.

### **Lost Property**



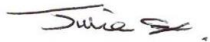
Please could we ask you to make sure your child's name is on all clothing so we can return any lost items them. Any unnamed items will be put in the lost property box at the front of the school. Please could you also check your child's uniform and make sure it is theirs! Please check lost property for any missing items at the end of term as all items left will be recycled.

### **Thank you**

Thank you so much for following our guidance so we have been able to keep the children and staff as safe as possible. Hopefully we are now all getting used to the new routines and expectations. The children are coping really well and are happy to be back.

Please get in touch when you have any comments or concerns so we can help and support you in these tricky times.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Fox'.

Julie Fox  
Principal

### **Dates:**

21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Weds		End of Term for students
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Thur		INSET DAY
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Fri		INSET DAY END OF TERM 1

<b>TERM 2</b>			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Mon		START OF TERM 2
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thur		End of Term for students
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri		INSET day END OF TERM 2
<b>TERM 3 2021</b>			
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mon		START OF TERM 3 INSET DAY
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tues		First day back for students