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Newsletter December 2020

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This Month's Value is Appreciation

"Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well."

Dear Parent/Carer



We raised £548.73 for Children In Need in November. Thank you very much for your generous donations.



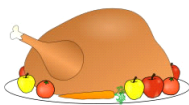
Christmas Cards

The children are welcome to bring Christmas cards to school but we will not use the post box as we will need to keep the cards for 72 hours before re-distributing. Please ensure the recipient's name and class are clearly written on the envelope.



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December

Pupils and Staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper in return for a donation to Save the Children. If your child does not have a Christmas Jumper there is no need to splash out. You can adapt an old jumper by adding some tinsel or a decoration from the tree. Pupils still need to wear their school trousers or skirt.



Christmas Dinner – Tuesday 15th December

We are having our annual Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 15th December 2020. Bookings for this have now closed. If you have not booked your child in for a hot dinner on this day, please provide them with a packed lunch. Thank you.

Friends of Herons' Moor

I think we can agree that this year has been a challenging time for everyone, and there's been no exception for Herons' Moor Parent and Teacher Association (PTA). The pandemic has meant we've been unable to run all the fun things which we'd usually do this year – Summer fairs, Christmas fairs, discos, movie nights. It's all ground to a halt. Which means our ability to raise much needed funds has too. The money we raise through the PTA goes towards the school and directly benefits our children – from new books, sports equipment and iPads, the PTA funds a lot! And we couldn't do it without your help.

This year we've had to do things a bit differently... Don't worry, we promise no more Zoom quizzes or Team meet-ups. Instead we're setting up a Just Giving page where you can donate any amount you can to the PTA, we will parentmail the link to you very soon. We understand it's been a tough year but if you have a spare pound (perhaps what you would have spent on a beer at the welcome back disco?!), then this will help fund vital equipment and resources.

A few activities coming up include:

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- Non-uniform day – Friday 4th Dec – For a monetary donation to HMA PTA. Wear something red, green, white, or perhaps come to school wearing a Santa hat, your favourite festive socks or some fun hair accessories. Whatever you've got that will spread Christmas joy, we want to see it!
- Every Child Needs Christmas. We're taking part in this fantastic campaign to provide gifts to disadvantaged children in our community. We are also creating our own **gift hampers** for vulnerable children and their families at Herons' Moor. If you can donate a new toy in its original packaging or a couple of pounds to this campaign, that would be greatly appreciated, please hand in any donations to the front office **by Wednesday 9th December**. Any extras will really make a difference for some of our families.
- Christmas videos. We have a dedicated YouTube channel to showcase some of the fun that our classes have been up to in the run up to Christmas.

We'll be in contact soon with more details regarding how you can get involved with these fun events.

Staff

Sophie Davies is now on maternity leave. Mrs Andi Bennett is working in 1M full time.

School Meals

Please ensure that all outstanding payments for school meals have been cleared by the end of term. If you have any problems making your payment, please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office.

Nut Allergy

This year we have at least one child in every year group with a nut allergy. Please could we ask that children do not have nuts as part of their packed lunch to protect these children. Thank you for your cooperation.

Conversations

It is really helpful for the staff to know anything that is going on that might affect your children's happiness and learning. It might seem a really little thing like the guinea pig being ill to a really serious thing such as a death of a family member. If we know of any family issues, then we can support the child and the family. Please feel free to contact whichever member of staff you prefer. If you would like to speak to a member of the Inclusion team rather than class teacher that is fine. Mrs Tucker and Mrs Donnelly are always available. Please email or phone them.

Lost Property

We have several unnamed coats and items of school uniform in the lost property box in the front office. If your child has lost something, please can you check this box. Thank you.



May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Please make sure everyone stays as safe as possible. Term 2 finishes on Thursday 17th December and children return to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021.**



As always if you have any queries, comments or suggestions we will be pleased to hear them.

Yours sincerely

Julie Fox
Principal

Dates for your diary

TERM 2			
2 nd Nov	Mon		START OF TERM 2
10 th Nov	Tues	All day	Year 6 bikeability
11 th Nov	Wed	AM	Year 6 bikeability
13 th Nov	Fri		Children in Need – Pyjama day
16 th Nov	Mon		Odd Socks day
17 th Nov	Tues	All day	Year 6 bikeability
18 th Nov	Wed	AM	Year 6 bikeability
19 th Nov	Thur		Individual and sibling photos
24 th Nov	Tues	All day	Year 6 bikeability
25 th Nov	Wed	AM	Year 6 bikeability
26 th Nov	Thur		Flu vaccines Rec – Y6 Making Christmas decorations
27 th Nov	Fri		Making Christmas decorations
30 th Nov	Mon		Making Christmas decorations
4 th Dec	Fri		Non school uniform day
11 th Dec	Fri		Charity Christmas jumper day
15 th Dec	Tues		Christmas lunch
17 th Dec	Thurs		Last day for Students
18 th Dec	Fri		INSET day END OF TERM 2
TERM 3			
4 th Jan	Mon		START OF TERM 3 INSET DAY
5 th Jan	Tues		First day back for students
7 th Jan	Thurs		3H swimming lessons start
15 th Jan	Fri		Closing date for Reception September 2021 Applications