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Newsletter February 2021

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This Month's Value is Friendship

'Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they are there.'

Dear Parent/Carer

Booking your TEAMS Parents' Evening Appointments



We look forward to seeing you all at our "virtual" Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th February 2021. **Please note: Y4 Parents' evenings will take place on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th February** (See parentmail sent). If you have not yet already made your appointment simply log on to parentmail and select parents' evening on the left of your screen, then select Date – Class - Book slot.

If you would like to be contacted on a different email address to the one we have **OR** if two of you in different households would like to join (where parents don't live

together), then please, enter these email addresses in the comments box.

If you would rather receive a phone call from the teacher please put your contact number in the notes section when booking.

Booked Parents' Evening Appointments

Once you have made your appointment, unless you have requested a phone call, the meetings will be held through Teams and you will be able to join via the links already sent to you via parentmail. If both parents would like to join from separate devices, you can both click on the link and you will be admitted to the call together. (Please share a device if you are in the same room to minimise echo and feedback.)

You can join the meeting when you are ready and will enter a "lobby". You will be admitted to the meeting at the correct time by your child's teacher. The meetings will be a maximum of 10 minutes long and this will be strictly adhered to for the convenience of all parents. In line with our school protocol, all meetings will be recorded.

Our teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and having a chat about your child's learning.



Nursery and Reception places 2021

Usually, we would be having open tours of the Academy for parents who are considering sending their children to Nursery or Reception next September 2021. Sadly we cannot do this, however we have made virtual tours of the school, the Reception classes and the Nursery which can be found on our website:

<https://heronsmooracademy.cif.uk/open-event/>

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Nursery Applications

We have places in our excellent Nursery for September 2021. If you have a child who has their 3rd birthday before September 2021 or know somebody who is looking for a Nursery place, please collect and complete an application form which is available from the school front office, alternatively we can email the forms to you, just call us on 01934 427373.

All children are entitled to **15 hours FREE** childcare and education starting the term after their 3rd birthday.

In addition, some children may also be entitled to **30 hours FREE** childcare and education depending on their circumstances (see gov.uk).

Our Nursery offers **flexible sessions**- children could start as early as **8am** and finish at **3.30pm**. We provide water, milk and fruit daily and we also offer **hot meals** for children.

The Nursery is part of our successful Foundation Stage where children thrive by learning through play.



Thursday March 4th 2021 World book day

Sadly, we have had to cancel this year's book fair due to the pandemic. The book fair is a great event that is enjoyed by all and brings us together, so it is sad to have to cancel. However, we have rebooked for next year, to coincide with World Book Day. We will also run a book fair later this year, if restrictions allow.

The good news is that families can still use the £1 off voucher. It will be available digitally (to print off as a PDF or simply show to the retailer on your phone). The link is here:

<https://hmahubgroup.wordpress.com/reading-challenge/>

Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March 2021

We will send more details our regarding Red Nose day/Comic Relief nearer the time.

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Places at Herons' Moor

We have spaces in the following year groups, Reception, Y1, Y3 and Y5. If you know anyone looking for a space please ask them to get in touch with the Front Office.

Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher?

Our school is part of a growing number of schools leading the way in school-led teacher training. This is really important to us because it means we can choose the very best talent and develop them into first-rate teachers. Being able to choose who we train as teachers helps us in delivering the best outcomes for pupils in North Somerset.

Heron's Moor Academy is working in collaboration with five other North Somerset primary schools with Somerset SCITT as our accredited partner, and we are recruiting another group of trainee teachers to work in our School Direct consortium from September 2021. We would be very interested in hearing from anybody who is thinking of becoming a teacher. Eligible people need to have a degree, have a passion for teaching and education and the commitment and determination to undertake an intensive year of training, 90% of which is school-based.

If you are interested, the first step is to have a conversation with me as Principal. I will be able to tell you more about this exciting teacher training opportunity. Further information on what becoming a teacher might involve more generally is available at www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching.

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

Have a good February break.

Yours sincerely

Julie Fox
Principal.

Dates for your diary

9 th Feb	Tues	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parents' evenings on TEAMS
10 th Feb	Wed	3.30pm-6.30pm	Y4 only Parents' evening on TEAMS
11 th Feb	Thur	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parents' evenings on TEAMS (not Y4)
12 th Feb	Fri		END OF TERM 3
TERM 4			
22 nd Feb	Mon		START OF TERM 4
4 th March	Thur		World Book Day
17 th March	Wed		INSET Day
19 th March	Fri		Red Nose Day /Comic Relief
1 st April	Thur		END OF TERM 4
2 nd April	Fri		GOOD FRIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
TERM 5			
19 th April	Mon		START OF TERM 5
3 rd May	Mon		BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
20 th May	Thur		School census day
26 th May	Wed	TBC	Provisional - Year 5 to St Briavels
27 th May	Thur		Y5 St Briavels camp return
28 th May	Fri		END OF TERM 5
TERM 6			
7 th June	Mon		START OF TERM 6
24 th June	Thur	TBC	Provisional - Y4 St Briavels camp
25 th June	Fri		Y4 St Briavels camp return
2 nd July	Fri		INSET DAY
5 th July	Mon	TBC	Provisional - Y6 Kilve camp
9 th July	Fri		Y6 Kilve camp return
21 st July	Wed		END OF TERM 6

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