



Cabot
Learning
Federation

Newsletter December 2023

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This Month's Value is Patience

"Patience is not the ability to wait but how you act while you're waiting."

Dear Parent/Carer

Attendance – Be at school for 8.40

Arriving at school on time is not only essential for your children's learning, it encourages habits of good timekeeping and lessens any classroom disruption. It also means that children have the opportunity to maximise their learning opportunities. The school gate opens at 8.40 and learning starts from that point. Be early and make the most of it.



We raised £344.89 for Children In Need in November. Thank you very much for your generous donations.

Young Carers

Many thanks for your generous donations to Young Carers, we raised a wonderful £302.96.

Friends of Herons' Moor

Thank you for the lovely donations we have received to make up our luxury hampers, everything that was sent in will be used to raise funds to support learning at Herons' Moor. Don't forget to return payment and completed raffle ticket stubs by Friday 8th December, additional raffle tickets are available from the front office. The draw will take place on Monday 11th December.



School Council

This year the student school council have chosen FareShare South West as the school charity. FareShare South West takes surplus food from the wholesale level of the food industry, and redistributes it to over 150 charities, schools and community groups in Bristol and across the South West.

Staff

We said farewell and thank you to Mrs Lucy Britton, 6M teacher and Y6 leader, this week as Lucy starts her maternity leave. Mrs Green and Mr Beasley are covering the class.

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Admissions Consultation: 27th November 2023 - 19th January 2024

The Academy is consulting on its Admissions Policy and the proposed policy can be found on our website here <https://heronsmooracademy.cf.uk/>

Welcome to our Academy - Herons' Moor Academy

Welcome to Herons' Moor Academy. We believe that "Happy children are successful children". We are a values led School and have been awarded for this work.
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You are invited to provide any comments for consideration on the proposed arrangements by 5pm on Friday, 19th January 2024. Final arrangements will be determined by 28th February 2024 and will appear on the school website by 15th March 2024.

Any comments or objections can be made during the stated period to Elizabeth Tincknell, Head of Governance for the Cabot Learning Federation. The email address for correspondence is Governance@clf.uk or in writing to Elizabeth Tincknell, Federation House, King's Oak Academy, Brook Road, Bristol, BS15 4JT.

Pre-loved Uniform sale – Wednesday 13th December 2.30pm

We have lots of uniform to sell. We will be on the yellow brick road from 2.30pm. Exchange/Buy one get one free of selected items *. Please come along and get yourself a bargain.

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 Williams are always available. Please email or phone them. Karen.tucker@df.uk Catherine.williams@clf.uk

Safety around buses

Please can parents be mindful of the buses that park along the front of the school at the beginning and end of the school day. The drivers have raised concerns about "blind spots" at the back of the buses and then suddenly having adults/children appear behind them. Please use the path and crossings when walking to/from school. Thank you

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.

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Please 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. If you have any questions concerning this procedure please ask a member of staff or contact the Town Hall.

Academy Spaces

We currently have spaces in Y1 and Y2. If you know someone who is looking for a place for their child, we would be pleased to talk to them about Herons' Moor Academy.

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 the box. Thank you

Christmas at Herons' Moor Academy

Christmas Events

We are pleased that we have been able to organise lots of Christmas events for this year.

Christmas Cards

The snowman Christmas post box will be outside the school office upstairs from Friday 1st December. Please can you ensure that your children clearly label their envelopes with the **recipient's name and class** to make it easier for the Year 6 children who will be delivering the cards around the school.



Christmas Tree Festival

Following the success of the Christmas Tree festival over the last few years, we would like to run the event again. Last year we had over 100 trees decorating the school and we are inviting families to create a Christmas tree to include in this year's trail.

The trees can be 2D or 3D and can take any form you like. The trees need to be able to be carried by a child into school. **We would like these to be brought into school on Thursday 7th December.** The children will then all have an opportunity to follow the trail around the building in the last week of term. This is not mandatory; it is just an extra way to find some joy and brighten up the school corridors.

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 7th 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.

If you have any Christmas jumpers that your children have out grown, we would be pleased to receive them.



Children's Disco - Friday 8th December 2023. KS1 and KS2 pupils only are invited.

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KS1 (Years 1-2) will be from 4:45pm to 5.30pm, followed by KS2 (Years 3-6) 5.45pm to 6.30pm.

The cost of the Disco will be £3.00 per child **payable on ParentPay and tickets must be purchased in advance. This small increase is because refreshments are now included in the ticket price.** Refreshments will be available, and no money is needed. Your child will be offered a drink of water or squash, some crisps or popcorn and some sweets.

If your child would like to attend, please make payment on ParentPay before end of the school day on **Thursday 7th December.**

This is a children only event therefore to assist with safety and security no adults are permitted to remain in the disco without prior DBS clearance.

Please note children are not permitted to bring mobile phones or cameras with them to avoid problems with photographs being published on social media without another parent's consent. If a child needs to contact you a member of staff will be able to do this for them.

Children should arrive at the Front Office for the disco and we will ask you to take your child's coat with you. Adults must collect through the Campus and **no child will be permitted to walk home alone.** Please comply with this as we need to ensure the safety of all children.

Children's Christmas Performances

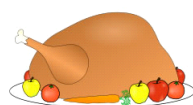
Please ensure you have booked your tickets for your child's Christmas performance via parentmail forms:

Nursery - Monday 11th December 2pm

Reception classes – Wednesday 13th December 10am and 1.30pm

KS1 (Y1 & Y2) – Thursday 14th December 9.30am and 1.30pm

KS2 (Y3- Y6) – Friday 15th December 9.15am and 2.15pm



Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 13th December

We are having our annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 13th December 2023. Booking for this has 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.



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 Friday 15th December and children return to school on **Wednesday 3rd January 2024.**



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

Yours sincerely

Julie Fox
Principal



**Christmas at Herons' Moor
Academy
Dates /Events for December
2023**



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1st December Christmas dress up day in return for "Luxury hamper donation" Snowman Christmas post box opens
4th December	5th December	6th December Y5 Christmas Celebration concert at the Winter Gardens	7th December Charity Christmas jumper day. Bring in home made Christmas Tree for tree festival.	8th December 9.30am Choir singing at Summer Lane care home 10.30am Choir singing at Diamond Court Raffle ticket stubs to be returned by 3pm School Disco: KS1 4.45 – 5.30pm KS2 5.45 – 6.30pm
11th December Luxury Hamper Raffle Draw 2pm Nursery Performance – Sports hall	12th December Y4 trip to Panto	13th December 10.00am -Reception Christmas performance – Sports hall Christmas lunch day (for those who have pre-ordered). 1.30pm - Reception Christmas performance – Sports hall 3pm Pre-loved Uniform sale	14th December 9.30am KS1 Christmas performance – Sports hall 1.30pm - KS1 Christmas performance – Sports hall	15th December KS2 pupils only -wear something Christmassy (not hats) 9.15 am – KS2 Carol concert 12.30 – 1pm Carol Singing outside Morrisons 2.15pm – KS2 Carol concert Last day of Term 2

Dates for you Diary

6 th Dec	Wed	10-11.30am 7-8pm	Y5 Christmas Celebration Concert at the Winter Gardens (rehearsal) Y5 Christmas Celebration Concert at the Winter Gardens
7 th Dec	Thurs		Christmas jumper day
8 th Dec	Fri	9:30am 10:30am 4:45-5:30pm 5:45-6:30pm	Carol singing Summer Lane Care Home Carol singing Diamond Court KS1 Christmas disco KS2 Christmas disco
11 th Dec	Mon	2pm	Draw for the hampers Nursery performance
12 th Dec	Tues	2-3pm	Y4 Trip to Panto Promoting independence workshop
13 th Dec	Wed	10am 12-1pm 1.30pm 2.30pm	Reception performance - Sports Hall Whole School Christmas Lunch Reception performance -Sports Hall Pre-loved uniform sale on yellow brick road
14 th Dec	Thurs	9:30am 1.30pm	KS1 Nativity performance in Sports Hall KS1 Nativity performance in Sports Hall
15 th Dec	Fri	12.30pm 9.15am 2.15pm	Carol singing at Morrisons KS2 Christmas Concert KS2 Christmas Concert END OF TERM 2
TERM 3			
1 st Jan	Mon		BANK HOLIDAY
2 nd Jan	Tues		INSET DAY
3 rd Jan	Weds	8:30am	Start of Term 3 Wake and Shake
18 th Jan	Thurs		Year 6 trip to Bristol Museum
22 nd Jan	Mon	All day	Y5 Bikeability
23 rd Jan	Tues	AM PM	Y5 Bikeability Y4 Bikeability
29 th Jan	Mon	All day	Y5 Bikeability
30 th Jan	Tues	AM PM	Y5 Bikeability Y4 Bikeability
5 th Feb	Mon	All day	Y5 Bikeability
6 th Feb	Tues	AM PM 3.30pm – 6.30pm	Y5 Bikeability Y4 Bikeability Parents' Evening
8 th Feb	Thurs	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents' Evening
9 th Feb	Fri		END OF TERM 3
TERM 4			
19 th Feb	Mon		START OF TERM 4
29 th Feb	Thurs		Book Fair arrives in school
7 th March	Thurs		World Book Day -Reading for Pleasure
18 th March	Mon		Tickets available for Easter egg raffle
26 th March	Tues		Draw tickets for Easter egg raffle
27 th March	Wed	3pm	Preloved uniform sale on yellow brick road

28 th March	Thurs		END OF TERM 4
29 th March	Fri		BANK HOLIDAY (Good Friday)
TERM 5			
15 th April	Mon		Start Term 5 INSET DAY
17 th April	Wed	8:30am	Wake and shake
18 th April	Thurs		St Briavels
19 th April	Fri		St Briavels return
26 th April	Fri		PTA Quiz night
6 th May	Mon		BANK HOLIDAY
21 st May	Tues	3:15 to 5:15pm	Movie Night
24 th May	Fri		END OF TERM 5
TERM 6			
3 rd June	Mon		START OF TERM 6
4 th June	Tues		Year 5 Wye Valley Trip
5 th June	Wed	8:30am	Wake and Shake
7 th June	Fri	2pm	Year 5 back from Wye Valley
13 th June	Thurs		Whole school photograph
17 th June	Mon		Nursery Sports Day Old Kingdom Ancient Egyptian workshop – Year 5
18 th June	Tues		Reception Sports Day Nursery reserve Sports Day
19 th June	Wed		KS1 Sports Day Reception reserve Sports Day
20 th June	Thurs		KS2 Sports Day
21 st June	Fri	2pm	No uniform day for summer fair. KS1/KS2 reserve Sports Days
24 th June	Mon		Week 4
25 th June	Tues	3.30pm	Big Festival of Sport New RH parents
26 th June	Wed	3.30pm	New RM parents
28 th June	Fri	3:15pm	Summer Fair
1 st July	Mon	3.30pm	New Nursery parents
2 nd July	Tues	6pm	Y5/Y6 evening performance
3 rd July-	Weds		Y5/Y6 Afternoon performance
5 th July	Fri		Inset day school closed
8 th July	Mon		Kilve week
9 th July	Tues	3.30 - 4.30pm	Open Evening
16 th July	Tues		Y6 treat Y6 Disco (Main Hall available 4pm to 8pm)
17 th July	Wed		Whole school beach trip
18 th July	Thurs		Parents music assembly
22 nd July	Mon	Y6 3pm	Water fight Pre-loved uniform sale on yellow brick road
23 rd July	Tues	9am 1.30pm	Heron's Moor leavers assembly - Dining Hall Baytree leavers assembly-Dining Hall End of Term 6