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Newsletter February 2023

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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're always there"

Dear Parent/Carer

Parents' Evenings –

Tuesday 7th February 2023 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Thursday 9th February 2023 3:30pm - 6:30pm

We are delighted that Parents' Evenings will be able to take place in person and are looking forward to welcoming you into school. We are also offering Teams calls if that would suit you better either due to family commitments, work or illness.

Please log into Parentmail and look for the Parents' Evening tab next to forms and book your appointment. All staff will send out a Teams link by Parentmail before the meetings. If you would like to talk online, just click the link and wait in the lobby until the teacher opens the session. Cameras are optional! If you would like your meeting in person, just come in through the front office as usual. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you.



Heron's Moor Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day HMA will be holding a Heron's Moor Book Day on Friday March 3rd.

The children can come to school dressed as any book character they like or just not wear school uniform. We are not expecting any one to go out and buy a costume! The staff are planning lots of exciting reading activities!

Will we notify you soon about the days and time the Book Fair will be open.



Textile Recycling

Due to the success of our recycling over the previous years, we shall be collecting all unwanted, good quality, clean clothes, paired shoes, handbags, belts, jewellery and accessories. So please ask friends and family to start saving their unwanted items to bring into school. Date for collection will be Monday March 13th, **please bring your donations in either Friday 10th March afternoon only or first thing Monday morning 13th March.**



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Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March 2023

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

Attendance

At Herons' Moor Academy, we want and expect our pupils to attend school every day, unless they are really not well enough to. We believe that children who attend school regularly are more likely to feel settled in school, maintain friendships, keep up with their learning and gain the greatest benefit from their education. Attending school on time every day also helps pupils form good habits which can stay with them throughout their educational journey and on into the workplace.

Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances.

Minor ailments should not be a reason for staying at home. If your child attends school when feeling slightly under the weather, but feels worse during the school day, they can let a member of staff know and we will contact you to let you know if we think your child needs to go home. If you aren't sure whether or not to send your child to school, please contact us and we will be happy to support and advise where appropriate.

What is classed as late attendance?

Reception to Y6

The school gates are opened at 8.40 in the morning and children need to be in class before 8.55. The access points to the building (classroom doors, rear atrium from the back playground and the door at the end of the key stage 2 corridor) are shut at 8.55 and any children arriving after that point can only get into the building if they are let in by staff or by entering through front reception. Children arriving after 8.55 have to go to the front office to be signed in as late by Mrs Boobyer.

Although the registers are shut at 8.55, being in school as close to 8.40 as possible is recommended as learning opportunities are available from that time in class. If a child is in class every day for just after 8.40, they gain an additional hour and a quarter of learning each week, which equates to almost 50 hours across the year.

Thank you for ensuring that your children get to school on time as it really does make a difference. Please keep up the good work.

Nursery places 2023

If you would like to visit Nursery and tour the school, we will be having small group tours of the school that will need to be pre-booked.

Please contact us by telephoning 01934 441901 or email us at school@heronsmoor.co.uk. to arrange a tour date. We have also made virtual tours of the school, the Reception classes and the Nursery which can be found on our website: <https://heronsmooracademy.cfb.uk/virtual-tours/>

Nursery Applications

We have places in our excellent Nursery for September 2023. If you have a child who has their 3rd birthday before September 2023 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 441901.

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





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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.

Places at Herons' Moor

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

Nut Allergy

Can we just remind all parents and carers that packed lunches must not contain products with nuts.

We have both children and staff with severe nut allergies who we need to safeguard.

Therefore, can you please check all products placed in packed lunches to ensure they do not contain any.

Water bottles

May we also remind parents that only water is allowed on pupil's water bottles, thank you.

School trousers/leggings appeal

If you have any good quality trousers or leggings that your child has grown out of, please can we ask you to donate them to the school as we are running out of spares to change children into when needed.

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.

Herons' 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 2022. 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.

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

Yours sincerely

Julie Fox. Principal.



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Dates for your diary

6 th Feb	Mon		Year 5 Bikeability
7 th Feb	Tues		Year 4 trip to Wild Place Year 5 Bikeability Parents Evening
		3.30pm-6.30pm	
9 th Feb	Thurs	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parents Evening
10 th Feb	Fri		END OF TERM 3
TERM 4			
20 th Feb	Mon		START OF TERM 4 INSET DAY
21 st Feb	Tues		First day back for students
2 nd March	Thurs		World Book Day Book fair in school opens PM
		PM	
8 th March	Weds		Last Day of Book fair in school
17 th March	Fri		Red Nose Day
24 th March	Fri		Children's disco
29 th March	Weds	6.45pm – 8.45pm	NSSPEA Dance festival
31 st March	Fri		END OF TERM 4
TERM 5			
17 th April	Mon		START OF TERM 5
20 th April	Thurs		St Briavels
21 st April	Fri		Children back from St Briavels
1 st May	Mon		BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
6 th May	Sat		Coronation of King Charles III
8 th May	Mon		Bank Holiday
16 th May	Tues		Class photos
23 rd May	Tues		Y3 to Sand Bay
25 th May	Thurs		Movie Night
26 th May	Fri		END OF TERM 5
TERM 6			
5 th June	Mon		START OF TERM 6
6 th June	Tues		Year 5 at Wye Valley YHA – Residential trip
9 th June	Fri		Y5 return
19 th June	Mon		Nursery Sports Day
20 th June	Tues		Reception Sports Day/Nursery Sports Day reserve
21 st June	Wed		Reception Sports Day reserve KS1 Sports Day
22 nd June	Thurs		Sports Day KS2
23 rd June	Fri		Non-uniform day for Summer Fair KS2 Reserve Sports Day KS1 Reserve Sports Day
27 th June	Tues		Y6 Transition week (27 th /28 th /29 th)
29 th June	Thurs		Moving up morning
30 th June	Fri		Summer Fair
3 rd July	Mon	3.30pm	New nursery parents



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4 th July	Tues	6pm	Evening performance of play
5 th July	Weds	1.30pm	Afternoon performance of play
7 th July	Fri		school closed
10 th July	Mon		Kilve week
11 th July	Tues	3.30-4.30pm	Open evening
12 th July	Wed	2pm	Nursery show
17 th July	Mon		Year 6 water fight
18 th July	Tues		Year 6 treat Y6 Leavers disco
19 th July	Wed		Whole school beach trip
20 th July	Thurs	9.15am	Parents Music Assembly – Dining Hall
21 st July	Fri	9am	Leavers/100% attendance assembly END OF TERM 6