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## Newsletter February 2024

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# This Month's Value is Togetherness

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success"

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Parents' Evenings –**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 3:30pm – 6:30pm**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 3:30pm - 6:30pm**

We are delighted that Parents' Evenings take place next week. We are also offering Teams calls if that would suit you better either due to family commitments, work or illness.

Please book your appointment via the MCAS app. If you have still not created your account and are having issues, please let us know. Teachers 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.

If your child attends Nursery, please see Mrs Stack to make an appointment.



### **Parenting Programme**

Our next parenting programme for parents of children in Reception and Y1 classes will start on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February with Mrs Tucker and Mrs Harvey. Further information to follow.



### **World Book Day and Book Fair**

To celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, 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!

The Book Fair will be in school from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. During that time, the children will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class; however, they will need to return to the Book Fair on specific dates, **after school at 3.15pm to make any purchases**.

Each child will receive a book token worth £1.00 to spend at the Book Fair

which they will bring home before World Book Day.

We are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day and hope that the children are too!

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### 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 and accessories. So please ask friends and family to start saving their unwanted items to bring into school. Date for collection will be Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024, **please bring your donations in first thing Thursday morning 7<sup>th</sup> March.**

### Red Nose Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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



### Attendance

The school gates and doors to the building (Yrs Rec to Y6) shut at 8.50. After this, access to the building is through main reception only.

As soon as the gates open (8.40), learning activities are available in classrooms. If your child is in class just after 8.40, they will benefit from an extra hour and quarter learning each week, which equates to almost fifty extra hours across the year! "Be early and get extra learning".

### Nursery Applications

We have places in our excellent Nursery for September 2024. If you have a child who has their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday before September 2024 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

If you would like to visit, please contact the Front Office Tel 01934 441901.



### Places at Herons' Moor

We have spaces in the following year groups, Y2 and Y3. If you know anyone looking for a space please ask them to get in touch with the Front Office.

### Game Donations

If you have any family board games (intact), colouring books, felt tip pens etc. that are no longer used or needed please can we ask you to donate them to school for our lunchtime clubs and future stay and play sessions. Thank you.

### 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.

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**Water bottles**

May we also remind parents that only water is allowed in 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](http://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.

**Dates for your diary**

5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mon	All day	Y5 Bikeability
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tues	AM PM 3.30pm – 6.30pm	Y5 Bikeability Y4 Bikeability Parents Evening
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thurs	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents' Evening
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri		END OF TERM 3
<b>TERM 4</b>			
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mon		START OF TERM 4
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Tues	2pm – 3pm	Parenting programme – all invited, food tech room
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Wed	8:30am	Wake and shake
29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thurs		Book Fair arrives in school
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Thurs	9.00am	Bring in Textile recycling donations by 9am World Book Day -Reading for Pleasure
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Fri		Red Nose Day
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Mon		Tickets available for Easter egg raffle
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Tues	2.15pm	Draw tickets for Easter egg raffle Raise the Roof Y4

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27 <sup>th</sup> March	Wed	3pm	Preloved uniform sale on yellow brick road
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Thurs		END OF TERM 4
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Fri		BANK HOLIDAY (Good Friday)
<b>TERM 5</b>			
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Mon		INSET DAY
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Wed	8:30am	Wake and shake
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Thurs		St Briavels
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Fri		St Briavels return
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Fri	2pm	Celebration assembly
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Mon		BANK HOLIDAY
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Mon		Year 6 SATs week
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Tues	3:15 to 5:15pm	Movie Night
24 <sup>th</sup> May	Fri	2pm	END OF TERM 5
<b>TERM 6</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Mon		START OF TERM 6
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Tues		Year 5 Wye Valley Trip
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Fri	2pm	Year 5 back from Wye Valley
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Mon		Phonics screening check week
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Tues		
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Thurs		Whole school photograph
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Mon		Nursery Sports Day Old Kingdom Ancient Egyptian workshop – Year 5
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Tues		Reception Sports Day Nursery reserve Sports Day
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Wed		KS1 Sports Day Reception reserve Sports Day
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Thurs		KS2 Sports Day
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Fri		Non school uniform day for summer fair. KS1/KS2 reserve Sports Days
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Tues		Y6 Transition week (25 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> )
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Thurs		Moving up morning
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Fri	3:15pm	Summer Fair
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Mon	3.30pm	New Nursery parents
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Tues	6pm	Y5/Y6 evening performance
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Weds		Y5/Y6 Afternoon performance
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Fri		Inset Day - school closed
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Mon		Kilve week Y6
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Tues	3.30 - 4.30pm	Open Evening
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Tues		Y6 Disco (Main Hall available 4pm to 8pm)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Wed		Whole school beach trip
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Thurs		Parents music assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Mon	3pm	Y6 Water fight Pre-loved uniform sale on yellow brick road
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Tues	9am	Heron's Moor leavers assembly End of Term 6