

Newsletter July 2024

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This Month's Value is Self-Belief

"Believe in yourselves and you will be unstoppable"

Dear Parent/Carer

Pupil Places

If your child is leaving our Academy (other than children in Year 6) please inform the school office in writing so that we are aware that your child will not be returning in September. Thank you.

Textile recycling- Wednesday 10th July 9am

Due to the success of our textile recycling collection in March, we shall be collecting all unwanted, good quality, clean clothes, paired shoes, handbags, belts, jewellery and accessories again on **Wednesday 10th July 2024**. So please ask friends and family to start saving their unwanted items to bring into school.



Pre-loved Uniform sale – Monday 22nd July 3pm

We have lots of uniform to sell. We will be on the yellow brick road from 3pm. Buy one or exchange your child's existing HMA logo uniform (in good condition please). Please bring change with you eg. 50p or £1 coins and get yourselves a bargain.

Uniform appeal

If you have any girl's summer dresses that your child has grown out of we would be grateful if you could donate them to the school, especially KS1 size (age 5 - 7). Many thanks for your generosity.

<u>Y6 Leaver's Assembly – Tuesday 23rd July 9am</u>

Parents/Carers of Y6 pupils are warmly invited to their leaver's assembly on Tuesday 23rd July 9am.

Attendance

A big well done and thankyou to all the parents of the children who have managed to reach or exceed our attendance target of 95% this year. Well done for being determined to get your children to school, battling through traffic jams, COVID, norovirus and dark, cold and wet winter days! We have 234 children who have attended 95% or more of the learning time that has been available this year. Brilliant!

Principal: Mrs. Julie Fox B.Ed., M.Ed., | Vice Principal: Mr. David Beesley NPQH, BSc.Hons Herons' Moor Academy, Highlands Lane, Locking Castle, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, BS24 7DX T: 01934 441901 E: school@heronsmoor.co.uk <u>www.heronsmoor.co.uk</u> It is an established fact that the more time children spend in school, the more they get out of their school experience, including better attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances.



Sports Day

What a fantastic week of sport we had! All of our sports days were so well attended and it was lovely to see so much enthusiasm from both the children and their supporters. One of our favourite parts of sports day is presenting the Sportsmanship Awards. It is a real privilege to celebrate children who have demonstrated the value of sportsmanship throughout the



whole year. Another year of very worthy winners - well done! We have to say, we love the toddler and parent races too and we are certain that these events are getting more and more competitive and popular each year.

Thank you to all of you for your support on the day. We are already looking forward to next year's sports days...time to get practising!

PTA update

The PTA team would like to thank everyone for coming to the Summer Fair and joining in the fun. It is lovely to see so much support for our school.

Our last events of the year are arranging leavers' treats for our lovely Year 6s. We look forward to starting afresh with new parents joining us in September.

If you would like to be added to our list of helpers then please let Emma (our PTA secretary) know by contacting the school on **<u>school@heronsmoor.co.uk</u>** or call into the Front Office and pick up a form. You don't have to commit your time and energy to every event, any help is much appreciated.

End of day collection

Can we please make a polite request to those parents/carers who collect children from the rear playground (Years 3 and 4) and who bring younger siblings with them.

As you will appreciate the playground gets very busy at the end of day. Teachers are trying to identify parents to hand children over to. This is increasingly becoming difficult due to the number of younger children being allowed to run around, some of whom are actually entering the school building.

Can we please ask that any younger child accompanying you when collecting in the rear playground be kept with you and not allowed to run around. It is always our priority to ensure everyone is kept safe and this will help. They should also NOT be allowed to climb on the adventure playground equipment as we cannot supervise it during this time. Many thanks for your help.

Holiday Club

Future Stars coaching will be running a holiday club for Herons' Moor Academy pupils during the summer break. To register please visit their website -

https://www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk/product/holiday-club-booking/

Lost Property

Please remember to name all personal items including lunch boxes.

Please can you check our lost property box located outside the front office if your child has lost a coat or item of school uniform recently. It is full to over flowing with a lot of un-named clothes that we would like to see returned to their owner. We would like this box cleared as soon as possible so please check it before the end of term. Unclaimed items will be recycled at the end of Term 6.



<u>Staff</u>

At the end of term we will also be saying farewell and thank you to:

Kate Amor – teacher. Kate has been a member of staff for 10 years.

James Rees – teacher. James has been a member of staff for over 10 years.

Tess Thyer – Teaching Assistant in Y6.

Lin Dale – Teaching Assistant in KS1. Lin has been a member of staff at HMA for 18 years! Congratulations and best wishes to Nuala Harding who is getting married over the holidays and will return as Mrs Nuala Brealey.

Congratulations and best wishes to Esther Hancorn who is getting married over the holidays and will return as Mrs Esther Solari.

Congratulations to Jemima Ford and her husband who are expecting their first baby.

Congratulations to Alice Stinchcombe and her fiancé who are expecting their first baby.

Welcome back to Lucy Britton and Nuala Harding who are both returning from maternity this month.

A warm welcome to Ben Corns, who will be joining us as a Y3 teacher in September. Ben did part of his teacher training with us

A warm welcome also to Hannah Price who will be joining us as a Y5 teacher in September.

This will be my final newsletter before I retire, so I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and the staff for all the support. It has been a real privilege to lead this great school and to be a part of your children's education.

Message from Mrs Georgie Tinker – Principal from September 2024



The end of this academic is fast-approaching, and I am very much looking forward to starting at Herons' Moor Academy in September. The Academy opens for children on Wednesday with Getting Started activities. This is a

period of time when teachers can get to know the children in their class, set out routines and expectations which allow our values of kindness, respect, patience and honesty to be

fully embedded and everyone (staff and children) demonstrates a sense of pride in the work they do. The whole school will be reading 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. It's a picture book with a Literary

Theme: **Coming together & community**. I thought this theme

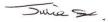
would be powerful and will foster a shared learning experience around one text.

As always if you have any queries, comments or suggestions we will be pleased to hear them. If you need to contact us over the summer, please use the safeguarding email as it is monitored frequently by a member of the leadership team. **safeguarding@hma.clf.uk**

The last day of Term 6 is Tuesday 23rd July 2024. Pupils in Years 1 – 6 return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2024

We hope that you have a lovely summer break, stay safe everyone.

Yours sincerely



Julie Fox Principal.

Dates for your diary

8 th July	Mon		Kilve week
9 th July	Tues	3.30 - 4.30pm	Open Evening
10 th July	Wed	8am-12pm	Reception's Explorerdome visit
_		9am	Bring in Textile recycling donations by 9am
12 th July	Fri		Y6 Kilve campers return
16 th July	Tues		Y6 treat
			Y6 Disco
18 th July	Thurs		Whole school beach trip (excluding Rec/Nurs)
19 th July	Fri	9.00	Parents music assembly
22 nd July	Mon	Y6	Water fight
		3pm	Pre-loved uniform sale on yellow brick road
23 rd July	Tues	9am	Herons' Moor leavers assembly
			End of Term 6