



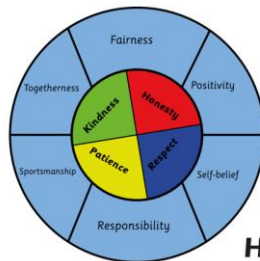
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November Newsletter 2023

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This Month's Value is Honesty

"Plant honesty and trust will grow"



**I am kind.
I am respectful.
I am patient.
I am honest.**

**I am a
Heron's Moor Citizen**

Dear Parent/Carer

Reminder - Start of the day arrangements.

- Children are expected to arrive at school in good time for the start of the school day. **The gates close at 8.50am.** Although they close at 8.50am we request that you try to arrive well before this, so that the children are in their classes and settled for when learning starts at 8.50am.
- If a child arrives at school after 8.50am they will need to enter via the front office and they will be marked in the register as late.

We introduced the change to the start of day arrangements at the start of September. As with all things new, it took a little while to bed in and for everyone to get used to the "new normal", but we are pleased to report that the streamlined and tighter arrangements have given us the outcomes that we desired. The vast majority of our children are in class promptly on time and are making the most of the additional learning opportunities on offer.

Thank you to all the parents that ensure that their child/children are here on time, come rain, shine, traffic and parking complications.

Odd Socks Day - Monday 13th November 2023



This year, Anti-Bullying week will be starting on Monday 13th November. To celebrate, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day. On the 13th, children are encouraged to come into school wearing odd socks! There is no donation required for this as it is simply a way for us to show our support for Anti-Bullying week and encourage our children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique.

Nasal Flu vaccines 14th November

The School Immunisation Team will be coming into school on **Tuesday 14th November** to carry out the nasal flu vaccination programme.

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Children In Need – Friday 17th November 2023 - PYJAMA DAY



The National theme for Children in Need this year is "SPOTACULAR", but our school theme is "PYJAMA DAY!" In light of this, we are inviting the children to wear pyjamas to school (as long as they are safe and appropriate) but feel free to combine the two themes and wear spotty pyjamas or have spotty accessories! Children will need to wear their trainers if it is a PE day. The school councils have worked hard on posters around the school sharing the fun activities we have planned. The day will include some themed activities in classes as well as some link activities with Baytree. Collection buckets will be available in the school Front Office and classroom. Thank you for supporting us in raising money for this fantastic charity!

Book by Wednesday 29th November

School Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 13th December 2023

We are having our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December 2023. Reception and Years 1 and 2 all receive Universal Infant Free School Meals so no payment is required for them, **however, you still need to order a Christmas lunch if your child would like one.** You can do this by completing the parentmail form that will be sent out soon, *the closing date will be Wednesday 29th November 2023.* We will be unable to take orders for Christmas lunch on the day as it has to be pre-ordered. Any child that has not pre-ordered and has not brought lunch with them will not be able to have Christmas lunch and we will have to call home for a packed lunch to be provided.

For children in Years 3-6 payment of £2.40 for the Christmas lunch will be charged via Parentpay on the day, please ensure you have enough funds in your account to cover this.

PTA Christmas Events



The PTA are arranging a **Movie Night on 23rd November** and a **Disco Night on 8th December**, for children from Y1 to Y6 this term. Details will follow soon. The discos will only be able to go ahead if we have enough parent / family helpers. If you are able to help out, please speak to the office as soon as possible and we will be able to start your DBS check. If you have any questions about helping out, please contact Mrs Amor on kate.amor@clf.uk. We will also be running a raffle to win hampers of luxury items. These will be made up from donations from you - our generous parents and staff.



On Friday 1st December all children are invited to wear "something Christmassy" to school. In exchange for this treat, we are asking for donations for the hampers. We would love to receive chocolates or biscuits, new toys or games, bath products or toiletries or anything else that you think is luxurious. Everything that you send in will be used to raise funds to support learning at Herons' Moor. Thank you in advance for your help.



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 Jumper Day – Thursday 7th December 2023

Pupils and Staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper in return for a donation to Save The Children. Pupils still need to wear their school trousers or skirt.

Poppies for sale

Poppies and Royal British Legion merchandise are available to buy from the front office.





Foodbank Appeal 2023

A huge thank you to all our parents/carers for supporting this. We collected lots of food. This will make a real difference to families that need a little help. This appeal enabled our children to show the values of compassion, kindness and love. Well done all.

Academy Spaces

We currently have spaces in Y1, Y2 and Y3. 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.

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.

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.

Nursery Applications

If you would like to apply for a place in our Nursery for September 2024 (for children who have had their 3rd birthday before September 2024) please complete an application form which is available from the school Front Office. The form must be returned to school before the deadline of January 31st 2024 in order to be considered.

Appeal:

School uniform

If you have any good quality trousers, leggings, pants, socks, shoes or trainers for KS1 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.

Christmas Jumpers

We would be delighted to receive any Christmas jumpers that your children have outgrown that we can pass on to children who don't have one.



Parking

Please can we ask again that when bringing your children to school, that you park in a legal and sensible place like Boots car park and walk through to the school. We have had a few complaints from homeowners near the school with regard to illegal parking and obstructing driveways on Bransby Way. Please also be aware that you are not permitted to park in the Doctor's surgery. May we also remind you to walk on the foot path and not across the car park when dropping off and picking up your child(ren).



Lost Property

Please could we ask you to make sure your child's name is on their clothing so we can return any lost items to their classroom. Please could you also check your child's uniform and make sure it is theirs!



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

Yours Sincerely

Julie Fox
Headteacher

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Dates for your diary

TERM 2			
6 th Nov	Mon		Y5 trip to National Roman Legion Museum (Caerleon)
7 th Nov	Tues	2-3pm	Healthy eating workshop
8 th Nov	Wed	9am	School nurses in - Y6 height/weight
13 th Nov	Mon		Anti-bullying week Odd sock day
14 th Nov	Tues	2-3pm 3.30pm	Spending quality time and sensory play workshop Flu immunisations
17 th Nov	Fri		Children in Need -SPOTACULAR
21 st Nov	Tues	2-3pm	Reading support/understanding reading workshop
23 rd Nov	Thurs	3.15pm-5.15pm	Movie Night
28 th Nov	Tues	2-3pm	Challenging behaviour workshop Y2 trip to SS Great Britain
1 st Dec	Fri		Wear something to do with Christmas in exchange for a hamper gift
6 th Dec	Wed	10-11.30am 7-8pm	Christmas Celebration Concert at the Winter Gardens (rehearsal) Christmas Celebration Concert at the Winter Gardens
7 th Dec	Thurs		Christmas jumper day
8 th Dec	Fri	4:45-5:30pm 5:45-6:30pm	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 3pm	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		Start of Term 3
22 nd Jan	Mon	All day	Y5 Bikeability
23 rd Jan	Tues	AM PM	Y5 Bikeability Y4 Bikeability
29 th Jan	Mon	All day	Week 5 Y5 Bikeability
30 th Jan	Tues	AM PM	Y5 Bikeability Y4 Bikeability
5 th Feb	Mon	All day	Week 6 Y5 Bikeability
6 th Feb	Tues	AM PM 3.30pm – 6.30pm	Y5 Bikeability Y4 Bikeability Parents' Evening

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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. Book Fair being collected
27 th March	Wed	3pm	Pre loved 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		INSET DAY
18 th April	Thurs		St Briavels
19 th April	Fri		St Briavels return
13 th May	Mon		Year 6 SATs week
16 th May	Thurs		Year 6 SATs end
24 th May	Fri		END OF TERM 5
TERM 6			
4 th June	Tues		Year 5 Wye Valley Trip
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		KS1/KS2 reserve Sports Days
25 th June	Tues		Y6 Transition week (25 th /26 th /27 th)
1 st July	Mon	3.30pm	New Nursery parents
2 nd July	Tues		Y5/Y6 evening performance
3 rd July	Weds		Y5/Y6 Afternoon performance
5 th July	Fri		Inset Day
8 th July	Mon		Kilve week
9 th July	Tues	3.30 - 4.30pm	Open Evening
16 th July	Tues		Y6 treat Y6 Disco
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	Herons' Moor leavers assembly - Dining Hall End of Term 6

CLF Term Dates 2024/25

Somerset schools would start 1 day earlier and finish one day earlier than rest of the county

Term	Wks	Start of term	End of Term	Bank Holidays <i>(non-working day for all staff)</i>
1	8	Mon 2 Sep 2024	Fri 25 Oct 2024	
2	7	Mon 4 Nov 2024	Fri 20 Dec 2024	
3	6	Mon 6 Jan 2025	Fri 14 Feb 2025	
4	6	Mon 24 Feb 2025	Fri 4 Apr 2025	
5	5	Tue 22 Apr 2025	Fri 23 May 2025	<i>Mon 21 Apr Mon 5 May</i>
6	7.2	Mon 2 Jun 2025	Tue 22 Jul 2025	

INSET Days to be advised