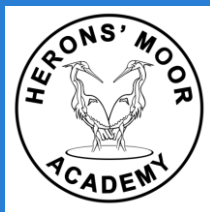


Heron's' Moor Academy Newsletter

November 2024



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This month's value is honesty



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the start of Term Two; I hope you all enjoyed the half term break.

This term becomes particularly busy with the run-up to Christmas so I have attached a list of all the dates for your diary for November and December.

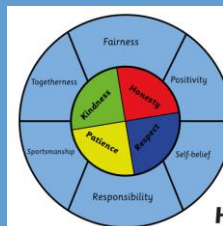
It starts with our House winners (**GULLS**) who, tomorrow, will enjoy their reward with a non-uniform day just for them.

We have our first e-safety meeting for parents this term on Tuesday 19th November which we hope you will support as educating our children to keep themselves safe online is all of our responsibility. Equally, our PSHE curriculum this term for all learners teaches children about what they can do to keep safe when using apps and the internet. Please make it something you talk about at home. Some facts are here giving evidence as to why this is important for young children.



Have a safe bonfire night tomorrow.

Mrs Georgie Tinker



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

I am a
Heron's' Moor Citizen

Safeguarding at HMA

As part of our safeguarding policy, we take online safety seriously be it at home or at school.

Going online and using the internet and apps is a part of all our lives. However, the internet also poses risks to children. Children are at risk from:

- What they might see
- Who they might speak to
- How they might behave

Please remember, primary-age children should be supervised at all times when online.

E-safety meeting: **Tuesday 19th November 9:00am**

Heron's' Moor Academy - Safeguarding Children

The whole school community at Heron's' Moor Academy is committed to the safeguarding of all our learners - it is everybody's responsibility. We ensure that all adults who carry out any work within our academy have current DBS checks. Our safeguarding policy is available on our website and from our academy office. All adults who work at the school must ensure they are aware of policies and procedures in relation to the safeguarding of children. When we have concerns about the welfare of a child, we will share relevant information and work in partnership with external agencies. We will always ensure our concerns about individuals are discussed with their parents/carers first unless we have reason to believe that this is not in the best interest of the child.



Concerns over the welfare of a child should be shared and discussed with a member of our safeguarding team.



Immediate dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 5th November non-uniform for Gulls House
- Thursday 7th November Y6 nursing team height and weight measurements
- Tuesday 12th 9:00am PTA meeting
- Friday 15th November Children In Need Day
- Tuesday 19th November online Safety to parents 9:00am
- Thursday 21st PTA Movie Night 3:30-5:00pm
- Tuesday 10th December PTA Disco 4:45-6:30pm

Further information on safeguarding can be obtained from the 'South West Safeguarding and Child Protection Group' www.swppg.org.uk or the 'North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board' www.northsomersetscb.org.uk



Reminders

This year for Children in Need, our student and eco councils held a joint meeting with Baytree School's student council to decide on two activities for both schools to join in with. Our first activity will be a poster competition for the children to design their own Pudsey bear! This will be held in school, and a Key Stage One and Key Stage Two winner will be announced in our Celebration assembly on Friday 15th November.

The second activity that was voted for was a Teddy bears' picnic! We will be inviting the children to **bring in a teddy** from home to have lunch with them on Friday 15th, either in their classrooms or the dining hall. In return, we will be asking for a £1 donation to Children in Need. It will also be a non-uniform day for children or the opportunity to wear Pudsey merchandise.

Updated behaviour policy

We are constantly aiming for our children to be the best version of themselves at school and at home. For this reason, we have updated our academy behaviour policy. The new policy aims to foster a more positive and respectful atmosphere where all students can thrive academically and socially.

As our school community evolves, we recognise the need to address new challenges and ensure that our policies reflect current best practices in education and student well-being.

We want to encourage consistency and fairness and the updated policy provides clearer guidelines and expectations. Individual plans will be put into place for those children with need of extra support.

By setting clear boundaries and expectations, we aim to help students develop self-discipline, responsibility, and respect for others.

We believe that these changes will contribute to a safer, more supportive, and productive school environment. These messages will be shared with the children and staff team in assembly on day one and the academy website will be updated this term where you will be able to read the adult and child-friendly versions of this document.

Attendance

As we start a new term, we would like to remind you of the importance of arriving on time to school. It is vital for many reasons:

Maximises Learning: children who arrive on time are better prepared to engage in the day's lessons and activities.

Reduces Disruptions: arriving late can be disruptive to the class and can affect the learning environment for all students.

Builds Responsibility: punctuality helps students develop a sense of responsibility and time management skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Thank you in advance for supporting us in making sure your child is in school every day.



The PTA are excited to announce that there will be TWO events this term which we hope you will support with the aim of raising much-needed funds for the school – the goal is to have 5 iPads in every class across the academy.

The first is **Movie Night Thursday 28th November**



Followed by **Disco – Tuesday 10th December**

If you can help in any way, please come to our next meeting on Tuesday 12th November at 9:00am.

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Date	Day	Time	Activity
TERM 2			
4 th Nov	Mon		START OF TERM 2
5 th Nov	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Gulls only – Non school uniform day Family Workshop – All years/All welcome
7 th Nov	Thurs		Y6 Child Measurement programme
12 th Nov	Tues	9am 1.45 – 2.30pm	PTA meeting – all welcome Y5/Y4 Family workshop. Healthy Lifestyles
15 th Nov	Fri		Children in Need
19 th Nov	Tues	9am 1.45 – 2.30pm	Online Safety parents meeting Y5/Y4 Family workshop. Homework & Independence
26 th Nov	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Y5/Y4 Family workshop. Challenging Behaviour
28 th Nov	Thurs	3.30pm -5pm	PTA Movie Night
3 rd Dec	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Y5/Y4 Family workshop. Positive Relationships
5 th Dec	Thurs		Choir singing at Summer Lane/Diamond Court Care Home Choir singing at Morrisons
10 th Dec	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm 4.45pm -6.30pm	Y5/Y4 Family workshop. IT Support PTA Disco
11 th Dec	Wed	Midday 5.30pm	Whole school Christmas lunch KS1 Christmas Nativity performance
12 th Dec	Thurs	11am	Year 4 to Panto
13 th Dec	Fri	1.30pm	KS1 Christmas Nativity performance
17 th Dec	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Y5/Y4 Family workshop.
20 th Dec	Fri	9.30am 2.15pm	KS2 Christmas carol concert KS2 Christmas carol concert END OF TERM 2
TERM 3			
6 th Jan	Mon		START OF TERM 3 INSET DAY
th Jan	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	First day of term for children Rec/Y1 Family Workshop. Supporting Phonics
14 th Jan	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Rec/Y1 Family Workshop. Maths & Reading at home
16 th Jan	Thurs		Year 6 trip to Bristol Museum
21 st Jan	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Rec/Y1 Family Workshop. Challenging behaviour
28 th Jan	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Rec/Y1 Family Workshop. Sensory Play

4 th Feb	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm 3.30 – 6.30pm	Rec/Y1 Family Workshop. Healthy Lifestyles Parents evening
6 th Feb	Thurs	3.30 – 6.30pm	Parents evening
11 th Feb	Tues	1.45 - 3pm	Rec/Y1 Family Workshop. IT Support
14 th Feb	Fri		END OF TERM 3
TERM 4			
24 th Feb	Mon		START OF TERM 4 INSET DAY
25 th Feb	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	First day of term for children Y2 Family workshop. Healthy Lifestyles
4 th March	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Year 4 trip to Wild Place Y2 Family workshop. Challenging behaviour
11 th March	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Y2 Family workshop. Sensory play
18 th March	Tues	9am 1.45 - 3pm	Textile recycling – please bring in donations by 9am Y2 Family workshop. Homework and reading
20 th March	Thurs	9.30am	Raise the Roof – parent performance
21 st March	Fri		Red Nose day
25 th March	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Y2 Family workshop. Transition & Independence
1 st April	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Y2 Family workshop. IT Support
4 th April	Fri		END OF TERM 4
TERM 5			
21 st April	Mon		BANK HOLIDAY
22 nd April	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	START OF TERM 5 Y3 Family Workshop. Healthy Lifestyles
24 th April	Thurs		Y4 to St. Briavels
25 th April	Fri	2.15pm	Y4 return St. Briavels
29 th April	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Y3 Family workshop. Homework & Reading
5 th May	Mon		BANK HOLIDAY
6 th May	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Y3 Family workshop. Positive relationships
12 th May	Mon		KS2 SATS week
13 th May	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Y3 Family workshop. Independence

15 th May	Thurs		KS2 SATS end
20 th May	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Y3 Family workshop. IT Support & IT Safety
23 rd May	Fri		END OF TERM 5
TERM 6			
2 nd June	Mon		START OF TERM 6
3 rd June	Tues		Y5 to Wye Valley
6 th June	Fri		Y5 Wye Valley return
4 th July	Fri		INSET DAY
7 th July	Mon		INSET DAY
8 th July	Tues	1.45 – 2.30pm	Family Workshop – All years/All welcome
14 th July	Mon		Y6 Kilve camp
18 th July	Fri		Y6 Kilve camp return
22 nd July	Tues		Heron's' Moor leavers assembly END OF TERM 6

