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October Newsletter 2022

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This Month's Value is Patience

"Good things come to those who wait"

Dear Parent/Carer

Friends of Herons' Moor

Our PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being held on Monday 10th October 2022 at 7pm in the Campus. All parents are automatically members of the PTA and you are always very welcome to attend committee meetings. After the AGM, we will hold a quick meeting to plan some events and dates for fundraising this year. Some of our fantastic PTA members have left us as their children have grown up and moved to secondary schools, so we are looking to develop a whole new committee this year. We would love to see you there....

Imago School Portraiture

Imago School Portraiture will be in school on Tuesday 11th October to take individual pupil and sibling photographs. Imago will produce a physical proof which will be distributed to parents/carers through your child's class, you will then order your photographs direct from Imago. If you do not want your child to be photographed please advise their class teacher.



Harvest

On Thursday 13th October we are going to hold a Harvest Festival Assembly with the children. There will be Food Bank boxes in the Front office that week. Any donations will be gratefully received.

Parents' Evenings - Monday 17th October 2022 3:30pm – 6:30pm and Wednesday 19th October 2022 3:30pm - 6:30pm

We are delighted that Parents' Evenings will be able to take place in person this year 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. You will receive a parentmail in the new few days to let you know when the booking system will go live. 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 for your meeting. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you.



Pre loved uniform sale Monday 17th October

We would like to inform you that we will be holding a pre loved uniform sale at the back end of the yellow brick road from 3pm Monday 17th October. Please **only** enter the school via the back playground doors at the bottom of the KS2 stairs.

Most items will range in price from 50p to £2 so please **only bring small change** , no large notes will be accepted.

School meal price increase

From 1st November 2022 the price of a school lunch will increase to £2.40

Nursery and Reception places 2023

We are able to offer open tours of the Academy for parents who are considering sending their children to Nursery or Reception next September 2023. Please contact us for times/dates available by phoning the front office or email.

We have also made virtual tours of the school, the Reception classes and the Nursery which can be found on the Herons' Moor website.



Reception Intake September 2023 (for children born between 1st September 2018 – 31st August 2019)

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 the school. The closing date for the first round of allocations is at midnight on 15th January 2023.



Please remember that if your child attends our Nursery, this sadly **DOES NOT** guarantee them 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.

Secondary School Transfer Forms

All Year 6 children were given a letter to take home to their parents on their return to school, regarding applying for a secondary place.

The online application system will be available until Midnight (23:59 hours 31st October 2022)

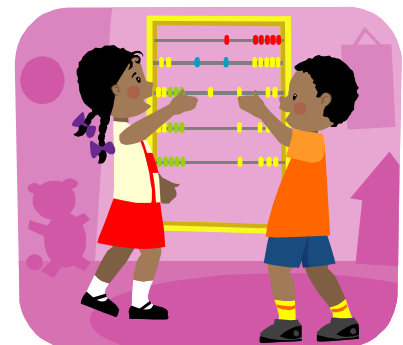


Herons' Moor Nursery

"Where happy children are successful children!"

Did you know?...

- Your child is entitled to **15 hours FREE** childcare and education starting the term after their 3rd birthday.
- You may even be entitled to **30 hours FREE** childcare and education (see gov.uk)
- Our Nursery offers **flexible sessions**- your child could start as early as **8am** and finish at **3.30pm**.
- We offer **hot meals** for children
- We provide **water and fruit and milk** daily



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Staff

Welcome to Mrs Nikki Lee who has joined us as a KS1 Teaching Assistant

Congratulations to James Rees and his partner on the birth of their second child, a baby girl.

Congratulations to Miss Sophie Davies who recently got married, her new name is Mrs Sophie Bennett and congratulations to Miss Laura Vile who also got married recently, her name is now Mrs Laura Curtis.

Academy Spaces

We are filling up rapidly, which is great news. Our remaining spaces are in Reception, Y3, Y5 and Y6. If you know anyone who is looking for a place for their child, we would be pleased to show them around Herons' Moor.

Reporting your child's absence

Illness

Children should attend the academy every day we are open, unless they are very ill. Minor ailments should not be a reason for staying at home. If your child attends the academy when feeling slightly under the weather, but feels worse during the 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 in, please contact us via telephone, email or in person and we will be happy to support and advise where appropriate. If your child is too ill to attend, you must notify the academy before 9.00 am on the first day of absence. If your child is ill for more than one day, you will need to notify the academy on each morning of the absence, unless otherwise agreed.

To report an absence, contact us via phone or parentmail. Please clearly explain the symptoms your child has, when the symptoms started, and when you expect your child to be well enough to return.

By law, we must record all absences and whether the absence is authorised or unauthorised.

Medical/Dental Appointments

Please try to avoid medical and dental appointments in academy time. If this is unavoidable, arrange appointments so that the minimum time is lost. Unless it is an emergency appointment, parents/carers are expected to let the academy know about the appointment in advance. You should also provide evidence of the appointment, such as an appointment letter or card. Your child should still attend school for as much of the school day as possible.

Parentmail

Please could we ask that you register and verify your account as soon as possible so that we are able to keep you up to date with information from the school. Even if we have your e-mail or mobile number we will not be able to reach you via Parentmail unless you have verified. To register, you will need to go to pmx.parentmail.co.uk (this must be done initially on a pc via google chrome, not on a mobile phone). The app can be downloaded once you have registered and verified.

Birthday Treats

Please can everyone remember that if birthday treats come into school to share, they cannot have nuts in.

Contact Information



Could we please take this opportunity to remind you that if the contact information for your child changes, i.e. telephone number, email address or home address, that you please inform the school Front Office as soon as possible. If we need to contact you, we need to ensure we have the most up to date information. Once you have informed us, we will update your ParentMail account.

Adventure Playground

Please can we remind you for safety reasons, children are not allowed on the adventure playground or the climbing frame after school.

Parking

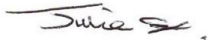
Please can parents/carers be reminded that the 3 disabled bays in the car park are for blue badge holders only, they are not to be used when dropping off or picking up children. Also, please be aware of the zebra crossing outside the front office, this can sometimes be difficult to see when mini buses are parked outside the school, remember to drive slowly when passing the school entrance.



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

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Yours Sincerely



Julie Fox
Principal

Dates for your diary:

Date	Day	Time	Activity
10 th Oct	Mon	9.15am 1.15pm 7.00pm	Prospective parents tour Prospective parents tour HMA PTA AGM in The Campus
11 th Oct	Tues		Individual student photo
14 th Oct	Fri	2pm	Coffee afternoon
17 th Oct	Mon	3pm 3.30pm-6.30pm	Pre-loved uniform sale on yellow brick road Parents' Evening
18 th Oct	Tues	1.15pm	Prospective parents tour
19 th Oct	Weds	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parents' evening LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS
20 th Oct	Thurs		INSET DAY
21 st Oct	Fri		INSET DAY

TERM 2			
31 st Oct	Mon		START OF TERM 2
18 th Nov	Fri		Children in Need
30 th Nov	Wed		Year 2 Trip to SS Great Britain
9 th Dec	Fri		Charity Christmas Jumper Day
12 th Dec	Mon	2pm	Nursery performance
13 th Dec	Tues		Year 4 Trip to Panto
14 th Dec	Wed	10am 1.30pm	Whole School Christmas Lunch Reception performance – Sports Hall Reception performance – Sports Hall
16 th Dec	Fri		END OF TERM 2
TERM 3			
3 rd Jan	Tues		START OF TERM 3 INSET DAY
4 th Jan	Weds		First day back for students
7 th Feb	Tues	3.30pm-6.30pm	Parents' Evening
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
17 th March	Fri		Red Nose Day
31 st March	Fri		END OF TERM 4
TERM 5			
17 th April	Mon		START OF TERM 5
1 st May	Mon		BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
8 th May	Mon		KS2 SATS week

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16 th May	Tues		Class photos
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
7 th July	Fri		INSET DAY
21 st July	Fri		END OF TERM 6

Meet Your Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)...

Cerri

Hi, I'm Cerri (she/her) from the Mental Health Support Team. I'll be working at your school every Thursday morning, say hello next time you see me!



What is MHST?

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is here to help your school to develop ways to look after the mental health of its students, staff, parents and carers.

Our EMHPs do this by supporting your school to understand what you need, providing staff training and offering lessons on well-being. Our EMHPs are also trained to give 1-1 support to students on anxiety, low mood and other struggles with wellbeing.

Our logo is an otter because, like otters, we work as part of a team and we use tools! Some of our favourite tools are self-care, challenging negative thoughts, problem-solving and managing worries. We want to share these tools with you so that you can look after your own wellbeing and build your resilience.



If you would like to know more then chat to me or ...

Mrs Fox



From BRISTOL with LOVE for UKRAINE

15 September 2022

Dear Headteacher,

Christmas Appeal for Ukraine

We hope our message finds you well, having spent a restful summer break.

Councillor Brenda Massey and I are now writing to you on behalf of our UK Registered Charity, From Bristol with Love, with the hope that your school, staff and pupils might want to join our humanitarian work.

Our small community-based charity pre-dates the war in Ukraine, but in February 2022 shortly after Russia's brutal and unprovoked invasion, we set up a specific project designed to deliver aid and hope to the People of Ukraine: From Bristol with Love for Ukraine. By now, the initial project has grown into a fully-fledged community enlisting among our supporters Bristol City Council, several Bristol and neighbouring areas schools and churches, corporate and individual Donors and over a hundred Volunteers.

Whilst we salute the excellent work other local charities do for the Ukrainian refugees who have arrived in Bristol, our charity decided to prioritise and focus on the plight of Ukrainian children and their families who are still in Ukraine, unable to flee the war-zones.

Through all the generous support received by our Charity, we have so far delivered more than 4,000 boxes of aid (food, medical supplies, toiletries), electrical generators, an ambulance, medical equipment, wheel chairs, mobility aids, and much more. Please visit our website www.frombristolwithlove.org for a background of who we are, what we do and where our aid goes.

We have now started a **Christmas Appeal for Ukraine**, a campaign designed to gather Christmas presents for the children of Odessa region. We intend to send as presents, new toys and winter clothes (with tags), sweets and chocolates and new puzzles (unwrapped) for children of under 16 years old.

Deadline: 11 November 2022.

Our Volunteer Aid Collectors would be happy to pick up your school's gifts and deliver them to Bristol International Centre for Ukraine. After checking and sorting, the presents will be packed and delivered by our Volunteer Transporters across Europe, to the Romanian border with Ukraine, from where they will be collected by our Ukrainian Partners, the Regional Authority of Odessa Development Team.

We hope you will be joining us in thinking of the children of Ukraine at these terrible times for them and their families and help us bring smiles in as many Ukrainian homes as possible. Cllr Massey and I would be delighted to meet you and your assembly, give a short talk on our work and address as many questions as you may have.

With anticipated thanks,

Humanity will prevail!

Cllr Brenda Massey
Bristol City Council

Dr Razvan U Constantinescu
From Bristol with Love for Ukraine




From Bristol with Love for Ukraine

Ukraine Christmas Appeal

Please donate for the Children of Ukraine:

Please do not wrap gifts in Christmas paper, we will do this on your behalf.

- Children toys (new with tags)
- Babies toys (new with tags)
- Children clothes (new with tags)
- Sweets and chocolates 
- Puzzles and games (new unwrapped)
- Christmas cards with a personalised message.



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