



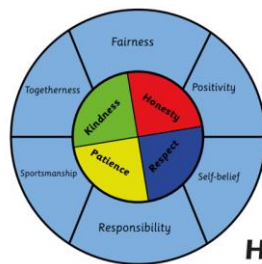
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October Newsletter 2023

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This Month's Value is Kindness

"Kindness is free. Sprinkle that stuff everywhere"



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

I am a
Heron's Moor Citizen

Dear Parent/Carer

Friends of Herons' Moor

Our PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being held on Monday 9th October 2023 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 10th 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 12th 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 16th October 2023 3:30pm – 6:30pm and Wednesday 18th October 2023 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.



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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.

Coffee Afternoon Tuesday 31st October 1.30pm – 2.30pm – All Welcome

All parents/carers are invited to join us for a coffee afternoon on Tuesday 31st October from 1.30pm – 2.30pm.

Here we will give you information about the exciting workshops we will be holding in the coming weeks:

Tuesday 7th November 2pm – 3pm – Healthy eating.

Tuesday 13th November 2pm – 3pm – Spending quality time and sensory play.

Tuesday 21st November 2pm – 3pm – Reading support/understanding reading.

Tuesday 28th November 2pm – 3pm – Challenging behaviour.

Tuesday 5th December 2pm – 3pm – IT safety.

Tuesday 12th December 2pm – 3pm – Promoting independence.



Nasal Flu Immunisations – Tuesday 14th November

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515 for more information.

Academy Spaces

We are filling up rapidly, which is great news. Our remaining spaces are in Y1, Y2 and Y3. 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.

Young Carers Programme

If you think your child would qualify as a Young Carer perhaps you would like them to join in with the Young Carers Programme. A Young Carer is a child that takes on the responsibility to care for somebody at home or a child that might not have as much time with you because you might be caring for somebody, or maybe they are supporting an adult or sibling who has a long term illness or disability. The programme will be a nice opportunity for these children to reach out to others in similar situations and will hopefully show them that they are not alone, it will also be a good time for them to just be them. If you would like more information, please email catherine.williams@cf.uk or kerry.harvey@cf.uk

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 frames before and 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.



**The online application system will be available until
Midnight (23:59 hours 31st October 2023)**

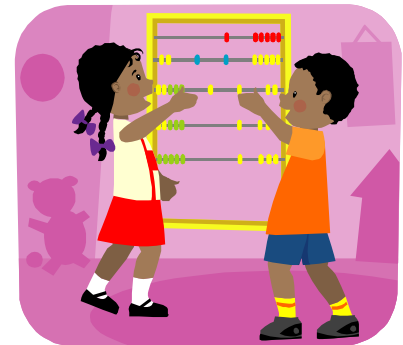


Heron's Moor Nursery

"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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Nursery and Reception places 2024

We are able to offer open tours of the Academy for parents who are considering sending their children to Nursery or Reception next September 2024. 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.



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.

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 the school. The closing date for the first round of allocations is at midnight on 15th January 2024.



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.

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

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Fox".

Julie Fox
Principal

Dates for your diary:

3 rd Oct	Tues		Year 6 trip to Lifeskills
9 th Oct	Mon		Start collection for Food Bank
10 th Oct	Tues		Individual photos.
12 th Oct	Thurs	2.40pm	Harvest Assembly
16 th Oct	Mon	3.30-6.30pm	Parents Evening
18 th Oct	Weds	3.30-6.30pm	Parents Evening LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS
19 th Oct	Thurs		INSET DAY
20 th Oct	Fri		INSET DAY

TERM 2			
30 th Oct	Mon		START OF TERM 2
31 st Oct	Tues		Coffee morning – All parents/carers welcome
6 th Nov	Mon		Y5 trip to National Roman Legion Museum (Caerleon)
7 th Nov	Tues	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Healthy eating workshop
10 th Nov	Fri	2pm	Celebration assembly
13 th Nov	Mon	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Anti-bullying week. Odd sock day Quality time & sensory play workshop
14 th Nov	Tues		Flu immunisations
17 th Nov	Fri		Children in Need -SPOTACULAR
21 st Nov			
7 th Dec	Thurs	3.30pm	Christmas jumper day
11 th Dec	Mon	2pm	Nursery performance
12 th Dec	Tues		Y4 Trip to Panto
13 th Dec	Wed	10am 1-2pm 1.30pm	Reception performance -Sports Hall Whole School Christmas Lunch Reception performance -Sports Hall

		3pm	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	9.15am 2.15pm	KS2 Christmas Concert KS2 Christmas Concert END OF TERM 2
TERM 3			
1st Jan	Mon		BANK HOLIDAY
2nd Jan	Tues		INSET DAY
3rd Jan	Weds		Start of Term 3