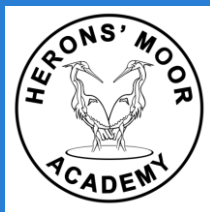


Heron's' Moor Academy Newsletter

October 2024



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This month's value is kindness



Dear Parent/Carer

We are rapidly approaching the end of term one – indeed the end of my first term at HMA! I have loved getting to know families and children alike and have really felt welcomed into the Herons' Moor community. It was wonderful to see so many of you at parents evening supporting us in your child's education.

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the parent view survey. If you are keen for your voice to be heard, you have until Friday 25th October to complete it.

Our school football teams deserve a mention due to their continued effort, enthusiasm and energy in representing Herons' Moor at local competitions recently – their humility and encouragement to others has been second-to-none.

We have two new extra-curricular clubs on offer this term which is very exciting:

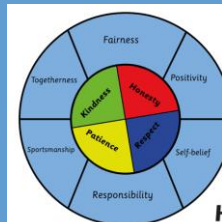
Christmas Craft Club Mrs Vian

Cube Club Tuesdays 12:30-1:00pm Mrs Tinker

A reminder that we have a non-uniform day Wednesday 23rd October – please pay £1 which will go towards supporting our young carers group in school.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a happy half term break – do encourage your child to complete the attached autumn challenge! See you again on **MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER**

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

Safeguarding our children is a priority for us within our school community. Ensuring the safety and well-being of our children is the responsibility of everybody involved in a young person's life. If you ever notice anything unusual or have any concerns about the welfare of a child, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. By working together and maintaining open communication, we can create a secure and nurturing environment for our students.

Heron's' Moor Academy - Safeguarding Children

The whole school community at Herons' 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.



Georgina Tinker
Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Dave Beasley
Vice Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Donna Harris
Assistant Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Karen Tucker
Learning Partner
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Further information on safeguarding can be obtained from the South West Safeguarding and Child Protection Group: www.swsgp.org.uk or the North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board: www.northsomerset-nscc.org.uk

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 22nd October School photos

Wednesday 23rd October Last day of school for children and NON-UNIFORM day Young Carers

Thursday 24th October Academy closed

Friday 25th October Academy closed

Monday 4th November Academy start of Term 2



Reminders

Last push to continue to shop at ASDA when you can and scan your reward barcode in the app because it will help raise money for our school. We would love to reach **£300** and purchase a range of new, high quality books for each class to enjoy reading together at the end of every day.

Issues with parking outside school

Pick-up and drop-off times are incredibly busy outside our school (especially with Wolverhill Road currently closed) This is causing an increased safety risk to both children and parents. Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined.

Zig zag markings indicate the part of the road where motorists should not wait, stop, or park a vehicle and they must be kept clear so that children and other road users can see clearly when crossing the road.

Remember to:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.
- Do not park on zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.
- If you decide to park further away, please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.

For more information visit

<https://www.police.uk/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety>



Attendance

We've recently had lots of parents/carers asking permission to take their children away during term-time and we wanted to clarify the school's stance on this matter.

We fully understand and appreciate the reasons for taking a family holiday during school time and wish we could too! With the cost of living crisis continuing, it is far cheaper to travel during term time and it saddens us how much more expensive it is during the school holidays.

If your child's attendance falls below 90% for the school year, your child will be classed as persistently absent from school; their attendance will be closely monitored and you are at risk of being fined.

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best SATS, GCSE and A Level results.

Our current attendance rate is higher than this time last year; thank you for ensuring your children are in school.



The PTA AGM took place this week and we are very grateful to the three adults who kindly volunteered to take on the key roles of chair, secretary and treasurer. Without them, we would have no PTA and no fundraising to help pay for things like book bags, play equipment and leavers' hoodies to name a few. They have arranged the following exciting events with more details to follow nearer the time. Please support!

Thursday 21st November : movie night

Tuesday 10th December: Christmas disco

Principal: Mrs. Georgina Tinker NPQH BA Hons | Vice Principal: Mr. David Beesley NPQH, BSc.Hons

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Friends of Herons' Moor

Does the thought of joining the PTA bring you out in a cold sweat?! Feel like you can't commit alllll the time but want to help out? Launching our brand new....

FRIENDS OF HERONS' MOOR HELPERS

Think of it as PTA Lite 😊

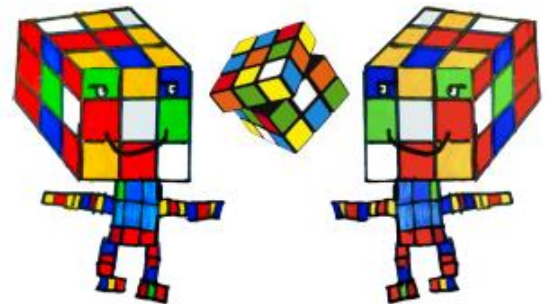
We'll add you to our list of keen beans and eager beavers and when it's time to summon the troops, we'll email you to ask for help. If you can, brilliant. If you can't, no worries!



CUBE TOGETHER

Join Herons' Moor Academy's new lunch time club where you can:

- Learn to solve speed cubes
- Learn advanced techniques
- Make new friends and have fun!



Starting in term 2
Tuesday 5th November 12:30 - 1:00pm
 ICT suite
 Open for pupils in Y2 - Y6
 All abilities welcome 😊

HAPPY ACTIVE AUTUMN



FIND YOUR 'HALF TERM BEANS'



NAME _____

HOW MANY LEAVES

DID YOU COLLECT?



Physical literacy is our relationship with movement and physical activity throughout life. These activities are a positive way of helping us stay active, benefiting our health and wellbeing. **MAKE SURE YOU ASK PERMISSION AND MAYBE ASK FOR SOME HELP FIRST FROM AN ADULT & STAY SAFE WHEN TRYING ANYTHING NEW.** Activities can be completed in any order. Certificates are available from your school. Can you achieve Autumn GOLD by completing at least 6 from the list? Try and include at least 3 active challenges.

Carve a pumpkin and display it somewhere for all to see.	Make a cake using autumn fruits e.g. apples, pears, blackberries etc.	Put on your wellies and wrap up to go for a family autumn walk. Make a hot drink for everyone when you get home.	Can you help nature this autumn by feeding the birds, encouraging hedgehogs, or creating a bug hotel?
How many skips can you do in 60 seconds? Can you improve your personal best?	Relax and focus with a nature moodbooster https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/moodboosters/articles/z9f87v4	How many Star Jumps can you do in 60 seconds? Try to improve your personal best.	How many catch and claps can you do in 60 seconds? Try to improve your personal best.
How many step-ups can you do in 60 seconds? Try to improve your personal best.	Can you go for a walk, scoot or run every day in the holiday?	Organise a board games night with your family.	Every day try a 10-minute shake-up game https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/activities/10-minute-shake-up/
Get creative with autumn finds and make some natural and wild art. Take a photo of your creations and show your teacher. Look up the artist Andrew Goldsworthy for ideas	Have a fun day out in the local park or woodland. See what is going on in your area https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/w-hats-on/october-half-term-events-and-activities	Perform a random act of kindness for a friend or one of your family.	Enjoy a family reading day and / or write your own poem to share with family and friends.