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Newsletter September 2021

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This Month's value is Respect

'Respect is how to treat everyone.'

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to Herons' Moor Academy and a special welcome to all our new families. We hope that you all had a good summer break. It is lovely to see the children returning to the Academy.

Mark Making



We are beginning the year with a whole school project called Getting Started, including mark making from 6th – 17th September. (Nursery/Reception will be mark making when they are all in). The theme for September's mark making is "Rockpools". We are sure the children will really enjoy this and be proud of their work. You will be able to see examples of their work on the school website and facebook page.



The mark making programme is a whole school approach to raising the standard of handwriting and presentation. It starts with the basics of how to hold a pencil correctly and moves through to correct letter and number

formation and then fluent joined handwriting. The intensive project teaches new skills and raises self-confidence. It is important it takes place at the beginning of the year as it sets the expected standards for the year.

Planners

Children in Y1 to Y6 have received a school planner which contains diary-like pages for you to record their reading.

Tempest Individual Photographs



Tempest photographers are visiting the school on **Tuesday 28th September 2021** to take individual photographs of your children for you to purchase. **Details of the deadline date for returning your order will be parentmailed to you.** If your order is not handed in by the set date you will need to post your order directly to the company. Children will be photographed individually and with their siblings, who attend Herons' Moor Academy, (excluding all Nursery children).

If you wish siblings who do not attend Herons' Moor Academy (including any children in the Nursery) to be photographed, we have arranged for the Nursery gate to be opened earlier so that you can be in the school hall for 8:20am.

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Reception Intake September 2021 (for children born between 1st September 2017 – 31st August 2018)

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 2022.



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.

Nursery Applications

If you would like to apply for a place in our Nursery for September 2022 (for children who have had their 3rd birthday before 1st September 2022) please complete an application form which is available from the school Front Office or on our website <https://heronsmooracademy.clf.uk/our-academy/admissions/>

Staff News

We would like to welcome Theresa Thyer and Vanessa Pow, Teaching Assistants, to Herons' Moor Academy.

Places at Herons' Moor Academy

Unusually, due to a lot of mobility during the summer, we have spaces in the following year groups: Nursery, Y1, Y4 and Y6. If you know anyone looking for a space and would like to come and visit, please let us know.

Antibiotics

We are very happy to administer antibiotics to your child, as long as you have filled out a medical form (available from the front office), and providing your child needs antibiotics 4 times a day. If your child only needs them 3 times a day the medical advice is that they can take them before school, after school and before bed. However, if your child has not taken a particular type of antibiotic before, please do not send them in to school for the first 48 hours in case they have an allergic reaction to them.

Free School Meals System

You are able to apply for Free School Meals online and get an instant result by going to www.n-somerset.gov.uk/fsm.

The system will generate a letter that you can print off and give to us to show eligibility. If you do not have a printer you can send it to us via the school email.

Please apply even if you currently get free meals in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. We will get extra funding (if you are eligible) to enhance your child's learning and you will get 50% off trips.



Break-time Snacks

Foundation Stage and KS1 are provided with a healthy snack at break time. KS2 children are welcome to bring in a snack to eat at break time on the playground. The school promotes healthy snack choices and pupils are encouraged to bring fruit or vegetables as their playground snack. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and sweets are not permitted. The snacks should be stored in their drawers or in their bag on their peg for ease of access at break.



Play Ground Safety

Please can parents/carers make sure that children do not play on the large play equipment on the playground before and after school for safety reasons. Please can children not ride their bikes/scooters on the playground as it gets very crowded and it's easy to run into someone. Helmets should be worn when riding.

Smoking



We would like to remind everyone that the whole of The Campus is a non-smoking site and that all forms of smoking are prohibited including 'vaping'.

Lost Property



Please could we ask you to make sure your child's name is on all clothing so we can return any lost items them. Any unnamed items will be put in the lost property box at the front of the school. Please could you also check your child's uniform and make sure it is theirs! Please check lost property for any missing items before the end of term as all items left will be recycled.

Thank you

Thank you so much for following our guidance so we have been able to keep the children and staff as safe as possible. Hopefully we are now all getting used to the new routines and expectations. The children are coping really well and are happy to be back.

Please get in touch when you have any comments or concerns so we can help and support you in these tricky times.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Julie Fox".

Julie Fox
Principal

Dates for your diary:

Date	Day	Time	Activity
2 nd Sept	Thurs		INSET DAY 1
3 rd Sept	Fri		INSET DAY 2
6 th Sept	Mon		Mark making project begins "Rockpools"
28 th Sept	Tues		Individual/Sibling school photos
7 th Oct	Thurs		School Census
20 th Oct	Wed		Last day of term for pupils
21 st Oct	Thurs		CLF Autumn Conference
22 nd Oct	Fri		INSET DAY 3