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Newsletter February 2020

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This Month's Value is Love

"You always gain by giving love"

Dear Parent/Carer

Parents' Evening Appointments



We look forward to seeing you all at our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th February 2020 (Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th for class 4H). If you have not yet made your appointments there are a few spaces left. To book your appointment simply log on to parentmail and select parents' evening on the left of your screen. If you have any difficulties, please come into the front office.

Foundation Stage Open Session

Following on from the success of our January session, we are running an open session between 4pm – 6pm on Tuesday 4th February. This is an opportunity for anyone considering sending their child/children to our Nursery and/or Reception. The classrooms will be set up for a typical day and the staff will be there for you to meet.



Nursery Applications

We have places in our excellent Nursery for September 2020. If you have a child who has their 3rd birthday before September 2020 or know somebody who is looking for a Nursery place, please collect and complete an application form which is available from the school front office.

All children are entitled to **15 hours FREE** childcare and education starting the term after their 3rd birthday.

In addition, some children may also be entitled to **30 hours FREE** childcare and education depending on their circumstances (see gov.uk).

Our Nursery offers **flexible sessions**- children could start as early as **8am** and finish at **3.30pm**. We provide water, milk and fruit daily and we also offer **hot meals** for children.

The Nursery is part of our successful Foundation Stage where children thrive by learning through play.



Textile Recycling

Due to the success of our recycling over the previous years, we shall be collecting all good quality unwanted clothes, paired shoes, handbags and belts again. The money raised will go towards our Year 3 annual Children's World puppet integration workshop with children from Baytree. So please ask friends and family to start saving their unwanted items to bring into school. **Please bring all your donations in to the front office of the school on Wednesday 26th February 2020 before 9am.**



This year to enable us to get more pence per kilo, please use your own black bags etc. as this will save us having to pay for bags provided by the recycling company.

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Book Fair

World Book Day will be held on Thursday 5th March 2020. The theme this year is picture book characters. Children are invited to dress as any character they wish from a picture book. The school book fair will be visiting from **Monday 6th March until Thursday 12th March 2020**. The children will be given a World Book Day voucher worth £1, which may be redeemed at the book fair against a book costing £2.99 or more, or used to buy a special World Book Day book, details are on the reverse of the voucher. The book fair will be open at various times during this special week, opening details to follow with the vouchers. It's the perfect opportunity for you and your child to purchase books to read at home and at the same time, raise funds for our school to purchase additional books.

Sports Relief – Friday 13th March 2020

On Friday 13th March we will be fundraising for Sports Relief. We will be sending out further information regarding the exciting activities we have planned for this event nearer the time.



Places at Herons' Moor

We have spaces in the following year groups, Reception and Y5. If you know anyone looking for a space and would like to come and visit, please let us know.

Staff

We are pleased to say that Mrs Fiona Bryant, one of our regular supply teachers, has agreed to take over from Amy Hindes 4H when she leaves. Mrs Bryant will begin on February 10th 2020.

Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher?

Our school is part of a growing number of schools leading the way in school-led teacher training. This is really important to us because it means we can choose the very best talent and develop them into first-rate teachers. Being able to choose who we train as teachers helps us in delivering the best outcomes for pupils in North Somerset.

Heron's Moor Academy is working in collaboration with five other North Somerset primary schools with Somerset SCITT as our accredited partner, and we are recruiting another group of trainee teachers to work in our School Direct consortium from September 2020. We would be very interested in hearing from anybody who is thinking of becoming a teacher. Eligible people need to have a degree, have a passion for teaching and education and the commitment and determination to undertake an intensive year of training, 90% of which is school-based.

If you are interested, the first step is to have a conversation with me as Headteacher. I will be able to tell you more about this exciting teacher training opportunity. Further information on what becoming a teacher might involve more generally is available at www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching.

Parking



We have had complaints from homeowners near the school (particularly in Bransby Way and Merton Drive) with regard to illegal parking which is obstructing driveways and zebra crossings. Also there have been incidences of driving too fast and on the wrong side of the road, particularly on bends. Please, for the safety of all the children, park and drive sensibly. We are lucky enough to have a large car park situated close to the school, please use it. If you use The Campus car park, please be very careful, drive slowly and be aware of children/adults using the crossings.

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

Have a good February break.

Yours sincerely

Julie Fox
Principal.

Dates for your diary

4 th Feb	Tues	9am 4pm – 6pm	Reception reading meeting for parents Foundation Stage open session
7 th Feb	Fri		Extra-curricular activities end
11 th Feb	Tues	3.30pm – 6.30pm	International Week - Japan Parents evening
13 th Feb	Thurs	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents evening
14 th Feb	Fri	6pm	END OF TERM 3
TERM 4			
24 th Feb	Mon		TERM 4 BEGINS
26 th Feb	Wed	By 9am	Textile Recycling collection – please bring in donations to the front office by 9am Y5 trip to Ashford Waterworks
27 th Feb	Thurs		Y5 Bikeability week
2 nd March	Mon		Extra-curricular activities start
5 th March	Thurs		World Book Day
6 th March	Fri		Book Fair in school
9 th March	Mon		Sport Relief this week
12 th March	Thurs	7pm	Last day of Book fair WASPS
17 th March	Tues		Y3 trip to We The Curious
18 th March	Wed	All day	Year 1 dance festival
26 th March	Thurs	9am	Year 6 assembly for parents
27 th March	Fri		Extra-curricular activities end
30 th March	Mon		Joint Easter activities week HMA and Baytree
1 st April	Wed	PM	Y1 wedding – Locking Castle Church
2 nd April	Thurs		Last day of term for students
3 rd April	Fri		INSET DAY END OF TERM 4

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TERM 5			
20 th April	Mon		TERM 5 BEGINS
23 rd April	Thurs		Y4 to St Briavels
24 th April	Fri		Y4 back from St Briavels
27 th April	Mon		Children's World all week Extra-curricular activities begin
1 st May	Fri	2pm	Children's World performance
5 th May	Tues	6pm	Y5 Oxford camp meeting for parents
7 th May	Thurs	6pm	Family Disco
8 th May	Fri		BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
11 th May	Mon		Y6 SATS week
15 th May	Fri		Extra-curricular activities end
18 th May	Mon		Children's World all week Y5 to Oxford all week
21 st May	Thurs		Census day Year 4 trip to Bristol Zoo
22 nd May	Fri	12.30pm 2pm	Y5 return from Oxford Children's World performance END OF TERM 5
TERM 6			
1 st June	Mon		TERM 6 BEGINS
2 nd June	Tues	6pm	New Reception parents evening
8 th June	Mon		Phonics weeks Extra-curricular activities begin Y5 to Tyntesfield
11 th June	Thurs	9am	Oxford assembly for parents
23 rd June	Tues	6pm	New Nursery parents evening
25 th June	Thurs	9am 9.45am 6pm	Year 1 assembly for parents KS2 sports day Y4/5/6 Musical Production
26 th June	Fri	1.30pm	Wrong Trousers Day Year 4/5/6 Musical Production
29 th June	Mon	9.45am	KS2 reserve sports day
3 rd July	Fri		INSET DAY
6 th July	Mon	1.30pm	Year 6 to Kilve all week FS sports day
7 th July	Tues	11am 1.30pm	Prospective parents tour KS1 sports day
8 th July	Wed	3.30pm	Rec to Y1 transition meeting
9 th July	Thurs	9.45am	Reserve KS1 sports day
10 th July	Fri	1.30pm	Extra-curricular activities end Year 6 back from Kilve Reserve FS sports day
13 th July	Mon	12pm	Whole school picnic

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		3.30pm	Y1 to Y2 transition meeting
14 th July	Tues	9am PM 3.30pm – 4.30pm 6pm	Y2 singing assembly for parents Year 6 treat Whole School Open evening Year 6 leavers disco
15 th July	Wed		Whole school beach trip
16 th July	Thurs	9am 1pm	Parents music assembly Y6 wet afternoon
17 th July	Fri	9am	Last day of term for students Leavers and 100% attendance assembly
20 th July	Mon		INSET DAY END OF TERM 6



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SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES

HERONS' MOOR ACADEMY 2020-2021 Academic Year

TERM 1

Begins Wednesday 2nd September 2020
Ends Wednesday 21st October 2020

TERM 2

Begins Monday 2nd November 2020
Ends Friday 18th December 2020

TERM 3

Begins Tuesday 5th January 2021
Ends Friday 12th February 2021

TERM 4

Begins Monday 22nd February 2021
Ends Thursday 1st April 2021

TERM 5

Begins Monday 19th April 2021
Ends Friday 28th May 2021

TERM 6

Begins Monday 7th June 2021
Ends Wednesday 21st July 2021

INSET days

Tuesday 1st September 2020
Thursday 22nd October 2020
Friday 23rd October 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Friday 2nd April 2021
Friday 2nd July 2021

Bank Holidays

Monday 3rd May 2021 – May Bank Holiday

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