



Cabot
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November Newsletter 2020

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This Month's Value is Togetherness

"Together is a wonderful place to be"

Dear Parent/Carer



Children In Need – Friday 13th November 2020

Children are invited to wear pyjamas to school on Friday 13th November 2020 in return for a donation to Children in Need. Please can children wear fresh pyjamas and we suggest they wear other clothes under their pyjamas as classrooms are chilly at the moment due to windows being left open, however, please note, **children will need to wear their school shoes or trainers if it is a PE day** and not their slippers. Collection buckets will be available in the school Front Office and classrooms.



Odd Socks Days - Monday 16th November 2020

This year, Anti-Bullying week will be starting on Monday 16th November. We will be taking part in Odd Socks Day. On Monday 16th November, children are encouraged to come into school wearing odd socks! There is no donation required for this as it is simply a way for us to show our support to Anti-Bullying week and encourage our children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique.



Foodbank Appeal 2020

A huge thank you to all our parents/carers for supporting this. We collected more items than last year, enough to fill two vans. This will make a real difference to families that need a little help. This appeal enabled our children to show the values of compassion, kindness and love. Well done all.

Friends' of Herons' Moor News

AGM will be held via teams on Tuesday 17th November 2020. If you wish to join the meeting please complete a form available from the front office or via email on request, this will get you on line access to the meeting. Please also complete a form if you would like to join the committee or participate in forthcoming events. Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 restrictions our fundraising capabilities will be greatly reduced. Decisions for this year's fundraising event to follow...

School Council

This year the student school council have voted NHS Charities Together to be our school charity. This charity is a federation of over 250 charitable organisations that support the National Health Service, its staff, volunteers and patients, in the United Kingdom.

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Spaces

We currently have spaces in Nursery and Reception classes. If you know someone who is looking for a space for their child, we would be pleased to talk to them about Herons' Moor Academy.

Staff

A warm welcome to Jasmine Sampson, our new admin officer. Welcome back to Fiona Bryant (covering Kate Amor's class) and Rob Jeeves (covering Vicky Green's class). The following members of staff will be working at home during the lockdown. Vicky Green, Karen Tucker, Jennifer Rowen and Sophie Davies (Andi Bennett will be covering 1M). Mrs Green, Mrs Tucker and Miss Davies are all available via email.

Christmas Cards

The children are welcome to bring Christmas cards to school but we will not use the post box as we will need to keep the cards for 72 hours before re-distributing. Please ensure the recipients name and class are clearly written on the envelope.



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December 2020

Pupils and Staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper in return for a donation to Save The Children. Pupils still need to wear their school trousers or skirt.

School Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 15th December 2020



We are having our annual Christmas lunch on Tuesday 15th December 2020. Reception and Years 1 and 2 all receive Universal Infant Free School Meals so no payment is required for them, **however, you still need to order a Christmas lunch if your child would like one.** You can do this by completing the parentmail form that will be sent out soon, the closing date will be Thursday 26th November 2020. We will be unable to take orders for this on the day as it has to be pre-ordered, therefore any child that has not pre-ordered and has not brought lunch with them will not be able to have Christmas lunch and we will have to call home for a packed lunch to be provided.



For children in Years 3-6 payment of £2.20 for the Christmas lunch will be charged via Parentpay on the day, please ensure you have enough funds in your account to cover this.

Reception Intake September 2021 (for children born between 1st September 2016 - 31st August 2017)

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 school. The closing date for the first round of allocations is at Midnight on 15th January 2021.

Please note a change in our Admissions Policy. If you currently have a child in Year 6, the sibling rule still applies, so you will have more chance of getting your child a place.

Please remember that if your child attends our Nursery, this sadly **DOES NOT** guarantee you 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 2021 (for children who have had their 3rd birthday before September 2021) please complete an application form which is available from the school Front Office. The form must be returned to school before the deadline of January 31st 2021 in order to be considered.

Keeping Children Safe.

Thank you so much to everyone who is following our latest guidance – wearing face masks to pick up/drop off, not arriving until the allocated time and not crowding around the gates. This is really helping to keep everyone safe.

Parking

Please can we ask again that when bringing your children to school, that you park in a legal and sensible place like Boots car park and walk through to the school. We have had a few complaints from homeowners near the school with regard to illegal parking and obstructing driveways on Bransby Way.

May we also remind you to walk on the foot path and not across the car park when dropping off and picking up your child(ren).



Lost Property

Please could we ask you to make sure your child's name is in their clothing so we can return any lost items to their classroom. Please could you also check your child's uniform and make sure it is theirs!



Thank you for your support and help in this tricky time.

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

Yours Sincerely

Julie Fox
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

TERM 2			
2 nd Nov	Mon		START OF TERM 2
10 th Nov	Tues	All day	Year 6 bikeability
11 th Nov	Wed	AM	Year 6 bikeability
13 th Nov	Fri		Children in Need – Pyjama day
16 th Nov	Mon		Odd Socks day
17 th Nov	Tues	All day	Year 6 bikeability
18 th Nov	Wed	AM	Year 6 bikeability
19 th Nov	Thur		Individual and sibling photos
24 th Nov	Tues	All day	Year 6 bikeability
25 th Nov	Wed	AM	Year 6 bikeability
26 th Nov	Thur		Flu vaccines Rec – Y6 Making Christmas decorations
27 th Nov	Fri		Making Christmas decorations
30 th Nov	Mon		Making Christmas decorations
11 th Dec	Fri		Charity Christmas jumper day
15 th Dec	Tues		Christmas lunch
17 th Dec	Thurs		End of Term for students
18 th Dec	Fri		INSET day END OF TERM 2
TERM 3			
4 th Jan	Mon		START OF TERM 3 INSET DAY
5 th Jan	Tues		First day back for students