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October Newsletter 2019

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This Month's Value is Responsibility

"Responsibility leads to great success!"

Dear Parent/Carer

Parents' Evening – A Reminder



We are holding parents' evenings on **Monday 21st October 2019 3:30pm – 6:30pm** and **Wednesday 23rd October 2019 3:30pm - 6:30pm**. This meeting is to discuss how well your child has settled into their new class and any immediate issues. To book your appointment simply log on to **parentmail** and select parents evening on the left of the screen. If you have a problem doing this, please come into the front office for some guidance.

Nursery and Reception are having a drop in session between 3.30pm and 6.30pm for Parents' Evenings, you do not need to book an appointment just turn up to have a chat with your child's teacher.

Photograph proofs

Your child has brought home a proof of their school photo. Please return your order forms to the front office by no later than Friday 18th October. If your order is not handed in by then you will need to post your order directly to the company.

Fundraising for Reading

This year we will be raising some much-needed funds to support our reading scheme. We want children to have access to a wide range of books to read in school and at home. To this end, we will be holding a non-uniform day on 18th October – the last Friday of term. The suggested donation is £2.00 – but whatever you'd like to contribute will be gratefully received.

In addition, if any parent would like to sponsor a book directly, they can do so by sending in a £5.00 donation on the day. This is entirely optional, of course. The name of the sponsor will be displayed inside the book that has been purchased with their donation.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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
- Sessions led by **Qualified Teachers**

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Academy Spaces

We are filling up rapidly, which is great news. We now only have spaces in Nursery, Y4 and Y6. If you know anyone who is looking for a place for their child, we would be pleased to show them around Herons' Moor.

LSUP vacancies

We have vacancies for lunchtime staff. If you would be interested or know someone who would be interested please get in touch.

Nut Allergy

This year we have at least one child in every year group with a nut allergy. Please could we ask that children do not have nuts as part of their packed lunch to protect these children. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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.

**The online application system will be available until
Midnight (23:59 hours Thursday 31st October 2019)**



Remembrance Day November 11th and Poppies

Poppies and other remembrance related items will be on sale in the front office at the beginning of Term 2.



Children In Need – Friday 15th November 2019

Children are invited to wear spotty clothes in return for a donation to Children In Need. Collection buckets will be available in the school Front Office and classrooms. As a joint project with Baytree School we are asking pupils to bring in any loose change to place on an outline drawing of Pudsey, the idea is to fill the drawing with coins which should be good fun! There will be some colour changing wristbands on sale from the front office (supplies limited).



Questionnaires

Parents/Carers

Thank you for all the positive responses. Set out below is an analysis of the results. Thank you for all the comments and suggestions. We will pass them on to the relevant people, especially the PTA.

	(please tick)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child enjoys school	60%	44%	3%	1%
2	My child is making good progress at this school	54%	43%	3%	0%
3	This school meets my child's particular needs	60%	34%	6%	0%
4	This school ensures my child is well looked after	53%	42%	5%	1%
5	There is a good standard of behaviour at this school and the school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	40%	46%	9%	5%

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6	The curriculum is engaging and encourages my child to become a responsible independent learner	61%	37%	2%	0%
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We are particularly pleased with the comments that have come from new families at Herons' Moor:

My child has moved to Herons' Moor from another school this year. I am really pleased with the progress she is making, both academically and socially. This was definitely a good move. Thank you.
 My son joined in Feb 2019 and he's doing far better than in previous school, plus the help he gets is excellent. As a parent I am very proud of his achievements at this school.
 He has settled well, the only reason for marking agree and not strongly agree on the learning outcomes is due to my child's needs (currently being reviewed by Senco).
 My child hasn't long started. However, so far I am impressed with the routine and structures in place. In the short time I've been involved with the school I've been impressed with how well organised all aspects are. I would say "military grade organisation" Particularly this year's sports day and the quality of the homework set in general.

Pupils Y1-Y6

You will be pleased to know the children are also very positive about their school.

	(please tick)	All of the time	Most of the time	Sometimes	Never
1	I am happy to come to school.	37%	38%	23%	1%
2	I enjoy learning at school.	39%	43%	17%	1%
3	The school helps me to do as well as I can.	70%	22%	8%	0%
4	Adults talk to me regularly about how to improve my learning and I know my next steps	40%	34%	22%	4%
5	Everyone at this school treats me fairly and with respect.	35%	33%	30%	1%
6	I have adults in the school I can speak to if I am upset or worried about something.	68%	21%	10%	0%
7	I think about and use our school values	53%	33%	13%	1%

Which subjects do you enjoy?

Everything x 4

Maths x 113 pupils - **Response**– This has been our recent focus so it's great it's working

History x 6 pupils

Science x 17 pupils

PE x 43 pupils

Art x 50 pupils

English x 57 pupils

ICT x 11 pupils

Music x 6 pupils

Topic x 6 pupils

Swimming x 6

RE x 1

Geography x 1

Phonics x 2

There have been some lovely responses

I love the school x 5

I think Herons' Moor is one of the best schools, I highly recommend this school

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I can let my creativity flow
I enjoy learning x 16
Maths is challenging x 17
I like hearing about the past x 5
I learn lots of exciting things

Foundation Stage

58 children were asked the questions:
56 Children said they felt happy at school.
58 children said grown ups at school help them.

School Council

The school's charity this year is North Somerset Young Carers. It is estimated that approximately 2,000 young people in North Somerset have caring responsibilities at home. Young carers are young people who help look after someone who is sick, disabled, have mental health problems or have an addiction problem. Young Carers provides support in a number of ways and relieves some of the stresses associated with a young carer's role. They provide young carers with support and counselling and offer a number of activities including welcome groups, holiday workshops and day and weekend trips.

ALDI kit for schools – stickers

We are collecting the ALDI sports stickers, hoping we might be one of the lucky schools to get a major financial cash injection into sports and encouraging our children to live a healthy life style. If you shop at ALDI, please collect the stickers and give them to us so that we can complete the entry poster. There is a collection box in the main reception area.

Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store.

How it works.

Every time you spend over £30 in any Aldi store you'll receive a Team GB sticker. Bring your stickers to school to help complete our poster.

Contact Information



Could we please take this opportunity to remind you that if the contact information for your child changes, i.e. telephone number and/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.

Reception Intake September 2020 (for children born between 1st September 2015 – 31st August 2016)

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 2020.



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.

Friends of Herons' Moor – Thank you

We would like to thank our PTA for their generosity in helping cover or subsidise the cost of transport for trips and other fantastic opportunities for the children to be involved in.

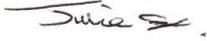
This past year the PTA has greatly helped us out by donating approximately £4,500. The final figures to be announced at the AGM on 15th October 2019. Here are a few examples of what we were able to purchase using the donations: gardening items, books, travel for some school trips, pupil planners, book bags for Reception children, half of the cost of the Year 6 leaver's hoodies, Y6 autograph personalised books and travel to local schools for pupils to take part in some fantastic projects

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Several of our PTA members are now stepping down from their roles as they no longer have children at Herons' Moor Academy. We thank them for all their commitment and hard work and would welcome any parents interested in joining the PTA to get in touch with Mrs Tucker either in person or via email karen.tucker@clf.uk where she will be happy to answer any questions. PTA meetings are usually held once a month on a Tuesday at 9am in the Food Tech room and at 7pm in The Campus.

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

Yours Sincerely



Julie Fox
Principal

Dates for your diary

Date	Day	Time	Activity
15 th Oct	Tues	7pm	Friends of Herons' Moor AGM Y3 trip to Bristol Museum
18 th Oct	Fri		Non school uniform day – for book donation Extra-curricular activities end
21 st Oct	Mon	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents evening
22 nd Oct	Tues	3.30pm	Oxford camp drop in question session – 5M
23 rd Oct	Wed	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Non school uniform day for Winning house only Parents evening End of term for students
24 th Oct	Thur		INSET DAY
25 th Oct	Fri		INSET DAY END OF TERM 1

TERM 2			
4 th Nov	Mon		TERM 2 BEGINS
6 th Nov	Wed		School nurses in for flu sprays
7 th Nov	Thur		School nurses in for flu sprays
11 th Nov	Mon		Extra-curricular activities start Anti-bullying week Odd socks day
13 th Nov	Wed	All day	School nurses to see Reception classes (height, weight, hearing, vision)
14 th Nov	Thur	All day	School nurses to see Reception classes (height, weight, hearing, vision)
15 th Nov	Fri		Children in Need
22 nd Nov	Fri	All day 2pm	School nurses to see Y6 (height, weight, hearing, vision) Non-school uniform day for the Christmas Fair
23 rd Nov	Sat		Christmas Market
26 th Nov	Tues	11am	Prospective parents tour
28 th Nov	Thur	9am	Y3 & 4 parents performance of Raise the Roof
5 th Dec	Thur	9am	Year 5 Christmas singing for parents
10 th Dec	Tues	11am 1.30	Year 4 Panto trip Foundation stage play
11 th Dec	Wed	9.30am	Foundation stage play
13 th Dec	Fri		Charity Christmas jumper day Extra-curricular activities end
16 th Dec	Mon	AM	Y1 Christmas party
17 th Dec	Tues	1.30pm 1.45pm	Nursery Christmas party (sports hall) KS1 performance

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18 th Dec	Wed	1.45pm PM 6pm	KS2 carol concert Reception Christmas party (dining hall) KS1 evening performance
19 th Dec	Thur	6pm	Christmas lunch Christmas Disco
20 th Dec	Fri	1.45pm	KS2 carol concert END OF TERM 2
TERM 3			
6 th Jan	Mon		TERM 3 BEGINS INSET DAY
7 th Jan	Tues		First day back for students
9 th Jan	Thur		Y2 trip SS Great Britain
13 th Jan	Mon	11am – 1.15pm	Extra-curricular activities start Prospective Parents Tour
14 th Jan	Tues		Closing date for Reception spaces
29 th Jan	Wed	9am	Fitness for every year group
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	PTA Friendship Disco END OF TERM 3
TERM 4			
24 th Feb	Mon		TERM 4 BEGINS
2 nd March	Mon		Extra-curricular activities start
5 th March	Thurs		World Book Day
9 th March	Mon		Sport Relief this week
11 th March	Wed	9am	Fitness for every year group
12 th March	Thurs	7pm	WASPS
25 th March	Wed	All day	KS1 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 this week
2 nd April	Thurs		Last day of term for students
3 rd April	Fri		INSET DAY END OF TERM 4
TERM 5			
20 th April	Mon		TERM 5 BEGINS
27 th April	Mon		Children's World all week Extra-curricular activities begin
1 st May	Fri	2pm	KS1 test week Childrens World performance
5 th May	Tues	6pm	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
20 th May	Wed	9am	Fitness for every year group
21 st May	Thurs		Year 4 trip to Bristol Zoo
22 nd May	Fri	12.30pm 2pm	Y5 return from Oxford Childrens' 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

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			Extra-curricular activities begin
11 th June	Thurs	9am	Oxford assembly for parents
23 rd June	Tues	6pm	New Nursery parents evening
25 th June	Thurs	9am 6pm	Year 1 assembly for parents Y4/5/6 Evening performance
26 th June	Fri	1.30pm	Wrong Trousers Day Year 4/5/6 afternoon performance
29 th June	Mon	9.45am	KS2 sports day
30 th June	Tues		Moving up morning Y6 transition day – Worle, Priory, Churchill
1 st July	Wed		Y6 transition day – Worle, Priory, Churchill
2 nd July	Thurs	9.45am	Reserve KS2 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 3.30pm	Picnic Y1 to Y2 transition meeting
14 th July	Tues	9am PM 3.30pm – 4.30pm 6pm	Y2 singing assembly for parents Year 6 treat 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