



Cabot Learning Federation

Newsletter September 2019

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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. The children have settled very quickly this year and already appear to be comfortable in their new surroundings, with their new teachers. Their behaviour has been fantastic. Once again we have a busy and exciting year planned for all our children.

2018/19 Results

The children at Herons' Moor did really well last year with reference to their end of year/Keystage assessments. We are proud of the effort that they put in and the progress that they made. Thank you to all staff who worked so hard to ensure the children were successful. See below:

Foundation Stage Good Level of Development. School 83%. National 72%

KS1 Y1 Phonics School 90%. National 82%.

KS1	EXP+	GD
Reading	School 87% National 75%	School 32% National 25%
Writing	School 73% National 69%	School 12% National 15%
Maths	School 85% National 76%	School 17% National 22%

KS1 combined (Reading, Writing and Maths as expected) School 65% National 65%

KS2

KS2	EXP+	GD
Reading	School 75% National 73%	School 13% National 27%
Writing	School 80% National 78%	School 17% National 20%
Maths	School 85% National 79%	School 22% National 27%

KS2 combined (Reading, Writing and Maths as expected) School 70% National 65%

Staff News

At the end of Term 6 we said farewell and thank you to Mrs Elizabeth Lawrence, TA, Mrs Elizabeth Waldron, TA and Mr Richard Evans, Learning Mentor.

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Places at Herons' Moor

Unusually, due to a lot of mobility during the summer, we have spaces in the following year groups, Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6. If you know anyone looking for a space and would like to come and visit, please let us know.

Mark Making

We are beginning the year with a whole school mark making project from the 3rd – 13th September. (Nursery/Reception will do theirs later when they are all in). Theme for our mark making project is 'Space'. The children are really enjoying this. You will be able to see the results on 27th September 2019 as we will open up the school at 8:30 am and 3:30pm for you to come and have a look.



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. There will be a poetry performance for KS2 parents on Friday 27th September at 2.30pm, we look forward to seeing you.

Reading

In accordance with the school's increased focus on reading this year, we will now be asking children to read a minimum of five times a week rather than three, as previously. This brings us in line with many other schools and will help your children on their journey to become practiced and confident readers.



To support this, children in Years 1-6 will receive a school planner which will contain diary-like pages for you to record their reading. These will also contain lots of other useful information to help children with school life.

Thank you for your support.

We purchased a lot of new reading books last year but some have not returned to school. Please could you check and return any books to school as soon as possible.

Tempest Individual Photographs



Tempest photographers are visiting the school on **Tuesday 24th September 2019** to take individual photographs of your children for you to purchase. **Details of the deadline date for returning your order will be printed on the envelope.** Orders received after this time will not be included in the order sent from school.

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.

Staff Contact

The staff are really pleased to be able to talk with parents in the playground before school provided the discussion is a short one. If you wish to have a longer conversation please try to do so after school or make an appointment with the class teacher. As you will appreciate, it is difficult to have a discussion while moving a class into the school building.

If you wish to email Staff then please use the school email address to make initial contact. Staff will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

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.

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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

We still have a few spaces available for this current year for children who turned 3 years old before 1st September 2019. If you are interested please ask at the front office. If you would like to apply for a place in our Nursery for September 2020 (for children who have had their 3rd birthday before 1st September 2020) please complete an application form which is available from the school Front Office.

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.

Parentmail

We still have a number of parents that have not verified their identity on the new Parentmail system. Please complete the process so that we can send you information via e-mail or text. The system can also be used by you to send an e-mail if your child is going to be absent from school. Please be aware that when you first register it needs to be on a PC using Google Chrome, once you have completed the initial registration then you will be able to get the app on your phone. It is not possible to register via a mobile phone.

Free School Meals System

You are able to apply for Free School Meals online at home or in The Campus 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.

Play Equipment Safety

Please can parents/carers make sure that children do not play on the large play equipment in the playground before and after school for safety reasons.

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.

REMINDERS



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'.



Please ensure that all mobile phones are switched off when entering the school. Please try not to use them in the playground.

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 at the end of term as all items left will be recycled.

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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 1

16 th Sept	Mon	8.45am – 1.15pm	Reception group B – stay for lunch
17 th Sept	Tues	8.45am – 1.15pm 9.00am – 7.00pm	Reception groups A & B – stay for lunch PTA meetings
18 th Sept	Wed	8.45am – 1.15pm	Reception groups A & B – stay for lunch
19 th Sept	Thur	8.45am – 1.15pm	Reception groups A & B – stay for lunch
20 th Sept	Fri		Reception children start all day Y6 Life Skills
23 rd Sept	Mon	1.30pm	Prospective parents tour
24 th Sept	Tues		Individual & sibling photos
26 th Sept	Thur	12.30pm	School council meeting
27 th Sept	Fri	8.30am 2.30pm 3.30pm	School open for Mark Making Exhibition Poetry performance for parents School open for Mark Making Exhibition
3 rd Oct	Thur		Census day
4 th Oct	Fri	6pm	PTA Welcome back disco
8 th Oct	Tues		Y4 trip to Lowerstock Farm
18 th Oct	Fri	2pm	Extra-curricular activities end Gold Book assembly (Writer of the Term)
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	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
11 th Nov	Mon		Extra-curricular activities start Anti-bullying week Odd socks day
22 nd Nov	Fri		Non-school uniform day for the Christmas Fair
23 rd Nov	Sat		Christmas Market
26 th Nov	Tues	11am	Prospective parents tour
13 th Dec	Fri	6pm	Christmas jumper day Extra-curricular activities end Christmas Disco
16 th Dec	Mon	AM	Y1 Christmas party
17 th Dec	Tues	AM	Nursery Christmas party (sports hall)
18 th Dec	Wed	12pm PM	Christmas lunch Reception Christmas party (dining hall)
20 th Dec	Fri	9am	Gold Book assembly END OF TERM 2