



October Newsletter 2018

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This Month's Value is Patience

"Patience is not the ability to wait but how you act while you're waiting"

Dear Parent/Carer

Parent's Evening – A Reminder



We are holding parent's evenings on **Tuesday 16th October 2018 3:30pm – 6:30pm** and **Thursday 18th October 2018 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 your screen. If you have a problem doing this, please come into the front office.

Nursery and Reception are having a drop in session between 3.30pm and 6.30pm for Parent's 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 orders to the front office by no later than Wednesday 17th October. If your order is not handed in by then you will need to post your order direct.

School Games Mark

We are delighted to have received the Bronze School Games Mark, this recognises the variety of PE and sport that the children have the opportunity to take part in. Thank you to everyone who made this possible. We are now working toward Silver.



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.

Foodbank Appeal 2018

A huge thank you to all our parents/carers for supporting this. We collected 889 items which when counted with Baytree's collection meant that a total in excess of 1000 items was donated. 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.

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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) Wednesday 31st October 2018



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 16th November 2018

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 along with examples of parents' comments:

	(please tick)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child enjoys school	26	18	1	1
2	My child is making good progress at this school	30	14	1	1
3	This school meets my child's particular needs	24	21		1
4	This school ensures my child is well looked after	25	18	2	1
5	There is a good standard of behaviour at this school and the school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	21	22	2	1
6	The curriculum is engaging and encourages my child to become a responsible independent learner	23	19	1	1
7	At HMA we feel trips really enhance the children's learning and help make the curriculum more exciting. Sadly we have had to cancel several trips due to insufficient parental contributions. What else could we do to ensure trips go ahead? Response We are glad that you also feel strongly that trips are important to broaden the curriculum and give children different experiences. By law we are not allowed to make payment compulsory and we have to use the word voluntary, like lots of you said, it would be interesting to find out why some people do not pay. Please feel free to come and talk to us about this to see if we can help.				

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8	We try really hard to communicate with you in lots of ways (parentmail, emails, letters, phone calls, feedback) which way works best for you? Are there any other ways which would be useful? Response We are pleased that this is working well and that parentmail is useful.
10	Any other ideas to make Herons' Moor better? Response Thank you for these, as a staff we are going to talk about them and see what is possible.

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.	127	112	34	3
2	I enjoy learning at school.	133	102	28	3
3	The school helps me to do as well as I can.	205	50	16	4
4	Adults talk to me regularly about how to improve my learning and I know my next steps	130	83	57	5
5	Everyone at this school treats me fairly and with respect.	101	106	58	4
6	I have adults in the school I can speak to if I am upset or worried about something.	193	449	23	8
7	I think about and use our school values	140	92	32	3

Which subjects do you enjoy?

Maths x 133 pupils - **Response**– This has been our recent focus so it's great it's working

History x 6 pupils

Science x 25 pupils

PE x 42 pupils

Art x 38

English x 39

IT x 15

DT x 8

What would make Herons' Moor even better?

Response

There are some interesting suggestions which we, as a staff, will discuss like "school on Saturday and sleepovers"

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**Inspirational
Futures
Trust**

These are some lovely comments

"Thank you to all my teachers and staff for all the times they helped me with my learning"

"I enjoy being at Herons' Moor Academy" x 5 pupils

"Teacher's make teaching fun"

"Herons' Moor is perfect/brilliant/great" x 25 pupils

Foundation Stage

53 children were asked the questions:

52 Children said they felt happy at school.

53 children said grown ups at school help them.

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 2019 (for children born between 1st September 2014 – 31st August 2015)

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 2019.



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 £4,000. 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, paid half towards the Year 6 leaver's hoodies, Y6 autograph personalised books and travel to local schools for pupils to take part in some fantastic projects

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 Mr Evans either in person or via email richard.evans@heronsmoor.co.uk where he will be happy to answer any questions.

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

Yours Sincerely

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