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## Newsletter September 2018

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# This Month's value is Creativity

*Creativity is intelligence having fun*

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.

### **2017/18 Results**

The children at Herons' Moor did 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. See below:

#### EYFS GLD (Good level of development)

Children achieving a good level of development are those achieving at least the expected level within the following areas of learning: communication and language: physical development: personal, social and emotional development: literacy and mathematics.

Year	HMA
17/18	83%

<b>Y1 Phonics Screening Check</b>	
Year	HMA
17/18	98%

<b>KS1 SAT</b>	HMA 2017/18
Reading	69%
Writing	69%
Maths	75%

<b>KS2 SAT</b>	HMA 2017/18
Reading	87%
Writing	78%
Maths	73%
SPAG	82%
Comb (R,W,M)	65%

### **Places at Herons' Moor**

Unusually, due to a lot of mobility during the summer, we have spaces in the following year groups, Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y5. If you know anyone looking for a space and would like to come and visit, please let us know.

### **Multi Academy Trust**

As you are aware we have been looking at local Trusts to transfer to from IFT. We are delighted to inform you that we are transferring to Cabot Learning Federation. This is a well established MAT with Academies in Bristol, South Glos and North Somerset. We hope to transfer on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We will keep you updated as we move nearer to this date.

### **Mark Making**



We began the year with a whole school mark making project which ran from the 5<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> September. (Nursery/Reception will do theirs later when they are all in). The theme for September's mark making is 'Dinosaurs'. We are sure the children have really enjoyed this and are proud of their work. You will be able to see the results on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 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.

### **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.



### **School Charities**

This year, Herons' Moor will be supporting three charities. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September, some staff members took part in the Weston Hospicecare Midnight Beach Walk to as our previous Chair of Governors Alison Adams is at present being cared for by the hospice. Alison was Chair of Governors when Herons' Moor was first being set up as a school and has remained a firm supporter and friend ever since.

During Term 1, we will be working with the NSPCC. They will be coming into school to deliver assemblies to the children and workshops to Years five and six. The NSPCC have delivered these workshops for the past couple of years and we have found them to be very beneficial to our children. In order to support their work, we will be holding a Dance-A-Thon at the end of this term! More details will follow at a later date.

From Term 2, our School Charity will be The Ian Ritchie Foundation. This charity was set up to support, promote and protect the well-being of those suffering with Cystic Fibrosis, and their families, across the South West of England. Ian was the uncle of one of our current pupils and she plays a

major role in fundraising for the cause. We will be supporting this charity for the remainder of the year and will let you know fundraising details regarding events soon.

### **Tempest Individual Photographs**



Tempest photographers are visiting the school on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018** to take individual photographs of your children for you to purchase. Your child will bring home a copy of their sample photograph on this day. **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.

### **Staff news**

Congratulations to Meg Downs and her partner who had a baby boy at the end of August.  
Congratulations to Annie King and her husband who are expecting their first baby at the end of January.

Welcome to our new staff:

Miss Nuala Harding, Reception teacher.

Mr Ben Treloar, Y2 teacher.

Mrs Sian Boley, Nursery Teaching Assistant.

Mrs Elizabeth Lawrence, Teaching Assistant.

### **Reception Intake September 2019 (for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015)**

From 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Nursery Applications**

We still have a few spaces available for this current year for children who turned 3 years old before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. If you are interested please ask at the front office. If you would like to apply for a place in our Nursery for September 2019 (for children who have had their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday before 1st September 2019) 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 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 in order to be considered.

### **Internet Safety**

We have an Internet Safety Police Officers from Avon & Somerset Police visiting the school on 10<sup>th</sup> October to talk about staying safe online. The officers will be running a session from 3pm – 4.15pm in the hall to talk to parents about children's safety online and also answer any questions. Refreshments will be on offer from the Friend's of Herons' Moor. Children will be looked after for the duration of the parent's session by school staff.

### **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 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](http://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**

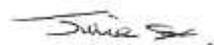


Please could we ask you to make sure your child's name is on all clothing so we can return any lost items to their classroom. Any unnamed items will be put in lost property.

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.

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 – In Draft

14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Fri	8.45am – 1.15pm	Reception Group A + B – Children have lunch
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Fri	All day	Y6 Egyptology day
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Tues		Individual school photos day
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Fri	8.30am 11am 2.30pm 3.30pm	School open for Mark Making Exhibition Prospective Parents Tour Poetry performance for parents School open for Mark Making Exhibition
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Wed	9am	Reception Reading Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thur		Census day
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fri	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Friends Welcome Back Disco
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tues		Y4 trip to Lowerstock Farm
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Wed	3pm – 4.15pm	Internet Safety Parents' Session
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tues	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents Evening
17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Wed		Y3 trip to Stonehenge
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thur	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents Evening
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fri		Y5 to Bristol Zoo
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Wed		Y6 Lifeskills Bristol
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thur		INSET DAY
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Fri		INSET DAY END OF TERM 1

<b>TERM 2</b>			
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mon		TERM 2 BEGINS
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wed		Y4,Y5,Y6 trip to London
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thur		Y4,Y5,Y6 back from London
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thur	9am	Y3/Y4 Raise the Roof performance for parents
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mon		Flu immunisations R – Y5
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wed	11am	Prospective parents tour
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thur	9am	Y5 joint Class Assembly
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fri		Non-uniform day in return for donations to the

			School Christmas Market
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Sat		Christmas Market
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed	7.10pm – 9.15pm	Y5 to Clifton Cathedral Gala Celebration rehearsal Y5 to Clifton Cathedral Gala Celebration
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri	3.15pm – 5.30pm	Movie Night
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri	6.30pm	Christmas Disco
<b>TERM 3</b>			
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mon		TERM 3 BEGINS