

8.9.23 Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the break to second week of gorgeous sunshine at Heron Hill. The children have settled into their new classes very well. Nursery and Reception classes have been simply brilliant as they continue to explore their new environment both indoors and out. Because one of my grandchildren started school last week and another started Nursery, I am particularly aware of the big step of sending them to school full-time for the first time and am so impressed that you parents are so composed! It is an emotional time for you too. We fully recognize that it is a privilege to have your precious children with us in school and we thank you for trusting us with their care.

A huge thank you to all the families who have been able to attend our Parents Information Meetings this week. It was good to see so many of you in school. I do hope that you found these meetings useful and informative, as well as helping you gain a feel for your child's new classroom environment. The staff will share all of the information on the relevant class page of the website so that any families who were unable to attend can access the key information that was discussed. Paper copies with lots of important information about class routines and the curriculum have been shared at the meetings and will go out in book bags to anyone who was unable to attend.

I know that all of the staff will have mentioned reading during their presentations. Reading is a vital life skill which is essential for accessing the wider curriculum but also in the development of vocabulary and imagination. We encourage everyone to nurture a love of reading with their child.

Across the school, classes have been busy starting new topics and if you would like to know more about what your child will learn this year, all of this information can be found in the Curriculum section of our website as well as on class Home Learning pages.

Can I also give you a quick reminder about uniform. The standard uniform is:

- School sweatshirt or cardigan
- White or pale blue polo shirt
- Grey or black school trousers or skirt/pinafore dress, which should be close to the knee or at arm length.
- Black sensible shoes: Please provide shoes without brightly coloured labels or 'flash' features as these can be a distraction to children.
- **Fashion boots** should not be worn in school.
- PE: Grey or black sweatshirt, grey or black leggings, shorts or cycling shorts (mid-length), plain white t-shirt, black or dark-coloured trainers. No designer logos on any PE kit.
- Plain blue or white hairbands or hair ties. (No bright colours or designs).
- No jewellery to be worn except simple, small stud earrings (no hoops). This is a W & F County Council policy.

Summer Uniform:

- White or pale blue polo shirt
- Grey or black shorts or cycling shorts (mid-length)
- Blue and white gingham dress
- Black school shoes or sensible sandals. (Not fashion sandals or flip-flops)

Please note that we have pre-loved uniform available for all ages. Either complete the online request form or ask for items at the office. This helps with sustainability, recycling and keeping uniform costs down for our families.

Yours sincerely,

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