



Heron Hill Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L Middleton
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs M Wilkinson

4th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

WELCOME BACK!

What a wonderful day we've had! It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our pupils back for the start of this new academic year. We hope that you all had a fantastic summer break and are ready for the year ahead. This letter has been compiled to provide you with some key information including: term dates, school timings, PE days and school uniform requirements. We hope you find these reminders useful.

A message from the new headteacher:

In her final newsletter before retiring, Mrs Merritt shared with you that I had told her I felt like I had won the lottery becoming the headteacher of Heron Hill Primary. This is true! I am so privileged to be leading our school in this new chapter and so excited for the journey that lies ahead. The staff, parents, pupils and governors of Heron Hill have welcomed me with open arms, offering advice on my house move, settling into the local area and more. I cannot thank you all enough.

School leadership is a passion of mine and one which I take seriously. Your children get one primary school experience; it must be the best it can be, be fun, be memorable and set them up for success in later life too. The staff at Heron Hill believe this too which makes us the perfect match moving forwards. Our school values of **RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS** will be front and centre of all that we do and I look forward to exploring these in more detail with our pupils during my weekly assemblies this term.

Parent partnership is extremely important to me. As a mother of an almost 8-year-old, I know how important our roles are in the education of our children. I want the best for her, want her to enjoy school, achieve her best and make great friends along the way. My belief in Heron Hill's offer means that she too has started at our school today.

You will find me on the school gates as much as possible at the beginning and end of the school day; I welcome conversations with you about anything you feel is important. Headteachers are busy people but I will always find the time to listen, alleviate any concerns and help in any way I can. I've read all of your parent feedback comments from the summer term. Many of these referred to communication from school; I will be working hard to ensure that we communicate with you all in a clear, efficient and timely manner.

Thank you for the warm welcome received so far.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Middleton



Term dates:

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

Autumn term:

Term begins: Wednesday 4th September 2024

Half term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024

Term ends: Friday 20th December 2024

Spring term:

Term begins: Monday 6th January 2025 (INSET day – school closed to pupils. Pupils return Tuesday 7th January)

Half term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025

Term ends: Friday 4th April 2025

Summer term:

Term begins: Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Half term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

Term ends: Friday 18th July 2025

INSET days: Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Our school team:

The whole Heron Hill Primary team are committed to making our school the very best that it can be. Your first port of call is your child's class teacher but other staff are on hand to assist too. The table below shows other members of our team who you may encounter. School leaders will continue to be out on gate/playground duty daily if you have any queries or concerns.

Staff Name:	Role:
Mrs Middleton	Headteacher
Mrs Wilkinson	Deputy Head Teacher
Mrs Jones	SENCO
Mr Corrie	Assistant Head Teacher
Mrs Hudson	KS1 Lead
Miss Storey	EYFS Lead
Mrs Little	Pastoral Learning Mentor
Mrs Roberts and Mrs Harte	School Business Manager

Arrival and Departure Procedures:

Year group:	Morning drop-off:	Afternoon collection:
Nursery	AM Session - 8:45-11:45	PM Session: 12:30-3:30
Reception	8:50am	3:15pm
Y1 and Y2	8:50am	3:15pm
Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6	8:50am	3:15pm

School Uniform:

There are no changes to our school uniform. The compulsory uniform for Heron Hill Primary is:

- Heron Hill Primary sweatshirt/cardigan (preferably with the HH logo)
- White or pale blue polo shirt
- Grey or black school trousers/skirt/pinafore (skirts and pinafore dresses should be close to the knee in length)
- Grey or black tights/socks
- Black school shoes (no trainers or fashion boots to be worn)

PE:

Pupils should continue to come to school in their PE kits on their designated PE days. Pupils remain in their PE kits all day and do not need to bring uniform to change into. For PE, the compulsory uniform is:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Dark blue or black shorts (standard school PE shorts, no skorts or very short, tight shorts)
- Black PE pumps/trainers
- Plain black or dark blue tracksuits can also be worn due to children wearing their PE kits all day.
- No designer logos please.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3 Year 6	Year 2 Year 6	Year 1 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5	Year 1 Year 2	Reception Year 4 Year 5

Our hopes for the year ahead...

The summer saw significant internal electrical works being completed in a large part of school. We are extremely grateful to the contractors who worked diligently throughout the summer to ensure the work was completed in time and to the highest standard. We would also like to say a **HUGE** thank you to the staff of Heron Hill for their hard work and efforts in getting everything back into its rightful place these past two days, ready for our pupils to return.

Today marks the beginning of a new chapter for school and we cannot wait to get started!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Middleton
Headteacher

Mrs Wilkinson
Deputy Head