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HERON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO. 1

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of our first full week, all children from Nursery to Year 6 are now back at school. Quite a feat, as you have witnessed at drop off and pick up times.

The latest announcement banning gatherings of more than 6 people does not apply to schools so please be reassured that it should not impact on us. We all do, however, still have the duty and expectation to properly social distance all adults both inside and outside school. This is not easy with so many people, which is why we are continuing to look for ways to improve our procedures. Here are a few ways in which you can help:

- Only one adult per family coming to drop off/collect.
- Arrive on time - if you are early you block other groups getting in, if you are late you risk causing bubbles to cross and mix. If you are a little early, please wait away from the gates until your allotted time, not inside the gate.
- Once you have dropped off/collected, please leave the school site and the areas outside straight away.
- Maintain 2 metres distance from staff; there are lines at each door to remind you.
- The Year 1 entrance has now been split into two, one for Y1B (on the right) and one for Y1J (on the left).
- If you need to speak to a member of staff, maintain 2 metres distance. If you need a private conversation, or more than a quick word, telephone the office to make a telephone appointment - all staff will be happy to call you back.

Our aim is to get the children in safely and efficiently. We are told that children are less likely to contract and pass on the virus, meaning the greatest risk is adult to adult. By taking care and keeping our distance, I hope we will keep the staff virus free because the biggest threat to keeping open is if we have staff self-isolating due to close contact with a person who has tested positive. Thank you for your co-operation.

On a happier note, the children are having a great time back in school and we are in full swing with our normal autumn term learning. Where we are not able to do our usual activities, such as visits, we are looking for alternative ways to give the children the best possible experiences in and around school.

Peter Hicks

Opportunity to help out and get paid!

Do you like spending time with children and could you spare just over an hour a day? If the answer is "yes", we are keen for you to join our team as a relief midday supervisor (working on a casual basis when staff absence requires). No experience or qualifications are necessary as you will be given training and induction in school; all we ask is that you have a hard-working, caring nature and an eagerness and commitment to work as part of a friendly team. Each working session is 1 hour and 15 minutes long and you will be paid £9.62 per hour. If this interests you, please contact the school office and we can arrange a time when we can talk about it in more detail. We look forward to hearing from you.

A vacancy for a permanent midday supervisor post will be advertised next week, further details will be sent via ParentMail.

Classes and Teachers 2020-2021

Headteacher Mr Peter Hicks (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Deputy Head Mr Ian Murphy (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Assistant Head Mrs Michelle Wilkinson (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

	Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Nursery	Mrs Metcalfe	Mrs Ormrod, Mrs Robinson, Miss Dalzell, Mrs Bennett
Reception	Mrs Foster and Mrs Barber	Mrs Robinson, Mr Westwell, Mrs Drayton
Year 1	Miss Baxter and Mrs N Jones	Mrs Turner, Mrs Bennett
Year 2	Miss Dollard and Mrs Hudson	Mrs Broomby, Mrs Scott, Mrs S Jones, Miss Turner
Year 3	Mrs Corbett and Miss Dawson	Mrs Wilson, Mrs S Jones, Mrs Broomby
Year 4	Miss Hildrew and Mrs Lawson	Mrs Quilliam
Year 5	Miss Watson and Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Gorst, Miss Powell, Mrs Drayton
Year 6	Mrs Dodd-Hemingway and Mrs Hunter	Mrs Smith, Mrs Dyer

Miss Madigan is SENCO, and along with Mrs Harper, Mrs Osborne, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Cuffe-Soan, Mrs Towe and Mr Murphy, teaches in school to provide non-contact and PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time. Mrs Roberts is our Business Manager, with Mrs Lehane, Mrs Carter and Mrs Dowker providing additional clerical support. Lunch time supervision is provided by our team of Mid-day Supervisors and we have a full team of wrap around care staff, led by Mrs Binks, to provide before and after school supervision.

Food Information

We would like to remind you that morning break snacks should only be fruit, vegetables or cheese for children in Years 3-6. Processed foods containing concentrated fruits which have a high sugar content are not acceptable. Younger children are provided with fresh fruit and vegetables via a government scheme. If your child is feeling hungry during the afternoon, please provide them with fruit or a vegetable, which they will be able to eat during the afternoon.

Children up to 5 years old and those in families eligible for Free School Meals can be registered to receive a free carton of milk each day. Parents of children 5 years and older can register to buy milk for their child each day at a cost of approximately 23p a day. Contact the office for more information.

School meals cost £2.50 per meal and should be booked, up to 2 weeks in advance, via Lunch Shop. Children in Reception-Year 2 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals, so you do not have to pay for the meals, but please use the online booking site to order your child's meals.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

We will be emailing to you a leaflet about Pupil Premium funding which is for children of parents who receive Income Support, Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Universal Credit and other benefits, as listed in the leaflet. If you are in receipt of any of these benefits and have not claimed Free School Meals, you are missing out on the following for your child: free milk, uniform and bookbag, subsidised music lessons and fully paid-for after-school activities and class visits, including residential visits. Even if you are in receipt of benefits for a very short period of time, these school benefits continue for the next 6 years so it is worth applying for free school meals as soon as you receive benefits. Please contact the office if you require any more details.

Mobile Phones in School

Our school policy is that children are NOT ALLOWED phones in school. This is both to safeguard all children and to avoid loss or damage. The children have all been reminded of this and that if they do bring a phone into school by mistake, eg they left it in a bag or coat pocket, it must be given to their class teacher immediately. We ask that you support this policy to help to keep our children safe.

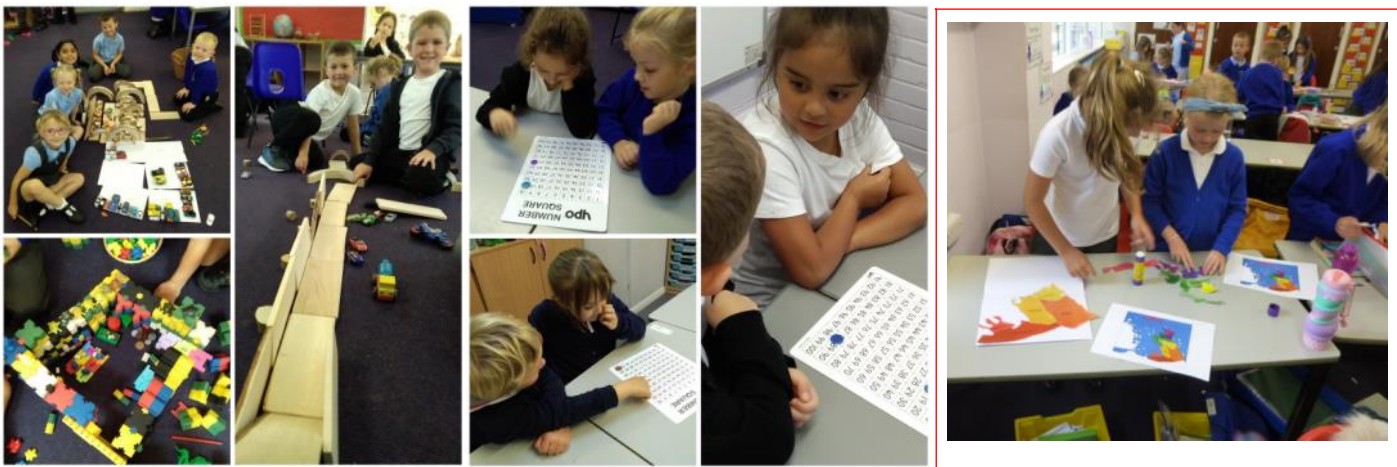
Safeguarding

We take safeguarding your child seriously at Heron Hill School and once your child is in our care, we do all we can to keep them safe. Therefore, we ask that parents do not try to catch their child's attention when they are passing by the school and see children in the playground. Staff cannot let children go up to adults who call to them from the school gate and cannot let adults walk into the playground to talk to children. If you urgently need to contact your child during the school day, telephone the school office. For any safeguarding concerns, contact Mr Hicks, Mr Murphy or Mrs Wilkinson, or follow the instructions on our website.

Life inside the School



First week in Reception: Our Reception pupils are so smart in their new uniforms.



Who would think these confident engaged young people only started in big school last year? Year 1 have been having all sorts of great learning experiences.

Mrs Corbett and Miss Dawson in Year 3 would like everyone to know: 'We are really pleased with how our Year 3 children have settled in. They have made us extremely proud and we are all really enjoying our new Ancient Greece topic. This week, the children made a map of Ancient Greece, using jigsaw pieces. They did very well and are learning lots about how the world has changed.'



Year 5: Let me introduce myself... Look at this great artwork created by our Year 5s in their first week in school!

Sunflowers, Pumpkins and Beans

If you have been growing sunflowers, pumpkins and beans over the summer, please send in your photographs and measurements (height for sunflowers, weight for pumpkins, length for beans) to the school via the school email. Here is a marvellous example of a successful sunflower, grown this summer.



School Nurse Support

If you would like to talk to a nurse about any health issue regarding your child, please use the following service....



SOUTH LAKES E-School Nurse Video Clinics



Weekly **online health support** and advice for parents, carers and professionals, **supporting children and young people aged 5-19 years old.**

**Monday afternoons, all day
Tuesday and Thursday**

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link that is private, secure, confidential and convenient for you. In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the **E-School Nurse video clinic** please read the information leaflet or visit:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/ph5to19

You can telephone for an appointment

0300 30 34 365

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Parent Governor Election

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor. Further information about this will be sent out in a letter next week.

Voluntary Contributions

We would be grateful if you could make a £5.00 contribution per family for the year. This will help to cover the cost of the wide range of class activities we provide, such as baking, art, craft and gardening, which benefit all the children. Payments can be made via Lunch Shop from next week.

Road Closure

The roadworks to replace water pipes are continuing to move up Oxenholme Road and from Monday 14th September, Oxenholme Road, between Kendal Parks Road and Strawberry Fields will be completely closed for 10 weeks. Please find alternative routes if this road closure affects your journey.

ALLERGIES WARNING

We have children in school with a severe nut allergy, so please do not send your child into school with nuts or foods which contain nuts, including Nutella sandwiches. We also have children with a severe allergy to **kiwi fruit**, so please do not send this into school either.

Some Reminders

- Please make sure your child has water only: no juice in water bottles or Fruit Shoots/juice carton drinks.
- Please provide healthy packed lunches, with a good balance of protein and carbohydrate to help your child to get through the day. Please limit the number of items of food which contain high levels of sugar and fat. We recommend you save giving your child chocolate until after school. Although there are desserts which contain chocolate on the school meals menu, we only offer them 3 times in the 2 week cycle, alongside a fruit option.
- No items containing nuts in school lunches, e.g. Bueno chocolate which contains nuts.
- Your child will need to bring a coat with them every day, we will go outside even in light rain.
- No Fitbits – an inexpensive fitbit-style watch is fine to wear *but not the real thing*, in case it gets damaged or lost.
- No personal hand sanitiser to be brought into school. The only things children can bring into school are the clothes they are wearing, their coat, a bookbag with current reading book, a water bottle, a rucksack/back pack and (optional) a healthy snack (fruit or vegetable) and a packed lunch box/bag.
- Please put names on coats, sweaters/cardigans, lunchboxes and bags.
- Usually the school is a very warm building, but in order to maintain good ventilation, our windows and internal doors are open. If your child tells you they feel cold in school, please make sure they are wearing an extra layer of clothing to help them to stay warm at their desk.

CONGRATULATIONS...

To Mr and Mrs Ladds on the safe arrival of Joseph Oliver on 23rd August.

