

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

### **Welcome Back 2024-2025**

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to another school year. I hope you and your children had an enjoyable Summer and that your children are looking forward to starting school.

This letter outlines some key dates and organisation for the beginning of the school year. Please make a note of these dates and attend the school meetings that are relevant for your child. All dates can also be found on the calendar, on the school website.

#### **Return Dates**

**School reopens for all children in Reception to Year 6 on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8:45am.**

Children in Reception, Nursery and the Nest have been allocated their starting dates and times. It's important that all children return on time, for their first day of school so that they don't miss out on the key settling in time with their new teacher.

The Education Welfare Officer and I will be meeting with parents of children who take extended holidays.

#### **Drop Off**

From Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September all staff will be in the playground to welcome children back into school and ensure all children find their way safely to their new classrooms. From Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, teachers will be in the classroom, but Teaching Assistants and the Senior Team will still be in the playground and in the corridors to ensure children get to their classrooms safely. Parents in Y1-Y6 are asked to drop off the children at the school gates where members of staff will take them to class. Nursery and Reception parents are asked to take their children to their classroom and enter the school through the Dartford Avenue gate.

#### **Collection**

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children are collected from their classrooms at the end of the day. Y2-Y6 children are collected from the playground at the end of the day, 3:15pm.

#### **Meet the Teacher Coffee Mornings**

Please attend your child's 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. This is a great opportunity for you to find out what the children will be learning this year and provides you with an opportunity to talk with the class teacher. All meetings start at 9am and tea/coffee and refreshments will be provided.

Date	Year Group	Time	Location
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2	9-10	Upper School Hall
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5	9-10	Upper School Hall
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4	9-10	Upper School Hall
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1	9-10	Upper School Hall
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6	9-10.30	Upper School Hall
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3	9-10	Upper School Hall

## Y6 Secondary School Transfer Meeting

All year 6 parents are invited to a meeting to discuss Secondary School choices and the process for applying for secondary schools. This is an important meeting, and all parents are encouraged to attend. This meeting will take place straight after the Meet the Teacher Coffee morning on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 9:45am. This session will be repeated at 6pm on the same day.

Our secondary school – Heron Hall Academy, will host an open day on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024 for all year five and year six parents. This is a great opportunity to look at the brilliant facilities and the new sixth form which has just opened.

## Arbor App - Parent Portal

All parents need to download the **Arbor Parent Portal App** to their smartphone, as this is the main way of the school sending important messages and updates.

The App is simple and easy to use and it allows you to pay for school trips and you can book your child's place on after school clubs and activities.



The office will be able to support you with setting this up. If you have any difficulties please pop in and a member of the team will be happy to help you.

## School Uniform Shop

**Every Wednesday** morning from **8:45am** we will continue to run our School Uniform Shop from the Upper School Hall. We will be selling good quality, previously loved school uniform, shoes, coats, jackets and PE kit. Please come along and pick up a bargain.

## Food Bank

The school food bank continues to run every **Monday afternoon from 1pm**. This facility is open to everyone in our school community that needs it. All you need to do is turn up on Monday at 1pm with a bag to take the food away with you. Please make use of the food bank. We are here to support our whole community, especially throughout the current financial difficulties.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** 2024 from 8:45 am in the Upper School Hall. This is a great way for us as a community to raise money for an amazing charity that supports so many people in our community. It's also a great chance for you to meet other parents and relax with tea, coffee and cake.



## After School Clubs and Activities

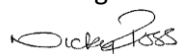
The school office will be sending out the list of school clubs for children to sign up to, for this half term.

Please take a moment to look at the list and ask your child if they would like to attend any of them. There are a range of activities for each year group from Year 1 to Year 6. Some of these are delivered by staff and others are delivered by HES sports company. To access these clubs please use your Arbor Parent App.

Last Year's Class	Class 2024-2025	Teacher	Additional Adults
Nursery			
	Puffins 2-3	Lervonne Angus   Nilay Sert   Mayeto Matondo	Sharon Johnson
	Finches 3-4	Selma Hassan-Errol/ Sevda Atakli	Afshan Hussein   Marta Cichocka
	Bluejays 3-4	James Mansfield	Alida Culaj Kirsty Daines
Reception			
	Willow	Karima Telmoune	Alida Brucaj
	Hazel	Rochanne Davis	Becky Cooper
	Holly	Kayley Putz	Saima Ahmed
Year 1			
Holly	1E	Polly Janata	Omari Bryan
Hazel	1O	Seniz Hacet	Helen Meric
Willow	1B	Zakia Khalif	Demi Venis
Year 2			
1E	2E	Sabrina Salkey	Julie Woolmer
1O	2B	Sarah Dhuny Lina Fiore	Nazli Bekir
1B	2O	Oyku Bulbul	Siobhan Kane
Year 3			
2O	3O	Shelly-Anne Goulbourne	Lina Fiore
2B	3B	Serpil Fistik	Kellie Lockyer
2E	3E	Georgianna Ioannou	Gio Diprima
Year 4			
3E	4O	Francesca Savage	Yeliz Korucam
3O	4B	Paolo Delfini	
3B	4E	Anna Cacioppo	
Accelerated Learning Teacher		Isobel McCartney	
Year 5			
4O	5O	Rayane Aitguermit	Joanne Osman
4M	5M	Melissa Ellis	
4E	5E	Beth Hiley	
4B	5B	Yasmine Jerome	
Year 6			
5M	6E	Pherone Griffiths	Segi Banjaw Rob Hartnell
5E	6O	Jodi Ann Forbes	
5B	6B	Rhianna Anderson Ikpa	
5O	6M	Ben Roberts	
Additional Provision Classes			
Ks1	Buzzy Bees	Shelley Shapir	Siobhan Kane
Ks1	The Nest	Stacy Crow Kulvita Bhogun	Shardia Bennett   Zenon Zenonos Nellie Chalashar   Bozena Mills
Ks2	Rowan	Shelley Shapir & Leanne Fortune	

I look forward to working with you all again to ensure our children have a happy and successful year.

Kind Regards



Nicky Ross

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