



Quality, excellence and passion

Parents/Carers,

The past two weeks have certainly been very busy! May I begin by thanking you for the food donations sent in for Harvest Festival on Monday. Father Danny from St Peter's Church came into the assembly we held as a school to share with the children where the food was going to be sent. All pupils listened very attentively to the information about the Eastbourne Food bank. They certainly understood their role in supporting our community. Later in the week, some members of our School Council took all the donations to the Church so that they can be forwarded to the Food Bank. I would like to thank all the children for representing the school beautifully.



Our Librarians!

Miss Brown, Mrs Peacock and I had the unenviable job of reading countless applications from Year 4 and Year 5 children who applied to be Librarians. It is safe to say that all applications were of a very good standard and this made the judging very challenging. After some time, ten candidates were selected. Congratulations to the following pupils who will be helping to maintain our wonderful library and supporting the school in promoting the love of reading, which is at the heart of everything we do:

- ◆ Grace
- ◆ Dynari
- ◆ Celeste
- ◆ Skylar
- ◆ Andrei
- ◆ Oliver
- ◆ Logan
- ◆ Namman
- ◆ Saira
- ◆ Farrah



Why would you like to be a librarian?

I love books, can be trusted and I would really like to share my love of books with other students (Farrah)

What part of the role do you feel most enthusiastic about?

Working as a team and meeting new people who also love our library (Logan)



Parental Engagement

It was fantastic to welcome so many parents to our classrooms this week. Time was set aside on this visit for you to share books with your child. At the meeting, strategies to support your child with their reading were shared. Reading with children is so important. Setting aside as much time as you possibly can to listen to them read their current book is very much appreciated. Thank you.

In addition to the work alongside your child, there was also some important guidance about our new Doodle Maths app which all our children can access. If you were unable to get into class this time, do follow this link which sends you to a video/guide all about the platform.

[Link to Doodlemaths guide](#)

We would like the children to access this as much as possible. If you have any problems logging on, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 6 Enterprise Event

On Monday, we (Sasha, Scarlett, Gracie and Zack) went to the town hall to take part in a mini-enterprise day. We had to work together as a team to create a design for an educational area at Black Robin Farm in Eastbourne. We enjoyed working together, developing our teamwork and creating a poster to showcase our ideas. At the end of the event, we had to present our ideas to the judges which was really scary-but we did it!



Behaviour Policy

Our new and updated Behaviour Policy is now on the website. In school, we are focused on celebrating positive behaviour. Our days are spent congratulating our children on the way they have demonstrated our school values, worked hard and even moved around the building in the way that we wish them to. In recognition of this, our pupils receive a number of awards including Class Dojo points. Dojo points are collected across the week and those pupils who achieve the most will receive a special certificate to take home.

The policy outlines all the steps/approaches to ensuring that extremely high expectations of behaviour are maintained by all members of our school community. Please do follow the link above to read it in full.

Anti-bullying week

This week, pupils will have received a lesson confirming the importance of anti-bullying and how we make sure that Heron Park is an anti-bullying setting. The children have come up with some wonderful thoughts about this topic. There will be an assembly next week which will also include the launch of an Anti-bullying Poster competition. We are inviting pupils to design a poster which can be displayed around the school. Winners of each Key Stage will receive a prize. We look forward to sharing their work with you.

We will be completing several activities across the year to promote our children's approach to anti-bullying. We will, on Monday 13th November, be inviting the children to come into school with odd socks on in support of this very important cause.



Safeguarding

Should you ever have any concerns about a child and require advice, you are able to contact ChildLine or our school Senior Leadership Team/ some members of our Safeguarding Team: Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Crees, Mrs. Williams or Mrs. Morgan.



Attendance

Our school attendance target is 96%+. If children are in school they are receiving their education which they are entitled to. If they are not, this becomes of concern.

Each week, we monitor class and individual attendance to ensure that there are no absence trends building. We know that attendance is very much about a partnership between home and school. Should you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Lates

It is extremely important that children are in school each day and on time. The school day starts at 8.50 and the children need to be in their classrooms by this time. I do thank you for your support in ensuring this is the case, so that the children start the day well and get all the information they need to succeed in their first lesson of the day.

Class Attendance so far this term:

- Butterflies 96.2%
- Grasshoppers 98%
- Ladybirds 94.7%
- Swans: 96%
- Ducks: 95.4%
- Hedgehogs 95.2%
- Rabbits: 96.3%
- Badgers: 91%
- Foxes: 96%
- Sycamore: 88%
- Horse Chestnut: 93.4%
- Oak: 86.4%
- Willow: 92.2%



This term, the children are collecting class attendance awards so that they can win a lesson with our school animals!



Football Match

This week, some of our Key Stage Two pupils took part in a football event. We are extremely proud of the teamwork that all our children showed. I heard that they demonstrated brilliant perseverance throughout the match, which was the first time they had all played in the team. The 'never give up' attitude shone throughout the fixture. Congratulations!

Y5 History Exploration!



We love 'hands on' history experiences at Heron Park. Year 5 pupils looked at some artefacts directly from the World War Two era to help them learn more within their topic, 'We'll Meet Again.' I am told that they asked some fascinating questions which they hope to answer throughout the topic.

Year 2 Science Explorations



In science this week, the children in Year 2 have been exploring all sorts of materials and checking to see that they are waterproof. I saw the children working cooperatively and they answered some fascinating questions about the materials they explored.

Open Evenings and Open Mornings for pupils starting school in September 2024

We have included information at the bottom of the newsletter about forthcoming events for parents and children who are starting in September 2024. As a reminder, if you know of parents who are currently looking for a new school, please do direct them towards our website where they can find information about the events. Likewise, the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter can be shared with them. We cannot wait to welcome new visitors to our school.

The weeks keep whistling by! As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, there is nothing I like more than spending time in classes to see what the children are learning. This morning, I spent some time in Grasshoppers and was able to see all our youngest learners really thinking about their letter sounds. I was so impressed by the children's listening skills and their effort to make the sounds that were presented!

The rest of the newsletter contains some information that may be of use to you. Please do have a look at all the flyers/details. As always, it is vitally important that you contact us if you ever have any questions.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend. Do take care and we look forward to seeing the children in school on Monday.

Kind regards,

H Crees

Headteacher



Parent Guides to Online Safety



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



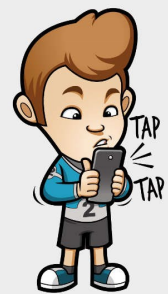
A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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The logo for ICON Week features the word 'ICON' in a stylized font where the 'O' is a baby's face. Below it, the word 'Week' is written in a larger, bold font. The colors are blue and green.

ICON Week

25 - 29 September 2023

The third annual ICON week (25 to 29 September 2023) is here to raise awareness of infant crying and how to cope to support parents/carers and prevent serious injury, illness and even death of young babies as a result of Abusive Head Trauma that happens when someone shakes a baby.

ICON is a programme adopted by health and social care organisations in the UK to provide information about infant crying, including how to cope, support parents/carers, and reduce stress.

This year's ICON Week is once again focussing on sharing ideas and best practices. Many webinars are taking place throughout the week and are open to everyone. For more information and joining instructions, please follow the link to the programme details below.

<https://iconcope.org/news/20230904-icon-week-2023/>

Wraparound care

4:00 - 5:00pm

£5 per session

If you would like to use this facility, bookings should be made on the Arbor App.

This is a follow on club from the Sportitude Clubs and cannot be booked as a standalone club.

Sportitude clubs can be booked vis Class4kids.

Children will enjoy a snack and fun games & activities.





**Heron Park Primary Academy Open days
for parents of pupils starting school in
September 2023-24**

**We would like to welcome you to take a look around our
wonderful school.**

Please see the dates below:

Thursday 2nd November: 6:00 - 7:30pm

Monday 6th November: 9:00-10:00am or 10:30-11:30am

Thursday 9th November: 9:00-10:00am or 10:30-11:30am

Please scan the QR code below to book a place.



**If you are unable to make any of the dates or times
above, or you have any questions or queries please call
the office:**

01323 502525 or email: heronparkoffice@auroraacademies.org

We can't wait to meet you!

LUNCHBOX IDEAS

Our aim is to ensure that all packed lunches brought from home and consumed in school (or on school trips) provide pupils with healthy and nutritious food that is similar to food served in schools, which is now regulated by national standards.

We understand that some children are 'fussy eaters' and that it is a major step to get some children to eat anything at all. We would want parents to let us know if this is the case so that we can deal with such children sensitively and with encouragement and praise for what they have eaten.

Please see the guidelines below for snacks and lunchbox contents that may help parents and ensure health and equality for all children.



Packed lunches may include:

- At least one portion of fruit and or vegetable (this could include dried fruit)
- Meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, chick peas, hummus)
- A sandwich that includes a savoury filling (e.g. egg, tuna, cheese, cooked meat)
- A starchy food such as bread, pasta, rice, noodles.
- Dairy food such as cheese, yogurt, fromage frais.
- A smoothie or yogurt drink
- A bottle of water
- A biscuit not coated in chocolate
- Crisps (baked or other low fat options if possible) or other snack such as seeds, savoury crackers, breadsticks etc.



Packed lunches should avoid:

- Confectionery such as chocolate bars and sweets
- No fizzy drinks
- No nuts or nut products (e.g. peanut butter) this is due to allergy concerns.
- Chewing gum is NOT allowed



Children are also not allowed to share food items due to allergy concerns

Mid-Morning break:

Early Years/KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Each student will receive one piece of fruit or vegetable free per day. This is provided under the NHS Free Fruit and Vegetables for Schools Scheme and will be prepared onsite.

You may wish to send a piece of fruit in with your child. However if your child is unable to peel the fruit, please peel them and wrap or store in a suitable way.

KS2 (Year 3,4,5 and 6)

Fruit / vegetable – this may be sent in with your children (again dry fruit is acceptable).

Please, no sweets or chocolate should be sent to school. Crisps may only be eaten at lunchtime.



Weekly menu

WEEK 1



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Sweet N Sour Chicken Served With Rice

Pork Sausages Served With Mashed Potato And Gravy

Roast Chicken Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy

Beef Bolognese Served With Pasta and Garlic Herb Bread Wedge

Breaded Fish Served With Chips

Chinese Vegetable Stir Fry Served With Noodles

Quorn Sausages Served With Mashed Potato And Gravy

Cheese and Potato Puff Served With Gravy

Vegetable Bolognese Served With Pasta And Garlic Herb Bread Wedge

Cheese And Pepper Quesadilla

Jacket Potato with a choice of Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo

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Baked Beans

Seasonal Vegetables

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Sandwiches

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Served With Tortilla Chips and Crudites

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Lemon Shortbread Slice

Iced St Clements Cake

Chocolate Chip Biscuit

Chocolate Beetroot Cake

Strawberry Ice Cream

Available daily

Weekly menu

WEEK 2



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Sticky Five Spice Chicken Served With Noodles

Beef Chilli Con Carne Served With Rice

Roast Gammon Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy

Homemade Beef Lasagne Served With Garlic Bread Wedge

Pork Sausage Served With Chips

Basil and Tomato Pasta Served With Herby Bread Wedge

Chunky Vegetable Chilli Served With Rice

Quorn Roast Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy

Homemade Mac N Cheese Served With Garlic Bread Wedge

Vegetable Omelette Served With Chips

Jacket Potato With a Choice of Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo

Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Baked Beans Or Tuna

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Baked Beans

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Served With Tortilla Chips And Crudites

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Apple Crumble And Custard

Fruity Jelly

Traditional Iced Topped Sponge Cake

Sultana Rice Crispie Cake

Arctic Roll

Available daily

Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Homemade Bread

HARRISON 



Weekly menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Curry Served With Rice And Naan Bread	Shepherds Pie Topped With Mashed Potato	Roast Herb Chicken Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy	Beef Burger Served With Wedges	Fish Fingers Served With Chips
Sweet Potato Curry Served With Rice And Naan Bread	Lentil And Vegetable Pie Topped With Mashed Potato	Roasted Vegetable Hotpot Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy	Quorn Burger Served With Wedges	Quorn Vegan Nuggets Served With Chips
Jacket Potato With a Choice Of Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Baked Beans Or Tuna		Jacket Potatoes Served With Cheese, Beans Or Tuna	
Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans
Sandwiches	Sandwiches,		Sandwiches,	
Served With Tortilla Chips And Crudites	Served With Tortilla Chips And Crudites		Served With Tortilla Chips And Crudites	
Fruity Flapjack	Eve's Pudding And Custard	Raspberry Ripple Sponge	Vanilla Shortbread	Chocolate Ice Cream

Available daily

Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Homemade Bread

HARRISON

Lunches cost £2.41 per meal, per day, for all children in year 3 and above, unless you are entitled to Free School Meals.

All meals and trips must be paid for by Arbor pay. We no longer use ParentPay.

Term	Date	Event
TERM 1	Wednesday 13th September	• School Photos
	Thursday 14th September	• Reception children in fulltime.
	W/C 25th September	• Anti-Bullying Week • Parental Engagement - from 2:30pm each afternoon. Further details to follow.
	Monday 25th September	• Harvest Assembly - Children will be asked to bring in donations for the Food Bank.
	Wednesday 4th October	• Year 6 Ancient Greek Day
	Friday 20th October	• Last day of term
TERM 2	Monday 30th October	• First day of term
	Friday 10th November	• INSET DAY
	Thursday 16th November	• Parent Consultations 3:30-5:00pm
	Friday 17th November	• Children in Need
	Tuesday 21st November	• Parent Consultations 3:30-7:00pm
	W/C Monday 11th December	• Christmas events will happen this week.
	Friday 15th December	• Last day of term
TERM 3	Tuesday 2nd January	• INSET DAY
	Wednesday 3rd January	• First day of term
	W/C Monday 5th February	• Parental Engagement – From 2:30pm each afternoon. Further details to follow • Children's Mental Health week.
	Tuesday 6th February	• Safer Internet Day
	Friday 9th February	• Last day of term
TERM 4	Monday 19th February	• First Day of Term
	Thursday 7th March	• World Book Day
	Thursday 7th March	• Parent Consultations 3:30-5:00pm
	Friday 8th March	• INSET DAY
	Tuesday 12th March	• Parent Consultations 3:30-7:00pm
	W/C Monday 18th March	• Parental Engagement - from 2:30pm each afternoon. Further details to follow • Careers Week (including Careers fair)
Thursday 28th March	• Last day of term	
TERM 5	Monday 15th April	• First day of term
	Monday 6th May	• BANK HOLIDAY
	W/C Monday 20th May	• Parental Engagement - from 2:30pm each afternoon. Further details to follow
	Friday 24th May	• Last day of term
TERM 6	Monday 3rd June	• INSET DAY
	Tuesday 4th June	• First day of term
	Monday 17th June	• EYFS Sports Day 1:30-2:30pm
	Tuesday 18th June	• Y1, Y2 & Y3 Sports Day 1:30-2:45pm
	Wednesday 19th June	• Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sports Day 1:30-2:45pm
	Friday 28th June Friday 19th July	• INSET DAY • Last day of term

Dates will also be published on school newsletters and the website.

Calendar dates are subject to change, we will endeavour to give parents/carers as much notice as possible.