



Quality, excellence and passion






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Dear Parents,

Astonishingly, we are now at the end of term 3...it feels like we only just returned! I have congratulated the children for their effort and determination in our recent assemblies. When looking at their books/work, teachers, support staff, my Senior Leadership team and I have been impressed with their progress. I am continually astounded by the development of the children's skills and knowledge since September. As I remind them, we are only half way through the year...it is amazing to consider what they will achieve by the end.

It has been a very busy couple of weeks in school which have included visitors to assembly, Maths Day, Book Club meetings as well as sporting events and curriculum trips. All these extra events have enriched our curriculum and allowed pupils the opportunity to demonstrate the values which are at the heart of our school community:

We want our pupils to be:

Independent (like Ivor)	Curious (like Carlos)	Respectful (like Rosie)	Resilient (like Rena)	Aspirational (like Alf)
				

Across the term, the team and I have recognised many pupils who have demonstrated one or all of these values across the school day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all and pass on my congratulations to all the winners of the coveted class trophy.

On Monday, we were thrilled to invite Mr Brown, from Eastbourne Borough Football Club who spoke to the children about the importance of joining in with sports to support their mental and physical wellbeing. The children listened intently to the presentation, demonstrating both respect and curiosity throughout. Having explored the importance of looking after our mental health across this week and the term, they were clear that being active is a way of ensuring their minds remain healthy. I would like to thank Mr Brown for visiting and Mr Muffet for arranging the event.



**You make lots of
new FRIENDS!**

**Doing a Sport
is lots of
FUN!**

**The more you
PRACTICE
then the more you
SUCCEED!**

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Number Day 2024

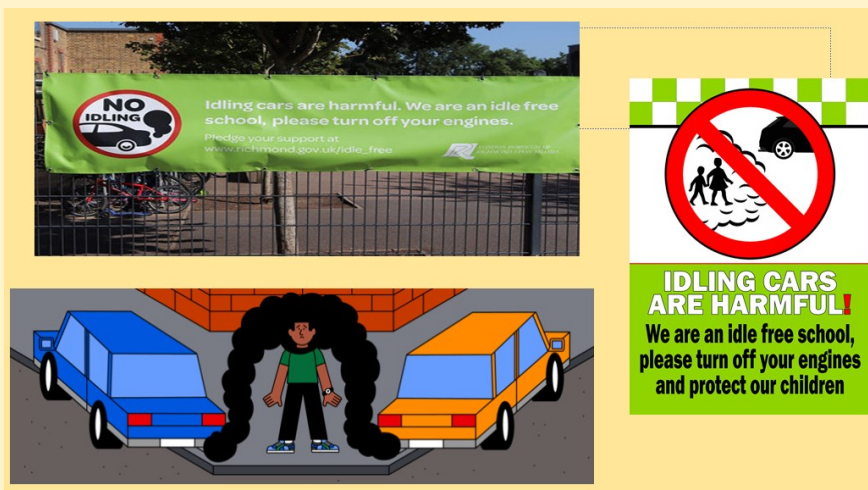
Last Friday, we enjoyed a fun-packed number day in school with children across the setting exploring number games, facts and investigations. The children were fully engaged with finding solutions to given problems. In Year 2, pupils explored length using a range of materials for measure. At one point, they even looked into resources to measure the height of Mrs Akehurst...I wonder how tall she is!

Across the day, pupils took part in a whole-school number competition which was won by Amelia in Year 5. Congratulations to Amelia who won a range of maths prizes!



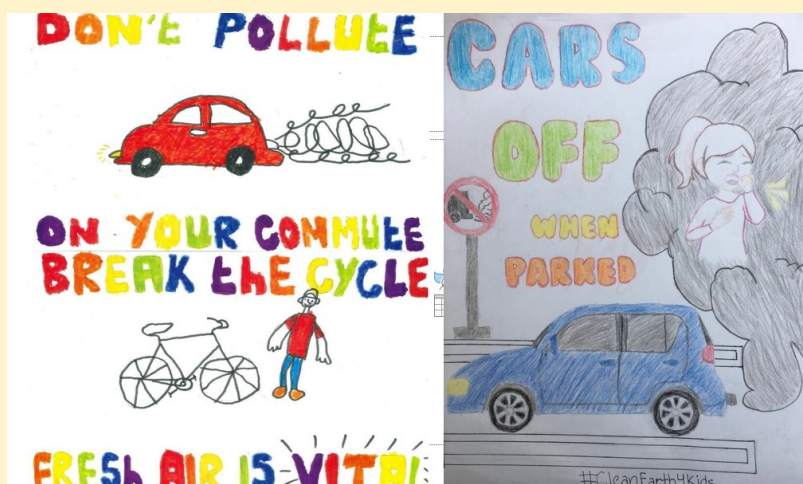


Keen to help improve our school environment, our School Council has met and decided (with the blessing of our ECO Council members) to run a competition in school. Pupils conducted their own assembly last week and explained the importance of ensuring that cars around the school switch off their engines when they are parked. Currently, children across the school are producing posters to promote this; the School Council is looking forward to judging the entries after half term.



Above is just a snapshot of the presentation the children gave to the rest of the school.

I'd like to thank the School Council Pupils for speaking so clearly to the rest of the school! A brilliant job indeed!





Safeguarding

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

If you have concerns about a child over the half-term break, please contact SPoA:

Telephone: **01323 464 222** Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm and Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

Out of hours, with serious concerns that cannot wait until the next working day, contact our Emergency Duty Service. Telephone: **01273 335 906** or **01273 335 905** Monday to Thursday 5pm to 8.30am and Fridays, weekends and bank holidays after 4.30pm to 8.30am.

Uniform

Our uniform is very important to all our pupils at Heron Park. Recently, we have seen different PE kits coming into school. Our uniform for PE is as follows:

- Plain black sweatshirts/jumper no hoodies
- Black shorts
- Plain black jogging bottoms
- White t-Shirt
- Black trainers or plimsolls
- Black PE bag with school logo.
- All PE uniform is to be plain. No sports clothing.

I would like to remind all pupils that they should be wearing school shoes unless they are participating in PE that day. In the interests of fairness for the children, sports trainers should not be worn at other times. Thank you for your support with this.

Staff Changes

Mrs Williams and Mrs Morgan are set to begin their Maternity Leave soon. We do wish them both all the best in the forthcoming weeks and we will certainly miss them whilst they are not in school. Of course, as soon as they are ready for us to do so, we will let you know about their new arrivals.

Whilst Mrs Morgan and Mrs Williams are not in school, Mr Simmonds will be taking on the role of Assistant Headteacher and joining my Senior Leadership team; we look forward to working with him in this capacity. Whilst he is out of class, I welcome Mr Drinkwater who will be teaching Foxes Class.

I would also like to inform you that Chloe Elliott, one of our highly valued Midday Supervisors is leaving the school for new adventures. Chloe has been a wonderful member of the team and I would like to wish her all the best as she embarks on her new horizons. We have recruited new team members to join our MDSA provision and I will formally introduce them after half term.

Attendance

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support with attendance. We have high expectations around attendance in school and always remain concerned if children are missing key learning points. We are always here to offer support regarding attendance, so please do not hesitate to contact us.





Attendance Awards

Children who achieve consistent attendance across a week will be entered into a weekly draw winning a gift or Book Voucher.



Grand Prize!

For each week of consistent attendance, pupils will be entered into a Grand Prize Draw. At the end of term, we will award a prize of a £50.00 cinema voucher.



Mental health and emotional wellbeing

Wellbeing

At Heron Park we teach the PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) curriculum through lessons called Wellbeing. Each year group has a different key question for each term and these are shared in the termly parent sheets. The Term 4 questions are:

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
What does it mean to be healthy?	Who helps us to keep safe?	What helps us to grow and stay healthy?	What makes a community?	How can our choices make a difference to others and the	How will we grow and change?	How can the media influence people?

Each lesson teaches the children the knowledge and skills they will need to understand the topic and the impact it has on them. Children may participate in activities such as discussion, drama or role play and may meet visitors from the fire service or railway. At the end of the term the pupils are able to share what they have learned and celebrate their successes.

Healthy Schools status

As a school we are working towards achieving Healthy School status. PSHE is one of the four core health themes included in us becoming a Healthy School. We will keep you posted about how we are getting on!

Information board

In a recent survey, parents and carers asked for communication to be improved. With this in mind we have installed a notice board on the fence by the main gates on Dallington Road. The board has key information about safeguarding as well as information for parents to support mental health within families.

Children's Mental Health Week (February 2024)

As a school we participate in this national initiative each year. We regularly promote activities to support the mental health of everyone in our school community and this week provides a special opportunity to highlight the importance of looking after our mental health.

Parent Classroom Visits

I would like to extend my thanks to you all for attending your child's classes this week. Working in partnership with you is so very important. It's often hard to visualise your child's school day, so I do hope that the opportunity to sit in the maths lessons across the school were of help and gave you a glimpse of the hard work that the children demonstrate each day. I witnessed some wonderful maths games being played between children and adults and pupils. There was a healthy level of competitive spirit too.

I am currently in the middle of finalising your feedback from the survey completed just before Christmas. You provided some wonderful ideas about the strengths of the school and how we can continue to develop/improve the environment. I will publish the outcomes shortly after half term.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a restful half term. With any luck, we will have some sunshine and I know that we will all look forward to welcoming some spring weather when we return to school on Monday the 19th February.

Wishing you a wonderful break.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Crees



The UK Safer Internet Centre have produced a range of resources to support parents in ensuring that their children remain safe online. Please click on the links via the pictures below to access the resources on offer.

Safer Internet Day 2023 | **Tuesday**
7 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Want to talk about it?

Making space for conversations about life online



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Parents guide to technology



Phones

Guide to phones including top tips and advice about safety tools.



Laptops

Looking for advice on how to support your child in using a laptop safely and responsibly? Read our guide and FAQs.



Smart Speakers

Looking for advice on how to support your child in using a smart speaker safely and responsibly? Read our guide and...



Games Consoles

Looking for advice on how to support your child in using a games console safely and responsibly? Read our guide and FAQs...



Year 6 and Y1 visit to Herstmonceux



To supplement their current Science and History areas of learning, Year 1 and Year 6 visited Herstmonceux Science Observatory last week. The children engaged with a range of 'hands on' activities and told me on return that they had had the 'best day ever!'

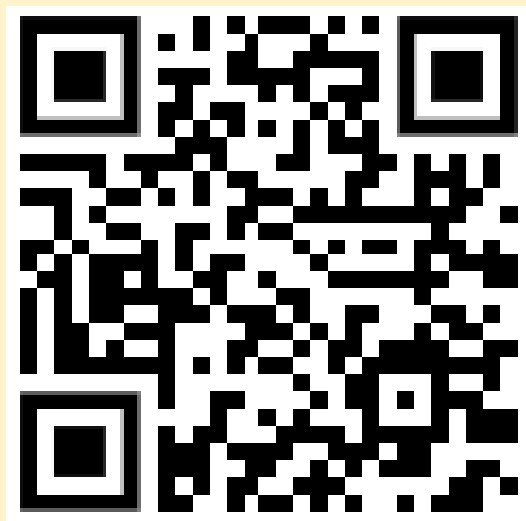
The children were a credit to you and our school. Thank you, as always, to all the staff for planning and supporting the children on the visit and a huge thank you to the children for their engagement and amazing conduct at the venue.



Doodle Maths this half term

Please do encourage your child access Doodle Maths over the half term.

Doodle creates bespoke learning activities designed to help them overcome any gaps in their mathematical understanding. It's great fun too!



Year 5 & 6 St Bede's Sports

Sports Masterclass Day

A selection of pupils were able to attend a sports event at St Bede's school yesterday. They took part in swimming, racket sports and invasion games. It goes without saying that they represented our school beautifully and demonstrated perfect values throughout the day. A huge well done to all the children who took part.



Year 5

Year 5 children have been very busy creating masks linked to their study in History. They have gained both skills and knowledge in their study of the Maya civilization. We are all in agreement that they have completed work which they should be extremely proud of.



Year 4



Our Year 4 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with a range of mathematical games and research over the previous week. They, along with other pupils in the school, produced some fantastic mathematics display materials which we now have up in our office area-the results look amazing!

Year 3

Year 3 children have worked hard developing their skills related to clay and sculpture. They worked hard to create separate parts of their sculptures using clay 'slip' to help join the sections together. They (and of course their teachers and I) are thrilled with the results.



Year 2

Our Year 2 Pupils have been working hard creating some wonderful artwork linked to their topic related to the work of Michelle Reader. The children have explored various sculptures and have worked hard creating their own flower sculptures. The results are on display and have certainly brightened up the Y2 corridor.



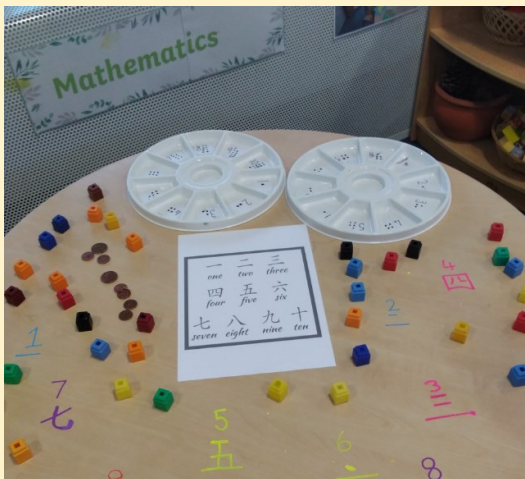
Reception

The pupils in reception have worked hard completing observational drawings of flowers. We have been so impressed with their attention to detail and effort throughout the week. The children should be very proud of their work.



Additionally, Mrs Russell and Miss Mould have been very impressed with the children's teamwork and effort in PE this week. The children got into groups when a number was called (if they couldn't get into that number they were out!). Another PE game linked to maths involved the children exploring posters of numbers around the room. They then had to stand at a chosen number and see if it matched the representation on a dice. Fantastic!

Nursery



The children in Nursery have been enjoying exploring numbers across this week. They had great fun representing different amounts using a range of resources.

FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

Autumn/Winter 2023/2024:
4/9, 25/9, 16/10, 6/11, 27/11, 18/12, 8/1, 29/01

LUNCH WEEK 1 MENU



MAIN EVENT

MONDAY

Chicken & Vegetable Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Twirlers

TUESDAY

Mild Chicken Curry with Whole Grain Rice

WEDNESDAY

Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

THURSDAY

BBQ Drizzle Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges

FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers with Chips



MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish

Sweet Chilli Vegetable Stir Fry with Whole Grain Rice

Cheesy Broccoli Pasta Bake

Homemade Cheese and Leek Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Tarka Dhal Curry (Veggie Lentil Curry) with Whole Grain Rice

Pizza Margherita with Chips



RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads

Mixed Salad

Green Beans

Broccoli

Peas

Baked Beans

Daily salad bowl and freshly baked bread available every day



PASTA TWIRLER Topped Pasta

Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce



BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket

Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes
with Cheese or Beans



DESSERT TROLLEY Pudding

Toffee Sponge and Custard

Jelly & Fruit Slices

Tropical Pineapple Crumble and Custard

Orange Cookie

Vanilla Ice Cream

Cut fruit, yoghurt and jelly available every day

FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens

Autumn/Winter 2023/2024:
11/9, 2/10, 23/10, 13/11, 4/12, 25/12, 15/1, 5/2

LUNCH WEEK 2 MENU



MAIN EVENT

MONDAY

All Day Breakfast Brunch
Sausage, Egg, Hash Brown and Beans

TUESDAY

Pizza Margherita with Baked Potato Wedges

WEDNESDAY

Minced Beef and Onion Pie with Mash

THURSDAY

Chicken Chow Mein (Noodles)

FRIDAY

Golden Fish Fingers with Chips



MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish

All Day Veggie Breakfast Brunch
Veggie Sausage, Egg, Hash Brown and Beans

Golden Vegetable Fingers with Baked Potato Wedges

Super Veggie Pie
Vegetable, Lentil and Onion Pie with Mash

Mexican Bean Wrap with Whole Grain Rice

Cheesy Sweetcorn Pizza with Chips



RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads

Baked Beans

Green Salad

Carrots

Sweetcorn

Baked Beans

Daily salad bowl and freshly baked bread available every day



PASTA TWIRLER Topped Pasta

Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce



BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket

Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes
with Cheese or Beans



DESSERT TROLLEY Pudding

Banana Sponge Cake and Custard

Jammy Crumble Bars

Apple Crumble and Custard

Orange Jelly

Vanilla Ice Cream

Cut fruit, yoghurt and jelly available every day

LUNCH WEEK 3 MENU



MAIN EVENT

MONDAY
Hot Dog
with Baked Potato
Wedges

TUESDAY
Tomato & Roasted
Vegetable Pasta
Bake

WEDNESDAY
Roast Gammon
with Roast Potatoes
and Gravy

THURSDAY
Pizza Day!
Veggie Supreme
Pizza with Baked
Potato Wedges

FRIDAY
Golden Fish
Fingers
with Chips



MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish

Vegetarian
Shepherd's Pie

Mixed Vegetable
Korma with
Whole Grain Rice

Baked
Mac n Cheese

BBQ Drizzle
Pizza with Baked
Potato Wedges

Golden Vegetable
Fingers
with Chips



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Carrots

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Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce



BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket

Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes
with Cheese or Beans



DESSERT TROLLEY Pudding

Watermelon
Wedge

Chocolate Crunch
and Custard

Oaty Apple
Crunch Slice

Strawberry
Jelly

Vanilla
Ice Cream

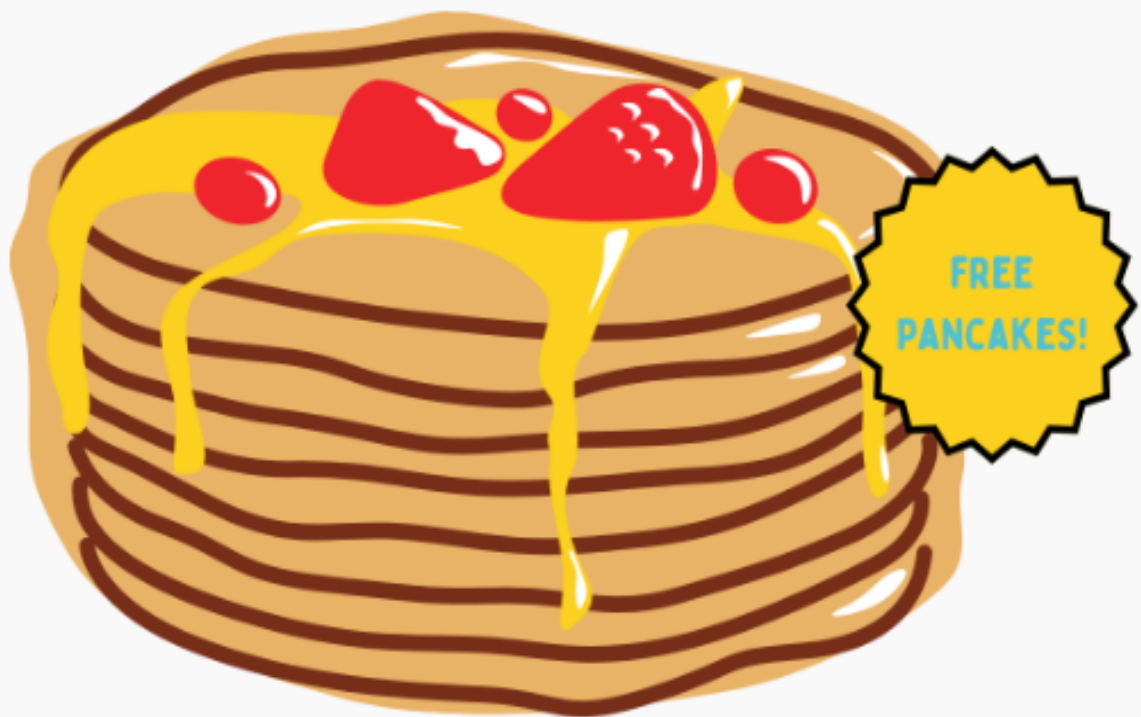
Cut fruit, yoghurt and jelly available every day

**We start back with
the week 1 menu**



PANCAKE PARTY

TUESDAY 13TH OF FEB
MIDDAY TILL 2PM



**ST PETERS CHURCH, THE HYDNEYE,
EASTBOURNE BN22 9BY**

TERM 4	Monday 19th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Term
	Thursday 7th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day
	Thursday 7th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Consultations 3:30-5:00pm
	Friday 8th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET DAY
	Tuesday 12th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Consultations 3:30-7:00pm
	W/C Monday 18th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental Engagement - from 2:30pm each afternoon. Further details to follow • Careers Week (including Careers fair)
	Thursday 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term
TERM 5	Monday 15th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of term
	Monday 6th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BANK HOLIDAY
	W/C Monday 20th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental Engagement - from 2:30pm each afternoon. Further details to follow
	Friday 24th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term
TERM 6	Monday 3rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET DAY
	Tuesday 4th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of term
	Monday 17th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS Sports Day 1:30-2:30pm
	Tuesday 18th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1, Y2 & Y3 Sports Day 1:30-2:45pm
	Wednesday 19th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sports Day 1:30-2:45pm
	Friday 28th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSET DAY
	Friday 19th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.