



*Quality, excellence and passion*

09.11.23

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience and dedication in ensuring the children reach school during the recent storm. During the assembly last Friday, I congratulated the children regarding their calm and sensible approach across last Thursday when they had to adapt to a slightly different routine.

Already, we are at the end of the second week of term. I am always staggered in relation to the speed that the weeks pass by! Significant events have taken place in school to help enrich and extend the children's learning since the beginning of November. Last Friday, our Year 5 children were accompanied to Newhaven Fort. The visit enabled them to extend their understanding of World War Two. They were a credit to us, demonstrating impeccable behaviour and respect throughout. The children made it back to school in time for me to ask them about their adventures. It is safe to say that they had a wonderful time. The organisation and management of any visit is certainly a significant piece of work. I would like to thank all the staff who were involved in preparing for and accompanying the children throughout the visit.



Yesterday we welcomed Rock Steady into school. James from Rock Steady demonstrated some wonderful music to our KS2 pupils. The children also had the opportunity to take part in workshops. Music is very important to us at Heron Park. The children loved the demonstration ; I would like to thank Mrs Noble-Aitken who organised the visit. I cannot wait to see our future rockstars who showed great potential during the workshops and the assembly.



## School Council



The School Council have asked pupils to come into school next Friday dressed in Pyjamas in recognition of Children in Need. For full details, please see the poster towards the end of the newsletter.

This week our School Council met with Harrisons Caterers to discuss school dinners. They shared what their classes had said they are really enjoying about school lunches and provided some suggestions about how to improve school dinners further. Thank you to the children, Mr Muffett and Harrisons.

## 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 a 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 us.







Year group attendance this year

- Reception: 94.7%
- Year 1: 95.4%
- Year 2: 93.8%
- Year 3: 94.1%
- Year 4: 92.1%
- Year 5: 90.8%
- Year 6: 91.1%



## Term 2 class information sheets

The term 2 class information sheets were shared with you last week. The leaflets outline what your child is learning this term and how you can help them at home. These are now located on the school website using the following [link](#).

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maths learning</u></p> <p>First, we will consolidate methods for subtraction (including using a column).</p> <p>Next, we will learn how to calculate the area of shapes.</p> <p>Later, we will learn how to multiply and divide numbers and make links with our times tables!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>English Learning</u></p> <p>Book: <u>Varjak Paw</u> by SF Said </p> <p>We will read the text in class with our reading partners everyday. We are looking forward to working on our descriptive writing alongside this to develop setting. We will also write an additional chapter for the story based on known characters in the story.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Science</u></p> <p><u>Title:</u> Living things and their habitats  <u>Concept Question:</u> Scientifically speaking, how can we group and classify living things?  <u>Learning:</u> We'll be learning about vertebrates and invertebrates.          Do you already know or could you find out what these two terms mean?</p>	
	<h3>FOX CLASS</h3> <h3>TERM 2</h3>	<h3>Mr Simmonds</h3> <h3>Year 4</h3>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Curriculum Learning Journey</u></p> <p><u>Subject:</u> Geography  <u>Title:</u> Walk like an Egyptian.  <u>Concept question:</u> What impact do rivers have on society?          We will find out about the features of a river and the stages of the water cycle too!</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>D.T Learning</u></p> <p><u>Food technology:</u> Seasonal foods</p> <p>We will be researching and exploring seasonal foods in the UK. Then we will generate, design and prepare our own savoury dish using a selection of seasonal foods. After that we will evaluate our savoury dish.          What seasonal foods do you eat at home?</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PE</u></p> <p><b>We have P.E on Wednesdays</b> so children must remember to wear their P.E kit on these days.</p> <p>As it's getting colder, please remember that our PE kit consists of plain, black leggings/jogging bottoms and a plain, black jumper. Alternatively, pupils can wear their school jumper.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Other Information</u></p> <p>Please continue to use Times Table Rock Stars at home to help your child improve their multiplication fact fluency, so that they know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12!</p> <p>They can also access Doodle Maths at home to support them with their understanding of the Maths curriculum. Can your child meet their weekly target?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dates to Remember</u></p> <p>First day of term 2: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October          Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November: INSET Day          Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Odd Socks Day!          Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Parents' Evening Consultations          Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need          Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November: Parents' Evening Consultations          Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Lower KS2 Christmas Concert 2.15pm          Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper &amp; dinner day          Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Fair (after-school)          Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of term 2          Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January: First day back for term 3</p>	





We regularly survey the children in school about what they view the school's strengths are and ask them for their ideas about how we can move forward. Gaining this feedback is invaluable to us and has helped form our curriculum.

You should have received an email this week with a parental survey attached. We are very keen to hear about what is working well for your child and any suggestions you might have as to how we can continue to improve the school. Please do take the time to complete this and we will review your responses when the survey closes next week.

## The Diana Award: Anti-bullying



Building on our highly successful Anti-bullying week last term, we have been able to secure workshops with representatives from the Diana Award. Our children are passionate about Anti-bullying and wanted to take their learning further. The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassador Programme has a strong peer-to-peer focus, with the facilitators giving young people the skills and confidence to become Ambassadors to tackle bullying in their schools long after the training has finished. The workshops/training are recognised as world-class thanks to a sustainable and youth-led approach. An assembly will be delivered to all pupils and our anti-bullying ambassadors will then attend individual workshops. We look forward to this piece of work next week.

Last week, we welcomed an external advisor into the setting to explore teaching and learning across the school. Mrs Nation spoke about the excellent work pupils had and were completing. She was also very impressed with the behaviour for learning within each classroom. I pop into classrooms all the time. Each day, I see purposeful, ambitious learning. This week, my team and I have also been able to provide tours for families who have children due to start Reception in September 2024. Visitors commented on the positive and happy school environment and the level of concentration that our pupils demonstrated. The staff and I are proud of all pupils who were polite and welcoming to all.

The learning that continues to take in school is fantastic and we value the importance of celebrating this with our pupils. Dojo points are regularly rewarded to the children. As I have mentioned previously, there is nothing better than being able to share pupil successes and reward children accordingly. I had the pleasure of reviewing some Year 6 homework which focused on geographical comparisons between two countries. The time and care which had been spent on the work was exceptional.

The rest of the newsletter captures some more activities that have been taking place in school. I hope you enjoy glancing through it.

When it arrives, have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming the children back in school on Monday.

Kind regards,  
Mrs H Crees  
Headteacher

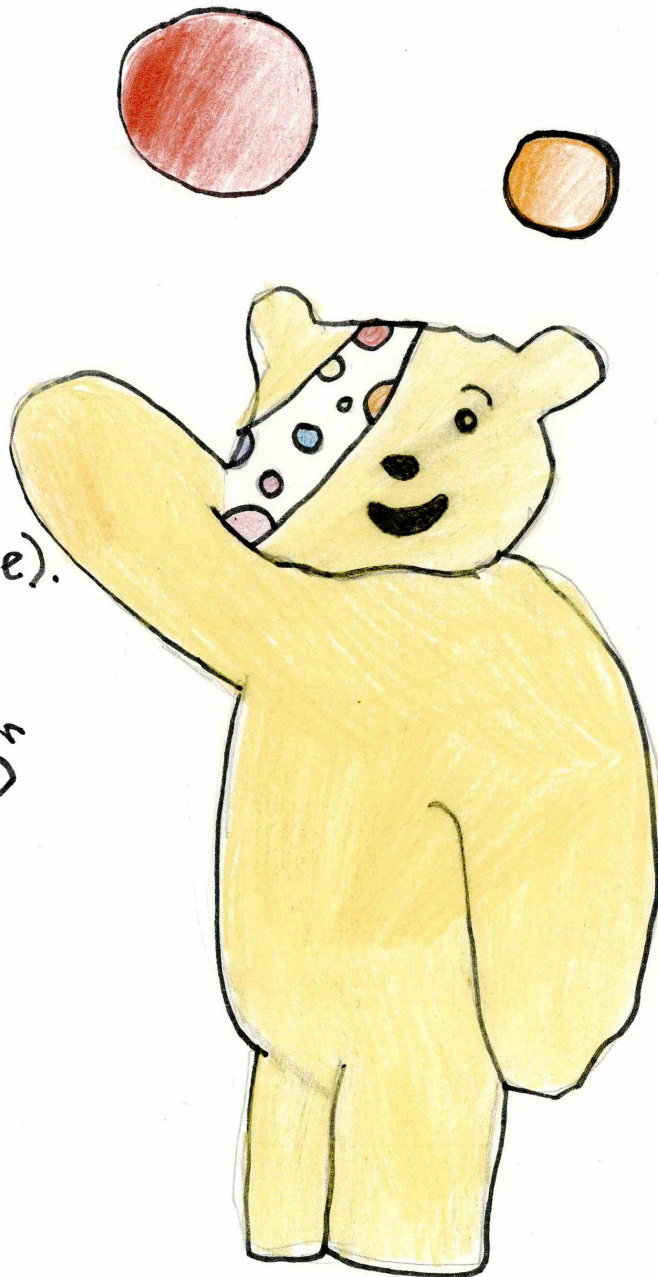


The children are invited to wear Odd Socks to school on **Monday 13th of November** in recognition of the National Anti-Bullying week.

# November 17th Pyjama Party Fun Run Small Donations

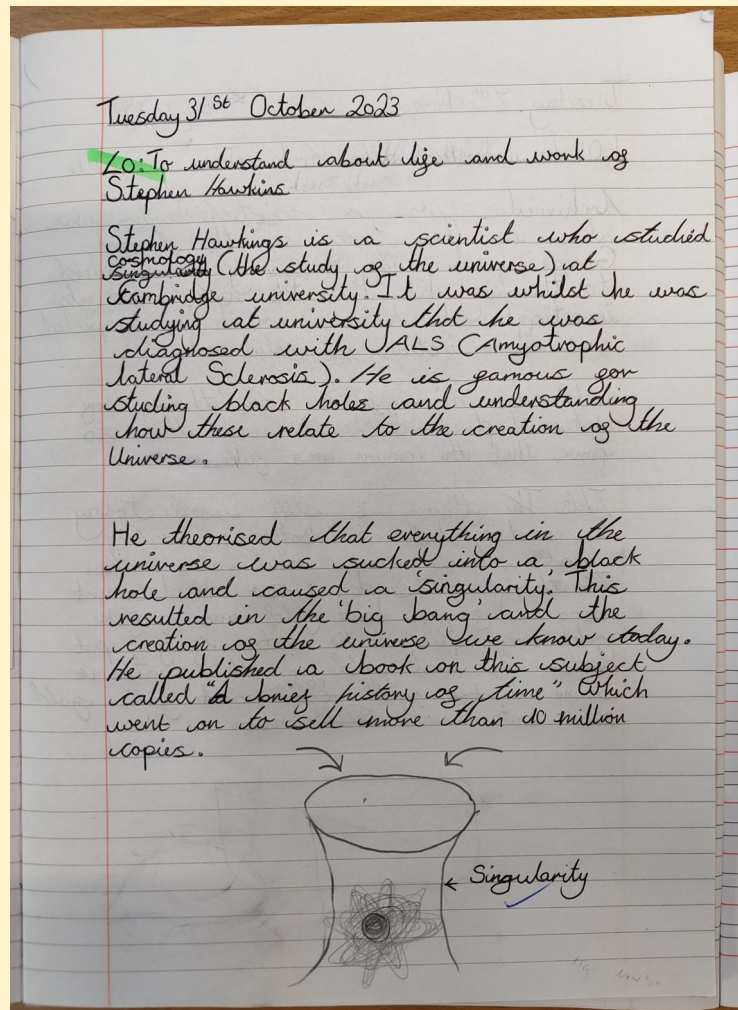
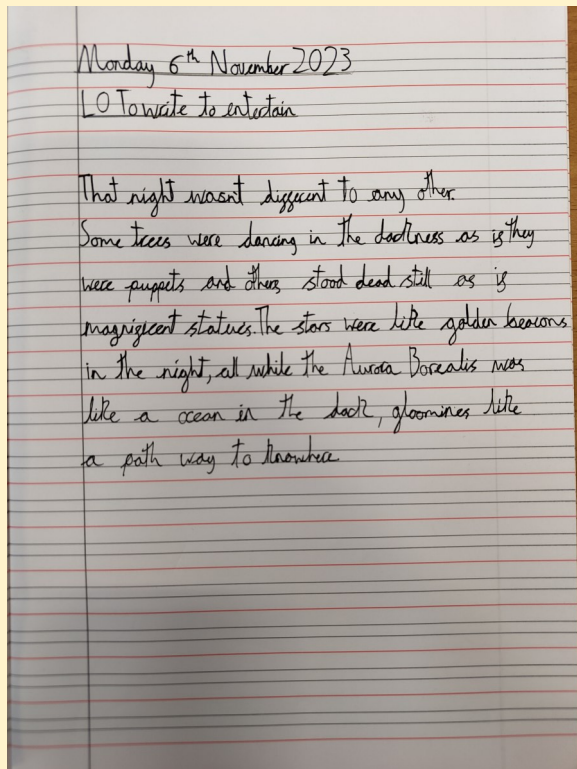
Make a small  
Donations to  
children in  
need (it makes  
a big difference).

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Children all  
around the world  
are suffering from  
life changing  
differences.

Year 6 pupils have been exploring the initial stages of the writing process. Using their understanding of sentence structure and use of powerful language, they have begun to write to entertain.

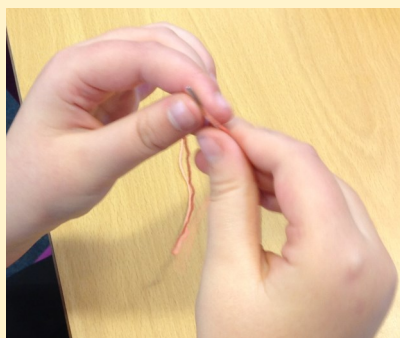
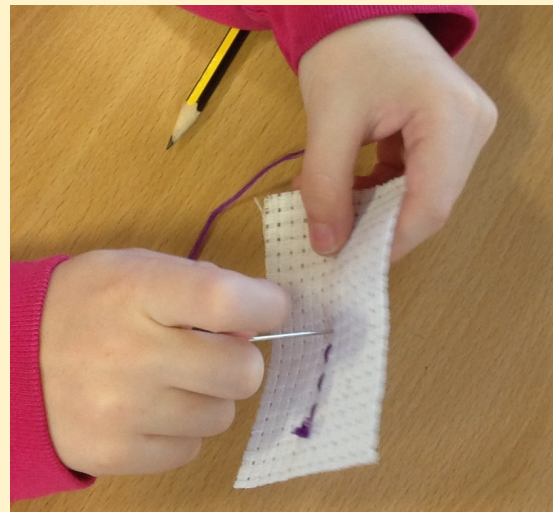
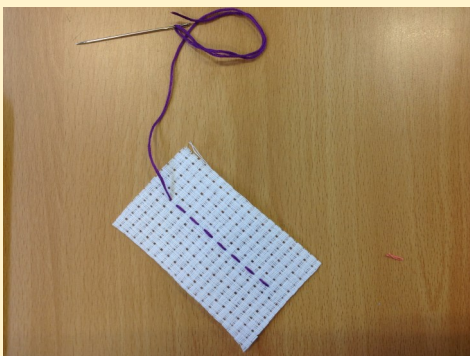


In addition, they have researched the life and theories shared by Stephen Hawking. The information they have identified is extremely informative and I have been told by the team that they are working extremely hard to include technical vocabulary in their written work. Congratulations to the children.



Year 4 pupils are currently exploring seasonal foods and cooking! They have started completing product research, exploring soups and sharing whether or not the ingredients are successful! I can't wait to see the final cooking experience later this term.

Sewing is a focus for the Year 3 DT unit this term. This afternoon, pupils developed their sewing skills as they work towards creating their final product!

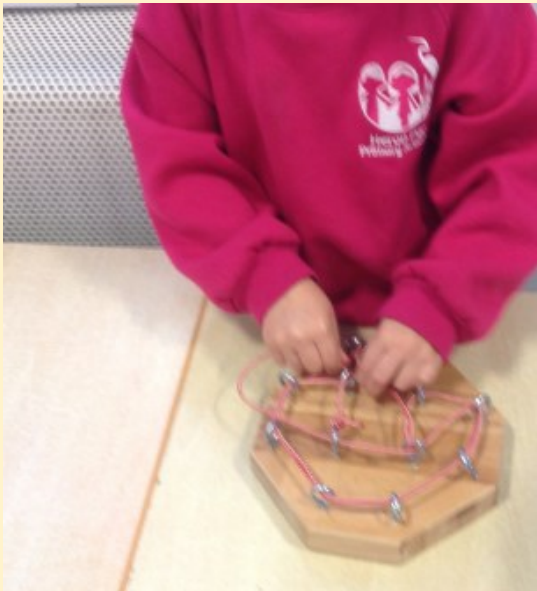


## Year 2

Year 2 children have been working hard to subtract using Rekenrek materials and tens frames to support them. They have worked collaboratively and have continued to develop their mathematical counting skills across the weeks.



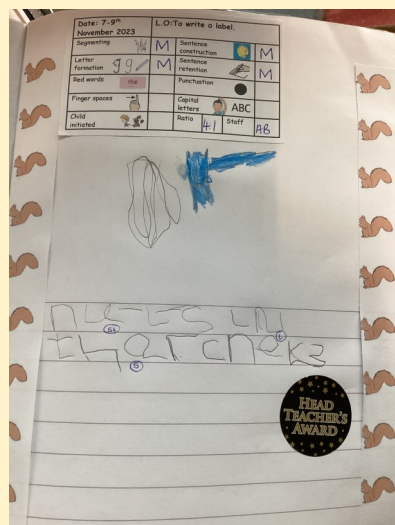
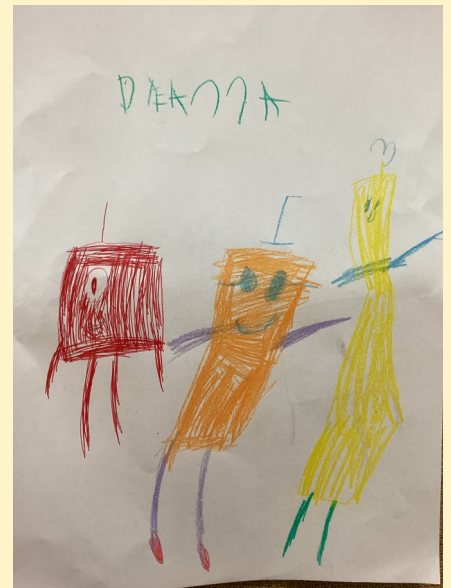
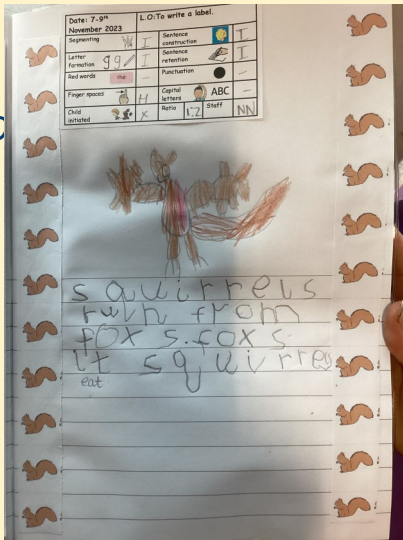
## Year 1



The Shed Club in Eastbourne, which is a charity run woodwork group, have created our Year 1 pupils some games to help develop fine motor control. The children have loved using this equipment this morning and I would like to personally thank Mr Orbell who worked hard to create these wonderful games.

## Reception

Children in Reception have been very busy exploring Fireworks, developing their understanding of Number blocks and they have been writing facts too. We are very proud of the children's efforts.



## Nursery

Our Nursery pupils have been reading the book 'We are going on a leaf hunt.' The children explored the outside area as they went on their own leaf hunt. They also pretended to make pumpkin soup!







Children are invited to wear their  
Pyjamas to school on  
Friday 17th November  
for a **£1** donation  
payable on the Arbor App.  
All donations will go to  
Children in Need



Don't forget!

All children must wear suitable shoes to and from school and to allow them to go out to play. They must also bring a coat suitable for the weather. Thank you.

## HERON PARK WEEK 1

# Weekly menu



### Monday

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

### Thursday

### Friday

Chicken Cacciatore Served With Pasta	Pork Sausages Served With Mash Potato And Gravy	Herby Chicken Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy	Beef Moussaka Served With Garlic Bread	Breaded Fish Served With Chips
Chunky Vegetable Chilli Served With Rice	Quorn Sausages Served With Mash Potato And Gravy	Quorn Roast Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy	Roasted Vegetables Served With Pasta	Cheese And Onion Roll Served With Chips
Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans
Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna
Lemon Shortbread	Traditional Iced Top Sprinkle Sponge	Chocolate And Vanilla Sponge	Apple Crumble And Custard	Ice Cream

#### Available daily

Yogurt, Fresh Fruit, Bread, Salad Bar

30.10.23 20.11.23 11.12.23

**HARRISON**  
food with thought

## HERON PARK WEEK 2

# Weekly menu



### Monday

### Tuesday

### Wednesday

### Thursday

### Friday

Beef Bolognese With Pasta Twists and Garlic Bread	Chicken Stew Served With Mash Potato	Roast Gammon Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy	Chicken Risotto Served With Rice	Sub Cheese And Tomato Pizza Served With Chips
Pasta Primavera Served With Garlic Bread	Lentil And Vegetable Pie Topped With Mash Potato	Cheese and Potato Puff Served With Gravy	Home Made Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Nuggets Served With Chips
Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans
Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna
Fruity Flapjack	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Cherry Melting Moments	Chocolate Beetroot Cake and Custard	Ice Cream

#### Available daily

Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Bread, Salad Bar

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HERON PARK WEEK 3



**Weekly menu**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Tikka Curry Served With Rice	Homemade Cottage Pie Topped With Mash	Roast Chicken With Roast Potatoes And Gravy	Beef Chilli Con Carne	Fish Fingers Served With Chips
Sweet Potato, Carrot And Chickpea Curry Served With Rice	Tomato And Herb Pasta	Cauliflower Cheese Served With Roast Potatoes And Gravy	Chunky Vegetable Stew Served With Mash Potato	Cheese And Pepper Quesadilla Served With Chips
Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans
Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Tuna Beans	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Jacket Potato with A Choice Of Cheese, Tuna, Beans	Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Cheese, Beans, Tuna
Raisin Biscuit	Vanilla Cake And Custard	Apple Turnover	Rainbow Jelly	Ice Cream

**Available daily**

Fresh Fruit, Yogurt, Bread, Salad Bar

13.11.23 04.12.23  
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**HARRISON**  
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Come to our **BOOK FAIR** on  
Monday 13th to Friday 17th November  
3:15pm -3:45pm in the hall

**SCHOLASTIC** **TRAVELLING BOOKS**



COME TO the **BOOK FAIR!**



**AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL**

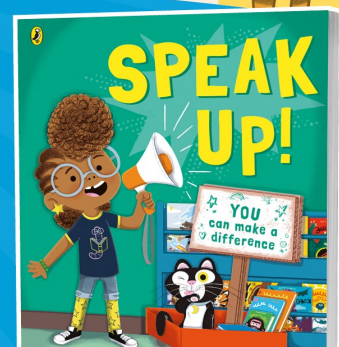
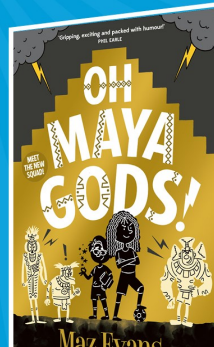


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# CHRISTMAS

- Friday 1st December - Non uniform day - donations for Christmas Fayre
- Wednesday 6th December - Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinner day
- Thursday 7th December - Lower KS2 Christmas Concert 2:15pm
- **Friday 8th December - Christmas Fayre 3:30-5pm**
- Monday 11th December - KS1 Nativity (pm)
- Tuesday 12th December - EYFS Nativity
- Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity (am)
- Thursday 14th December - Upper KS2 Christmas Concert 2:15pm

Further details will follow on all these events





# Christmas Fayre

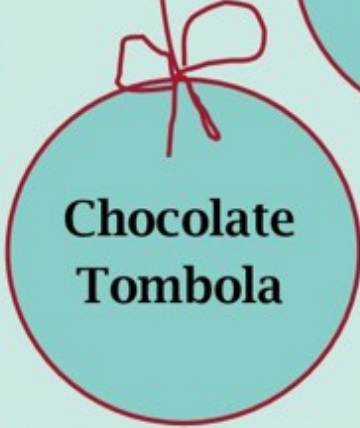
**Heron Park Primary Academy**  
**Friday 8th December**  
**3:30pm - 5:00pm**



**Gift  
stalls**



**Games**



**Chocolate  
Tombola**



**Grand  
Raffle**



**Father Christmas visit!**  
**£3.50 per child including small gift.**  
Payable in advance on the Arbor App.

Term	Date	Event
<b>TERM 2</b>	Monday 30th October Friday 10th November Monday 13th November Thursday 16th November Friday 17th November Tuesday 21st November Friday 1st December Wednesday 6th December Thursday 7th December Friday 8th December Monday 11th December Tuesday 12th December Wednesday 13th December Thursday 14th December Friday 15th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First day of term</li> <li>• INSET DAY</li> <li>• Odd Sock Day - Children are invited to wear Odd socks to school (with their uniform)</li> <li>• Parent Consultations 3:30-5:00pm</li> <li>• Children in Need - Wear your PJ's to school for a donation to Children in Need</li> <li>• Parent Consultations 3:30-7:00pm</li> <li>• Non Uniform Day - donations for Christmas Fair</li> <li>• Christmas Jumper Day &amp; Christmas Dinner Day</li> <li>• Lower KS2 Christmas Concert 2:15pm</li> <li>• Christmas Fayre—3:30-5pm</li> <li>• KS1 Nativity (pm)</li> <li>• EYFS Nativity</li> <li>• KS1 Nativity (am)</li> <li>• Upper KS2 Christmas Concert 2:15pm</li> <li>• Last day of term</li> </ul>
<b>TERM 3</b>	Tuesday 2nd January Wednesday 3rd January W/C Monday 5th February Tuesday 6th February Friday 9th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INSET DAY</li> <li>• First Day of Term</li> <li>• Parental Engagement— From 2:30pm each afternoon. Further details to follow</li> <li>• Children's Mental Health week.</li> <li>• Safer Internet Day</li> <li>• Last day of term</li> </ul>
<b>TERM 4</b>	Monday 19th February Thursday 7th March Thursday 7th March Friday 8th March Tuesday 12th March W/C Monday 18th March Thursday 28th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Day of Term</li> <li>• World Book Day</li> <li>• Parent Consultations 3:30-5:00pm</li> <li>• INSET DAY</li> <li>• Parent Consultations 3:30-7:00pm</li> <li>• Parental Engagement - from 2:30pm each afternoon. Further details to follow</li> <li>• Careers Week (including Careers fair)</li> <li>• Last day of term</li> </ul>
<b>TERM 5</b>	Monday 15th April Monday 6th May W/C Monday 20th May Friday 24th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First day of term</li> <li>• BANK HOLIDAY</li> <li>• Parental Engagement - from 2:30pm each afternoon. Further details to follow</li> <li>• Last day of term</li> </ul>
<b>TERM 6</b>	Monday 3rd June Tuesday 4th June Monday 17th June Tuesday 18th June Wednesday 19th June Friday 28th June Friday 19th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• INSET DAY</li> <li>• First day of term</li> <li>• EYFS Sports Day 1:30-2:30pm</li> <li>• Y1, Y2 &amp; Y3 Sports Day 1:30-2:45pm</li> <li>• Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Sports Day 1:30-2:45pm</li> <li>• INSET DAY</li> <li>• Last day of term</li> </ul>



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