

Dear Parents & Carers

I cannot express enough how grateful I am for all of your consideration and support this term. It has been a term of change for you and your children - new routines, new styles of lessons, ways of doing things and lots and lots of queuing! I am pleased to say that so far this term the protective measures we have in place have proved to be very effective. We couldn't have achieved any of this without your help, so once again thank you.

Sadly, some of our normal Christmas activities cannot go ahead this year however, we are very much looking forward to our virtual class discos on party day and raising money for Save the Children by wearing our Christmas jumpers. The classrooms are now being decorated and the tree in reception looks wonderful thanks to Hunters Farm shop and Ms White (for her artistry).

You will probably notice a large marquee appearing on the school field in the next week or so. (and No, we're not taking bookings for weddings and parties!) As we have extended lunch times due to class bubbles it has reduced the time the school hall is available so we will be using the marquee for PE lessons when the weather is bad.

I wish you all the very best over the Christmas break.

Mrs Edwards
Headteacher



Heronsgate Newsletter December 2020



As this is the last newsletter of the year we wish you all a very happy festive break and look forward to seeing you back in school on **Tuesday 5th January 2020**.

The Heronsgate Team

Winter

Please ensure all your child's belongings - coats, hats and gloves, are clearly named and that children have suitable coats in school with them.

In the unlikely event of a school closure due to bad weather updates will be on local radio and the council website www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/closures.

Free School Meal Entitlement

If you are in receipt of certain benefits your child may qualify for free school meals.

We are encouraging all parents to check their eligibility for free school meals and pupil premium funding by answering a few questions via the link below.

This will ensure you continue to receive the benefits you are entitled to and the school receives appropriate funding.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Before & After School Care

A reminder that Premier Education operate both breakfast and after school clubs on site providing care from 7.30am to 5.45pm daily without your child having to leave the premises. They are also able to take childcare vouchers now. Full details are on our website, all bookings and payments are made direct with Premier.

[www.http://heronsgate.org.uk/after-school-clubs](http://heronsgate.org.uk/after-school-clubs)

Dates for your diary:

December 2020

Fri 4th - Mufti day for FOH

Fri 11th - Xmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)

Wed 16th - Xmas Lunch (Book with Chartwells)

Thu 17th - Xmas Party Day

Fri 18th - Last Day of Term



SPRING TERM – JANUARY 2021

Staff Training **Mon 4th January 2021**

Term begins Tue 5th Jan

Half term Mon 15th to Sun 21st Feb

Term ends Fri 26th March

SUMMER TERM – APRIL 2021

Term begins Mon 12th Apr 2021

Bank Holiday **Mon 3rd May**

Staff Training **Fri 28th May**

Half term Mon 31st to Sun 6th Jun

Term ends Friday 16th July

(Pupils do not attend school on staff training days)