

Dear Parents & Carers

We are delighted to have welcomed our new and returning families and with how quickly the children have settled in to their new classes and routines.

This term we were so excited for the children to return to a more normal school day. The children tell me they are enjoying being able to socialise with their friends at break times and lunch times as well as participating in music lessons in the music rooms and using the food tech kitchen once again. Thank you all for your help in ensuring the morning routine works well. The children come into school so calmly and ready for a day of learning. I hope you have all had a chance to see the new outdoor gym equipment. It has been wonderful to see the children so enthusiastically making use of it at any opportunity. The term has got off to an exciting term with and finally children will be welcoming visitors or going on visits once again this term. Please see the year group curriculum newsletters on the school website for further details.

PE Ready

PE Ready has been very successful and feedback from the children continues to be very positive. They are benefitting from longer periods of physical exercise which they really enjoy. If you are concerned regarding personal hygiene, particularly for our older children and in warm weather, the children are most welcome to change their t-shirt if required.

May we remind you that PE uniform should be in school colours with or without the school logo. However, some children are still wearing kit with a sports log, for example Nike or Adidas. Please could you support your child to wear the correct kit for PE uniform.

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Free School Meal Entitlement

If you are in receipt of certain benefits your child may qualify for free school meals and additional financial support for the school to assist with trips.

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 to support your child(ren).

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

School Communications

To ensure you receive all relevant communications please check you are signed up to Parentmail, Parentpay and Marvellous Me. Information on these has been sent home with all children. If you have not received it please ask the office.

Termly Learning Conversations (TLC's)

This term's dates are as follows:-

Yrs 3 & 4 Week beginning 15th November

Yrs 5 & 6 Week beginning 8th November

Further details will be parentmailed nearer the time

Before & After School Care

A reminder that Premier Education operate both breakfast and after school clubs on site providing care from 7.30am to 6pm daily without your child having to leave the premises. They are also able to take childcare vouchers & will accept siblings from Heronshaw school with agreement. Full details are on our website, all bookings and payments are made direct with Premier Education.

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

2021/22 TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Half term	Mon 25th to Fri 29th Oct
Staff Training	Fri 26th Nov
Term ends	Fri 17th Dec

SPRING TERM 2022

Term begins	Tues 4th Jan 2022
Half term	Mon 14th to Fri 18th Feb
Term ends	Fri 1st April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Term begins	Tues 19th April
Bank Holiday	Mon 2nd May
Half term	Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd Jun
Staff Training	Mon 6th Jun
Term ends	Thursday 21st July

(Pupils do not attend school on staff training days)

School hours reminder:

School gates open at 8.30am, registration is at 8.40am. After this the gates are closed and children must come through reception to be marked as 'late'. Collection from class doors is at 3.20pm daily.