



TERM 1 – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear All,

We have had a superb first few weeks of term. It really does feel very positive and everyone has hit the ground running with all aspects of school-life.

Our governing has changed - we are now a Community Council. With this comes significantly reduced time-commitments from previous years and a much more impactful and purposeful voice when it comes to school improvement. We would love anyone who wants to have a very informal, no obligation chat about being a parent councillor what it is, what it means, the expectations - please do get in touch with me. It does take a village to raise a child, and we value your input to make this work as best as it possibly can.

Thank you for your continued support.

Emma Barker  
Headteacher

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Wearing the correct school uniform creates an **identity** for our children and our school. It is an important part of building a sense of belonging to our school community. Perhaps most importantly, a uniform means students don't have to worry about peer pressure when it comes to their clothes. When everyone is dressed the same, worrying about what you look like isn't so important. There is no competition about being dressed in the latest trend, which can put a great deal of financial pressure on families.

For some children, wearing a different jumper, or top makes them 'stand out' from their classmates. This can be very upsetting for some children and unnecessary issues often arise when the children are asked to remove the item that is not uniform. Of course, this can be readily avoided if families encourage their children to wear the correct uniform, as they will need to when transferring to secondary school.

We have plenty of pre-loved items we will be happy to donate to those in incorrect uniform. Going forward we will be sending reminders home for all children that are not dressed in the correct uniform.

## PEER MENTOR BADGES

If your child loses their badge we are able to replace them at a cost of £4.00. This cost will be allocated to your weduc account for payment and will need to be paid prior to collection.



## SEPT 2024 RECEPTION SURVEY

We really value feedback from our families and are constantly striving to improve the support we can offer our newest members of the school. Therefore please can we ask you to complete the following google form with your opinions and experiences.

<https://forms.gle/TqRhX6qpPjA5WYWe9>

## TAPESTRY

Don't forget to activate and view your Tapestry account to see what your Heron Class child has been up to so far this term. Ms Hartnup has already shared 19 observations since we've returned to school. If you're having issues accessing Tapestry, please let the school office know.



## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The online form for Secondary and Upper School applications is not open. Closing date for school place applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

Outcome emails will be sent to those who applied online. Outcome letters will be sent out by business class post to those who applied using a paper form – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025.

To make your application, visit – <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/secondary-admissions-guide/#Applying%20for%20a%20school>

## LEARNING REVIEW MEETINGS

Next week we will be sharing a link with you so that you can book your child's Learning Review Meeting. These 10 minute meetings give you the opportunity to sit with your child and their teacher to discuss their progress throughout Term 1.

Learning Review Meetings will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October (3.30pm till 5.30pm) and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October (3.30pm till 6.00pm). If these dates are not convenient for you, please speak to your child's teacher or the school office.

Keep an eye on Weduc for more information.

## OLIO

### Did you know TPLT and Aspens have joined Olio?

Our delivered services will be joining in with our main school kitchens across TPLT, helping to redistribute our uneaten food. Not only does this prevent food waste it also helps to support our local communities.

Since joining Olio 2 weeks ago our TPLT schools have helped donate 95 free meals, feeding 18 households in our local communities. If you would like to join Olio, either as a user or as a volunteer visit <https://olioapp.com> or download the app.



## SAFEGUARDING

If you have any Safeguarding concerns or just need to speak to a member of Staff confidentially you can book an appointment with our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Lesley Grant or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads, Emma Barker or Sally Jeffries. Please get in touch with the school office to arrange this.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 25<sup>th</sup> September – 2pm till 3pm** - Supporting your child's big feelings
- 30<sup>th</sup> September** – Deadline for STEAM trip payments
- 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Buzzard class STEAM trip
- 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Staff training day
- 21<sup>st</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Half term

## FRIDAY CELEBRATIONS

### Week 1

#### Hot Chocolate

Heron – Ellis

Kestrel – Mitchell

Buzzard – Esme, Penelope, Ellie



#### Learning Champion

Heron – Wilfred

Kestrel – Keegan

Buzzard – Olivia and Bradley



### Week 2

#### Hot Chocolate

Heron – Isla and Danielle

Kestrel – Edith

Buzzard – Ruby



#### Learning Champion

Heron – Delilah

Kestrel – Sienna

Buzzard – Ruby, Brody and Holly



### Week 3

#### Hot Chocolate

Heron – Milo

Kestrel – Oliver

Buzzard – Darcie and Esme



#### Learning Champion

Heron – Vinnie

Kestrel – Freddie

Buzzard - Owen

