



Heriot News 3

Thursday 1 October 2026



Heriot Primary School Vision and Values

Our vision is that Heriot Primary School is a place 'Where everyone's learning!'

The values which we promote are

- Family
- Honesty
- Respect
- Kindness

We hope parents and carers will also be able to reinforce the importance of these values. Our values were created in consultation with our school community. HT Awards next term will recognize children who regularly demonstrate our values.

Date of award	Title
23.10.26	Honesty
30.10.26	Respect
6.11.26	Kindness
13.11.26	Family
20.11.26	Honesty
27.11.26	Respect
4.12.26	Kindness
11.12.26	Family



HALLOWEEN



This year we are having our Halloween Hamper Raffle again.

Each child has been given two envelopes to take home today. If you wish to take part in the raffle you only need to put your child's name on the envelope and enclose £1 for each entry you wish to make. Each child can have more than one entry. Extra envelopes will be available at Parents Evening. If you wish more than one entry you can also put your coins into one envelope and office staff will split the £1 coins into extra envelopes and submit these as extra entries as required. Thank you for your support with this fundraiser. The draw will take place on Friday 30 October. Good Luck!

Our Halloween disco takes place on Tuesday 27 October. Letters about the disco will be sent home today. Our disco will cost £2.00 and glow bands will be on sale as usual. Children can also come to school on Friday 30 October in their Halloween costume if they wish.

Heriot Parent Staff Group

We usually meet on the first Monday of every month, within the school, from 6 - 7pm. We really need, and want, some more parents to join us to support the work of the school.

We hope to see you at our next meeting on Monday 5 October.

(See our poster at the end of the newsletter)

Through our various fundraising events, over the last few years, we have been able to purchase a new climbing frame which will be installed shortly. This is a bespoke design incorporating all of the things the children wanted it to have. We're very excited!



Gold School Sport Award

We are delighted to inform you that Heriot has been awarded a **sportscotland** Gold School Sport Award for 2026-2028. The Gold School Sport Award is recognition of the school's achievements in putting sport at the heart of our planning, practice and ethos.



Our feedback stated, 'The Gold Award highlights that your school has shown excellent practice across the core areas of the Award and demonstrated an on-going commitment to increase young people's opportunities and engagement in physical education, school sport and leadership and provide clear pathways to life-long participation in sport.'

This is the third time we have achieved gold status and we will continue to build on the work we have done in order to reapply in 2028. Huge thanks to everyone involved for helping us achieve gold once again. Special thanks to Mr Taylor and our Sports Committee for putting together our successful application and all of the evidence required.

Parking around the school

Can we please ask parents/carers to be mindful of responsible parking at school opening and closing times. Parking on the zigzag lines, parking halfway up on the pavement and parking on corners make it unsafe for the children. Children are trying to cross in between the cars and drivers are not able to see them. We all just want to keep our children safe! We would also ask that you be mindful about parking across driveways, even for a short period of time, as this can be problematic for our neighbours.



The children took part in a range of activities as part of Maths Week Scotland between 21 - 24 September. This year the theme was **Maths Matters** highlighting how maths connects to everyday life, learning, and work. The children have participated in live lessons, a whole school outdoor challenge, a maths trail, made maths art, looked at maths in the workplace, a maths ceilidh, various maths challenges and a Sumdog competition. The children have been having a great time and, yet again, there seems to be a real buzz around the school as they enhance their mathematical skills in creative and fun ways. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Grainger for organising this week and to the staff for embracing all the activities.

School Holidays

The school closes at 3pm on Friday 9 October for the school holiday week. Monday 19 October is a staff training day and school will reopen on Tuesday 20 October. A reminder that Monday 30 November is also a holiday.

Dolly Day

We had a brilliant day celebrating Dolly Day. The children, and staff, all looked incredible and we really appreciate the effort that was made by everyone to celebrate in style. Who knew cowboy boots made out of cardboard could look so good! There were lots of fun activities throughout the day all themed around Dolly Parton and the staff in the school and nursery went above and beyond to make this a special day for us all. My thanks to Mrs Harvey for setting up the book 'Lucky Dip' which raised £80 to go towards Dolly's Imagination Library. Our children, in the nursery, will continue to benefit from monthly book deliveries thanks to the Imagination library.



Chewing gum

We currently have some children who are bringing chewing gum into school. Chewing gum is not allowed and we would ask for your support in ensuring that your child does not bring this to school.

Parents Portal and Parentpay

These are the two systems which we use at Heriot. For clarity, here is an explanation of what each of them is used for. If you have any issues with either system at any time please do not hesitate to contact the school where clerical staff will be happy to help.

Parents Portal	• Updating your child's information • Updating medical information • Updating emergency contacts • Making Parents Evening appointments • All annual permission forms (not trips) • Going forward other services will be introduced and we will advise you of this as it happens.
Parentpay	• Paying for school meals/breakfast Club • Paying for trips • Consenting for trips • You will receive all school newsletters via parentpay

School Photographs

A reminder that the photographer will be in school on 5 and 6 October. All children will have their individual photo taken but if you are requesting family groups of children, please let the school know either by phoning the office or completing the request slip that was sent home recently.



Join the Heriot Primary Parent Staff Group Heriot PSG



Parents + Staff = A stronger school ♡

We need YOU!

We're looking for more parents to get involved with Heriot PSG and help us raise funds to get vital resources and equipment for our school.



By joining, you can help with:



Fundraising

Help plan and support fundraising activities, events and initiatives.



Building our community

Meet other parents, work with staff and be part of something positive.



Supporting our school

Help provide vital resources and equipment that enrich our children's learning.



Making a difference

Your time, ideas and support directly impact every child at Heriot Primary.

Together we can raise funds for what our school needs most! ♡



-  IT equipment
-  books & reading resources
-  sports & outdoor equipment
-  arts & music resources
-  and so much more...

♡ Get involved. Support our school. Help our children thrive. ♡