



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start my newsletter by commending our Year 5&6 classes on their amazing achievements whilst on residential at Derwent Hill last week. We are exceptionally proud of the resilience they have shown and the way that they have faced some fantastic challenges during their time away. The instructors at Derwent Hill made a point of mentioning how respectful, polite and well behaved our children were and I know our own staff have been so impressed with the children's perseverance, especially in light of the recent weather! I would like to also thank all of the staff who contributed to such an amazing experience and for making our children feel safe and supported. I am sure all the children took many wonderful memories away from the trip and I imagine everyone involved appreciated the chance to recharge over the weekend.

Fairtrade Fortnight showcase – Friday 4th March 2022

As you will have seen in a recent letter, we are hoping to showcase some of our Fairtrade Fortnight work through a 'High Hesket Market Stall' on Friday 4th March at the end of the school day. Weather permitting, this will be a lovely opportunity to see examples of the activities that have taken place in school and learn more about the importance of Fairtrade. Our apologies for the incorrect date on the original letter – it will definitely be on 4th March!

World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March 2022

A reminder that our school World Book Day theme is 'Wild Readers' as we aim to make a link with World Wildlife Day. We would love children to bring in a book/newspaper article on World Book Day that has a wildlife link. More information can be found on the letter from Miss McDermott in the newsletters section on the website.

Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March 2022

We will be fundraising for Comic Relief by holding a non-uniform day on Friday 18th March 2022. Children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes for a suggested donation of £1. We are also planning to sell red noses during the week for £1.50. These will be on sale from Monday 14th March and we will begin by limiting them to one nose per child and they will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

Scholastic Book Fair - Monday 21st March – Thursday 24th March 2022

Prior to COVID-19, we used to hold an annual book fair where parents were able to purchase books from a range sent in to school from Scholastic. This is always a fantastic opportunity for the school as we receive a significant commission from the sales which can then be used to buy new books for the school library. We are delighted to be able to hold the book fair again this year and this will take place between Monday 21st March and Thursday 24th March. The books will be displayed either in the school hall or outside, depending on the weather, and can be viewed between 3pm and 3.45pm. I have attached a leaflet about the book fair with further information. It would be wonderful to see this event supported as I know our School Council are keen to add some graphic novels to the library and the commission from the book fair could make that possible.

Online news resource

Unfortunately, there have been reports in the news recently about international events that may be upsetting or worrying for the children and they may seek reassurance about some of the things that they hear or read about. I thought it would be useful to highlight a resource created by CBBC Newsround which gives advice to children about what they should do if they encounter news that they find upsetting. The resource can be found on the CBBC Newsround website or by following the link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>.



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 2nd March & Thursday 3rd March 2022 – Parent's evenings

Thursday 3rd March 2022 – World Book Day

Friday 4th March 2022 – Year 4 trip to Tullie House

Friday 4th March 2022 – Fairtrade Fortnight showcase

Monday 14th March 2022 – Friday 18th March 2022 – Red noses on sale

Tuesday 15th March 2022 – Year 3 trip to Vindolanda

Friday 18th March 2022 – Red Nose Day (non-uniform)

Monday 21st March – Thursday 24th March 2022 – Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 1st April 2022 – School closes for Easter holiday

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher