



## HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by saying thank you for the support we received for our Fairtrade Showcase last Friday. Thankfully, the sun made an appearance and we were able to display some of the work we did during Fairtrade Fortnight alongside some local businesses. We are also very grateful for the £188.86 in donations that we received which will be used to buy seeds and equipment for our link school in Tanzania who are currently developing a kitchen garden.

### Red Nose Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

A reminder that it is Red Nose Day next Friday and we will be inviting the children to come to school in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1 for Comic Relief. Red noses also go on sale from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and we will initially be limiting these to one per child.

### Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

The book fair will take place from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March and a display of the books available will either be outside school or in the school hall (to be confirmed nearer the time). For every sale, the school receives vouchers which are used to buy new books for the school library. Any support for the book fair is very gratefully received as I know our School Council are in the process of generating a wish list of new titles!

### PTA AGM – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

You may remember that I wrote a letter in November to encourage attendance at the last PTA AGM as we are really keen to increase numbers to ensure that the PTA is able to continue its fundraising efforts. We are incredibly grateful for the time and effort that the PTA put in to the events they organise and all funds generated go towards being able to purchase resources and support experiences that we would not normally be able to provide. Unfortunately, due to COVID, the February AGM had to be rescheduled and is now due to take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in the school hall. If you are interested in knowing more or would like to offer your support to the PTA, please contact either the PTA Chair or the PTA Secretary using the contact details below:

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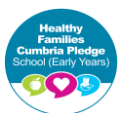
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### Bus bay

Please remember that the bus bay outside of school is to be used as a 'stop and drop' area and should not be used to park and wait. The 'stop and drop' arrangement has really helped to relieve some of the congestion outside of the school so we want to ensure that it can be easily accessed and enables a smooth flow of traffic.

### COVID-19

Now that we are operating under new guidance which takes into account the recent relaxation of restrictions, we will no longer be regularly sending our notification letters home that indicate if there has been a positive case linked to your child's class. In regards to positive cases, current guidance recommends that *"Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. After 5 days, they may choose to take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) followed by another the next day - if both are negative, and they do not have a temperature, they can safely return to their normal routine."* The attached letter from Colin Cox, Director of Public Health, provides further information.



## Talking to children about Ukraine

As the conflict in Ukraine continues, you may find that your child has questions about recent events and it can be difficult at times to know how to explain things. In school, we subscribe to a weekly children's newspaper called First News and they have made this week's issue available online for free. The issue contains a 6-page section where they aim to present the news in a non-sensationalised and unbiased way. If you feel that this may be an appropriate resource for your child, the issue can be accessed by following the link below and providing your email address.

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/ukraine-special-report-free-access/>

### Dates for your diary:

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022** – Red noses on sale

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022** – Year 3 trip to Vindolanda

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022** – Year 6 trip to Carlisle Courts

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022** – Red Nose Day (non-uniform)

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022** – Scholastic Book Fair

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022** – PTA AGM at 6.30pm in the school hall

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022** – School closes for Easter holiday

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022** – School reopens for the Summer term

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022** – School closed for Bank Holiday

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022** – Year 6 SATs week

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022** – School closes for half term

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey  
Headteacher