



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Thursday 5th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term is well underway now and it is lovely to see the weather start to improve. The last few weeks have had a STEM focus and we have thoroughly enjoyed expanding our scientific and technological knowledge through our 'growth' topic. A huge thank you to any STEM ambassadors who were able to offer their time in school to support the children's learning. I would also like to say a big 'well done' to our Year 5 & 6 pupils who did an amazing job of sharing their musical talents at our recent performances.

Warmer weather

Over the next few weeks, we will be maximising our time outside so we do ask that all children are prepared for the hot weather when it arrives! On sunny days, please can the children ensure that they have sun cream applied before school. It is also recommended that the children bring a sun hat and extra sun cream in to school for if they are needed. As the weather is so changeable in High Hesket, we would also recommend that the children continue to have a pair of wellies in school as we like to use the school field for playtime, even when wet!

TriKidz sessions – Thursday 12th May 2022

On Thursday 12th May 2022, we are excited to be joined for the first time by representatives from the TriKidz Charity Project who will be holding triathlon coaching sessions for Year 1 – 6 over the course of the day. They will be replicating the experience of a triathlon by using resistance bands to duplicate the swimming motion and allowing the children to cycle on adapted static racing bikes. We do ask that all children in Years 1 – 6 come dressed in PE kit on this day so as they can take part fully.

PTA 'Day off day' – Friday 13th May 2022

Following its success a couple of years ago, the PTA have organised another 'Day off day' which will take place on Friday 13th May 2022. This was a very popular event amongst the children who delighted in being able to have a day off from many of our normal school rules! You should have received a letter and sponsorship form for the event from the PTA but please do get in touch if you have not received this or would like any further details.

Sunflowers!

As mentioned above, we started this half term with our STEM focus week linked to the topic of 'growth'. As part of this, every child has planted a sunflower seed and they will be bringing these home towards the end of the half term. Please feel free to plant this in your garden and we look forward to hearing how tall they grow!

Platinum Jubilee celebrations – Friday 27th May 2022

We are excited to be able to mark the upcoming jubilee on the last day of term and have plenty in store for the day! The children are welcome to come to school dressed in 'party clothes' (any non-uniform of choice) instead of school uniform although we do ask that clothing is still suitable for running around in at playtimes. For any classes who have PE on a Friday, there is no need for PE kit on that day. During the morning, the children will be completing Jubilee themed activities in their classes and the Kitchen Staff are also busy planning a celebration afternoon tea style lunch. In the afternoon, the PTA will be hosting a tea and cake event for parents on the school playground and more details about this will be sent out nearer the time.

Jubilee bench

You may have noticed that the bench near the school gate has seen better days! The Queen's Platinum Jubilee offers the perfect opportunity to replace it with a commemorative bench and we are hoping to have a new bench in place soon.

Year 6 Leavers events

We are just in the process of finalising dates and plans for our end of term Year 6 Leavers events. These will be communicated to Year 6 parents as soon as possible.



School lunches

Unfortunately, we have been having some technical difficulties with one of our ovens which has limited our normal provision in the kitchen slightly. Whilst we are awaiting it to be fixed, we may be making some amendments to the school menu but will notify parents if the menu choices change for any particular days. Thank you for your patience.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 6th May 2022 – Year 5 & 6 RSE session with school nurse

Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May 2022 – Year 6 SATs week

Thursday 12th May 2022 – Tri Kidz triathlon sessions for Year 1 - 6

Friday 13th May 2022 – PTA sponsored 'day off day'

Thursday 19th May 2022 – Outdoor Classroom Day

Monday 23rd May 2022 – Year 6 cycle training

Monday 23rd May 2022 – Nursery & Reception trip to Beeches Farm

Friday 27th May 2022 – Platinum Jubilee celebration in school

Friday 27th May 2022 – School closes for half term

Monday 6th June 2022 – School reopens

Friday 10th June 2022 – M&M Theatre Productions performance of 'The Railway Children'

Thursday 16th June 2022 – Year 6 Leaver's Service at Carlisle Cathedral (children only)

Monday 27th June and Tuesday 28th June 2022 – 'Pedal & Scoot' cycling sessions for Reception children

Wednesday 29th June 2022 – Sports Day

Thursday 30th June 2022 - Class photographs in school

Monday 4th July 2022 – Class 'changeover day' in preparation for September (provisional date depending on Secondary School transition dates)

Tuesday 5th July 2022 & Thursday 7th July 2022 – Year 5 & 6 'Singing Out' performances at Carlisle Cathedral (more information to follow)

Friday 8th July 2022 – PTA Summer Fair

Wednesday 20th July 2022 – School closes for the summer holidays

Yours sincerely,
Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher