



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of this half term is fast approaching and the term has already been jam-packed with exciting events. A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our PTA 'Day off day' which was a big success and we are very grateful to all of the contributions that were raised. I would also like to extend a well deserved "well done" to our Year 6 class who have just completed their Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). The continuing hard work and perseverance of all our children after two years of disrupted education should be commended!

Outdoor Classroom Day – Thursday 19th May 2022

We are hopeful that we have a dry day on Thursday as the classes will be spending some time outside for Outdoor Classroom Day. As the weather is changeable, we do ask that the children are prepared for all eventualities. They will require uniform as normal (or PE kit if that is their timetabled day) but will need a waterproof coat and wellies in school if wet. Similarly, sun cream and a sun hat may also be required if we are lucky enough to have the sun shining!

COVID-19

The guidance from Cumbria Public Health relating to COVID-19 is that, if a child under the age of 18 tests positive for COVID-19, they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. In addition, children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to do so.

Illness / Scarlet Fever

Unfortunately, there are a number of childhood illnesses that can circulate amongst children and we do currently have a case of Scarlet Fever linked to the setting. As a result, we would advise parents to be on the lookout for possible symptoms and these can be found on the NHS website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>.

Term time absence

With the summer approaching, I am receiving an increase in the number of requests for Term Time Absence. I would like to remind parents that I am only able to authorise an absence for the registers in exceptional circumstances and, in the vast majority of cases, this would not apply to family holidays. If you do wish to make a request, this can be done via email or by using the forms in the PARENTS-TERM TIME ABSENCE section of the school website.

Platinum Jubilee celebrations – Friday 27th May 2022

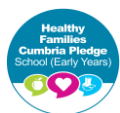
A reminder that the children will be welcome to come in non-uniform / party clothes on Friday 27th May and will be completing Jubilee themed activities in their classes. During the afternoon, the PTA will be inviting parents in for tea and cake. More information will follow soon!

'The Railway Children' – Friday 10th June 2022

We are delighted to be hosting the M&M Productions performance of 'The Railway Children' on Friday 10th June 2022 and it is always a really enjoyable experience. To make the performance possible, we would be extremely grateful of a contribution of £3 per child and this will be added to School Money for those of you able to support this.

Congratulations Mrs Fleming!

We would like to extend congratulations to one of our teaching assistants, Miss Dent, who was married at the weekend. She will be returning to school in the Summer term after completing her maternity leave and we will look forward to welcoming her back as Mrs Fleming!



Dates for your diary:

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