



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are entering the final half term and it feels very strange to only have a few weeks left of the academic year before we embark on the Summer holiday. There is a lot to pack in over the next few weeks and, as usual, there is a reminder of all of the key dates at the bottom of the letter.

PTA Jubilee ‘tea and cake’ afternoon

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved for making our Jubilee celebrations such a success! There was an amazing turn out to our PTA event and we are incredibly grateful to our parent helpers for all their hard work. A big ‘well done’ to our Reception children for the lovely decorations and for hosting the event. Thank you!

Classes in September

It is the time of year when we start to make preparations for the Autumn term and I know the children are always keen to learn who will be teaching them in September. The teachers and their assigned classrooms can be found below:

Year group:	Class teacher:	Classroom:
Nursery	Miss Carruthers	Early Years Unit
Reception	Miss Rennie	Early Years Unit
Year 1	Miss Digidan	Current Year 1 classroom
Year 2	Miss Blenkharn and Mrs Harvey	Current Year 2 classroom
Year 3	Miss Little	Current Year 5 classroom
Year 4	Mrs Day and Mrs Harvey	Current Year 6 classroom
Year 5	Miss McDermott	Current Year 3 classroom
Year 6	Mr Andrews	Current Year 4 classroom

Farewell to Mrs Ager!

Mrs Ager, Year 6 teacher and Assistant Headteacher, has been offered an exciting opportunity at the University of Cumbria. As some of you may know, Mrs Ager already works part time at the University of Cumbria and, in September, her role there will be increasing. Unfortunately, this means she does not have the capacity to continue at High Hesket CE School and, as a result, she will be leaving her post here at the end of the Summer Term. Mrs Ager has worked at the school for 16 years and has been an incredibly valued member of staff. She has been responsible for introducing and leading a range of areas, including gaining us Fair Achiever Status, strengthening our links with Mrawi Primary School and developing our outdoor learning. She will be a great miss to the team but we wish her all the very best in her new adventure!

Friday office times in September

From September, Mrs McCullough, our Office Manager, will not be working on Fridays. We will endeavour to monitor the office telephone for urgent business on Fridays but, if you require any direct assistance from Mrs McCullough, such as to help with School Money, please ensure you contact her Monday-Thursday. It would be worth a reminder that Mrs McCullough can be emailed directly at admin@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk and, if you wish to contact the Headteacher directly, this should be done via head@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk.

School meals and milk

Unfortunately, due to rising supplier costs, we are having to introduce a price increase in regards to our school milk and school meals. From September, the cost of a school dinner will be £2.40 and milk will become 20p per carton. Payments for these will continue to be made via School Money and please do let us know if you have any queries in regards to this. We consider these to still offer excellent value for money in the present economic climate.



Breakfast Club price increase

A couple of years ago, we changed our Breakfast Club start time from 8am to 7.45am to give parents more flexibility but did not alter the price accordingly. Due to rising costs, we do need to increase the cost of the Breakfast Club session to £2.50 from September.

Important safety reminder

A polite reminder that we do encourage a one-way system through the village to help reduce congestion. We ask parents to enter High Hesket at the Penrith end of the village and exit at the Carlisle end. We do also ask that vehicles do not block the pavements or driveways and the bus bay must only be used as a 'drop and stop' area. In addition to this, I have had some concerning reports that children have been witnessed not crossing the roads in a safe manner at times and I would urge all parents to ensure their children are supervised when walking along the pavements or crossing the road. It can be particularly busy at certain times of the school day and the number of vehicles travelling through can cause difficulties with visibility. The safety of our pupils is paramount so please do take care when dropping off and picking up outside school.

PTA events

A huge 'thank you' for your recent support with our Summer Term PTA events. As mentioned previously, the 'Day off day' was a huge success and I can now share that it raised in excess of £1400! This money goes directly to funding resources for the children and we are incredibly grateful for all contributions. The PTA 'tea and cake' afternoon in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee was also very well supported and we need to congratulate our Reception Class for their hard work in hosting the event. Well done to everyone involved! The next date on the agenda is the PTA Summer Fair which is due to take place on Friday 8th July 2022.

Year 6 Leavers events

We have now finalised the arrangements for our Year 6 end of year events. Firstly, Reverend Houston will be leading a special Leaver's Service in St Mary's Church, High Hesket, on Wednesday 13th July at 9.30am. Parents of our Year 6 children are very welcome to attend. In addition, there will be a Year 6 evening event which will be a celebration of the children's time at the school. This will take place on Thursday 14th July 2022 at 6pm in the school hall.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 10th June 2022 – M&M Theatre Productions performance of 'The Railway Children' (a £3 donation on School Money is appreciated!)

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

Monday 20th June 2022 – Year 4 "Play in a Day" – Vikings. With performance for parents at end of day (further details to follow)

Thursday 23rd June 2022 – Year 6 STEM trip

Friday 24th June 2022 – Year 6 trip to Lake District National Park

Monday 27th June 2022 – Wellbeing Week, including 'Pedal & Scoot' cycling sessions for Reception children Monday & Tuesday (more details to follow)

Wednesday 29th June 2022 – Sports Day

Thursday 30th June 2022 - Class photographs in school

Thursday 30th June 2022 - 'Pedal & Scoot' cycling sessions for Year 1 children (more details to follow)

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 13th July 2022 – Year 6 Leaver's Service at St Mary's Church (9.30am)

Thursday 14th July 2022 – Year 6 Leaver's evening for parents (6pm)

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher