



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

High Hesket, CARLISLE, Cumbria CA4 0HU TEL: 016974 73386

Head teacher: Mrs A Harvey

Email: admin@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk Website: www.high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk

Monday 12th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been incredibly impressed with the maturity and thoughtfulness that the children have demonstrated over the last few days following the announcement of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Children have had the opportunity to engage in conversations held in their classes and the children have asked respectful, considered questions. It has been a period of reflection for many and we continue to send our thoughts to King Charles III and the royal family.

Bank Holiday – Monday 19th September 2022

As a result of the announcement that there will be a national bank holiday to observe the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, school will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022.

Harvest Festival – Wednesday 28th September 2022

We have provisionally booked St Mary's Church, High Hesket, on Wednesday 28th September 2022 in order to hold our Harvest festival services for children in Reception – Year 6. Traditionally, we have always invited parents to watch the service and then join us for a light Harvest lunch in the school afterwards. Due to the size of the church, we normally have two performances (Rec-Y3 / Y4-6) to accommodate the number of children and parents. We are hoping to invite parents in again this year and are just finalising arrangements for how this will be organised. Further information will be sent out soon but you may wish to make a note of this date in your diaries in case you are able to make it.

Attendance in school

The Department for Education has issued new guidance for schools this academic year relating to attendance which highlights the importance of regular attendance throughout the year. The school attendance policy is available on the school website (INFORMATION – POLICIES) and, as outlined in the policy, I will only be able to authorise absence from school in very exceptional circumstances.

Parent Teacher Association AGM – Tuesday 27th September 2022

We are extremely lucky to have a very supportive and active PTA who organise fundraising for the school throughout the year, such as our very successful summer fair. The PTA will be holding their first AGM meeting of the year on Tuesday 27th September 2022 and this is a great way to get to know other parents and learn more about how the PTA operates. It will take place in the school hall (access through the hall door near the staff car park) at 6pm and everyone is very welcome!

Food items in school

As you will have seen from a previous email, we do not allow items containing nuts in school. This extends to food products and also to any other items that may contain nut oil, such as hand creams or sun creams. We also request that melon, kiwi and mango are not sent in as fruit snacks to avoid cross contamination on the playground when the children are eating at playtime.

Office hours

A reminder that Mrs McCullough will not be available in the office on Fridays and the office may be unmanned during the school day on a Friday. If you have an urgent message to pass on, please email head@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk or leave a message on the school answer phone.

Questions and queries

Please remember that we always welcome parents to raise any questions you may have with us so that we can alleviate any concerns and respond to any queries. I am often at the school gate in the mornings if you have any quick questions or can be emailed at head@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk to arrange an appointment for a longer chat. The class teachers can also be contacted on their school email addresses or through the school office.



Dates for your diary:

Monday 19th September 2022 – School closed for bank holiday

Tuesday 27th September 2022 – PTA AGM at 6pm in the school hall

Wednesday 28th September 2022 – Harvest Festival

Thursday 29th September 2022 – EYFS school trip

Friday 30th September 2022 – Play in a day for Year 5 (parents of Year 5 children welcome to watch at 2.45pm)

Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th October 2022 – Parent's evening appointments (tbc)

Friday 21st October 2022 – School closes for half term

Monday 31st October 2022 – School reopens

Wednesday 2nd November 2022 – Individual school photographs

Friday 18th November 2022 – Children in Need

Tuesday 13th December 2022 – Christmas lunch and parties

Thursday 15th December 2022 – Reception and Year 1 trip to the Sands Centre Pantomime (more information to follow)

Monday 19th December 2022 – Year 2 -6 trip to Theatre by the Lake performance (further information to follow)

Tuesday 20th December 2022 – Last day of term

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey