



## HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after half term! We have so many lovely events and activities taking place this half term and we are already on Christmas countdown! We are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable term and I hope this newsletter helps to provide further information about lots of the key upcoming dates.

### **School photographs – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022**

Our school photographer, Heidi, will be taking individual and family group photographs on Wednesday. If you would like any younger siblings who are not at school to be included in the photographs, please let Mrs McCullough know and she will arrange for this to be accommodated before the start of the school day. For any children who would normally have PE on a Wednesday, please can they come dressed in school uniform with their PE kit in a separate bag.

### **Outdoor Classroom Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**

Please can all children have a waterproof coat and a pair of wellies in school for Thursday as we will be participating in the international Outdoor Classroom Day. School uniform/PE kit should be worn as normal unless you are advised otherwise by text message.

### **PTA Family Quiz Night – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

We are really looking forward to our PTA quiz night on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022. It will be a lovely opportunity to socialise together after the last few years of having to run restricted events and we hope to see many of you there! For further details, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the PTA who are organising the event and their contact details can be found on the PTA section of the school website (PARENTS – PTA).

### **Remembrance Day / Royal British Legion collection**

Every child in the school is in the process of creating a poppy which will be taken to St Mary's Church in the village to place in the churchyard on the morning of Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022. This will be followed by a short Collective Worship service for the children by Reverend Houston which will incorporate the national two minute silence. If you are passing the churchyard on Friday afternoon, please stop by to have a look as we are hoping to create a really powerful display. Fundraising items for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal will also be on sale from today (please refer to the newsletter available on the school website on 14/10/22 for suggested donation prices).

### **Children in Need – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

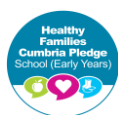
To raise money for Children in Need, the children are invited to attend school in non-uniform on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Donations for this are very welcome (suggested donation £1) and we will also be completing Children in Need themed activities in our classes.

### **We will soon be on Facebook!**

We have been exploring ways in which we can share what we have been doing in school with our wider community and I know many parents will already have access to Facebook. Over the next term, we will be trialling a Facebook page as an alternative to Twitter and will be uploading photographs and updates on a regular basis. When your child joined the school, you will have been asked to complete a permission form for use of your child's photograph on the internet and we will continue to use these permissions when posting any images of the children. If you would like to amend your child's permissions, please contact Mrs McCullough at [admin@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk).

### **Attendance update**

I wrote earlier in the term to inform you that the Department for Education has issued new guidance relating to school attendance. As a result, we have been closely monitoring pupil attendance and will be writing to any parents towards the end of the Autumn term if we are concerned about their child's current attendance levels and offering support where appropriate.



## **Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

We will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair during the week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The books will be displayed in the school hall from 3.00-3.30 and there will be a wide selection of titles available, often with some great discounts! School does receive a percentage of the total sales to purchase books for the school library so we really appreciate your support if you are looking to buy any children's books for home. More details will be sent home nearer the time.

## **Emergency medication in school – update**

If your child requires medication during the school day, we require parents to complete the appropriate forms and ensure that the medication is labelled with the correct prescription details. However, there are very rare occasions where it may be that school needs to administer medication in an emergency, such as emergency pain relief or antihistamine. To be able to do so, we require written consent from parents and so we are sending home a specific permission form which we ask that you complete and return to school if you are happy for emergency medication to be administered. In these situations, we will always endeavour to contact parents in advance but still require written consent even if we have spoken to parents verbally. If you have any questions about this, please contact school.

## **And finally...**

I'd like to issue a polite reminder that the school day starts at 8.40am for all children in Nursery – Year 3. Doors open at 8.35am to allow for a prompt start and the classes do begin the day with learning activities before our whole school collective worship which takes place once all children are in school. The learning activity often has a maths or grammar focus and so it is important that all children are in school to be able to access this. We do still continue to allow older siblings to also arrive at the earlier time and be supervised on the school playground until their 8.50am start time.

## **Dates for your diary:**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022** – Individual school photographs

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022** – Outdoor Classroom Day

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022** – Year 4 trip to Tullie House & Year 6 trip to Carlisle Courts

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022** – PTA Family quiz night

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022** – Scholastic Book Fair

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022** - Year 3 trip to Keswick Museum and Castlerigg Stone Circle (letter to follow)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022** – Children in Need (non-uniform day)

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022** – PTA Christmas Fair

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022** – Year 1/2 performance at 9.15am

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022** – Year 3/4 performance at 2pm

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022** – Nursery / Reception Nativity performance at 9.30am

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022** – Year 1/2 performance at 2pm

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022** - Year 3/4 performance at 2pm

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022** – Christmas lunch and parties

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022** – Reception and Year 1 trip to the Sands Centre Pantomime

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022** – Year 2 -6 trip to Theatre by the Lake performance

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022** – Carol Service at St Mary's Church, High Hesket at 1.30pm (Reserved seating for Year 5 parents)

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022** – Last day of term (normal finish time – no After School Club)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey