



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

2023 has got off to a busy start! There is lots happening in school already and we are so pleased with how enthusiastically the children have returned to the school routines. As always, thank you for your support in following our school uniform requests and it has been lovely to see so many of the children looking very smart in school. We do still have plenty of spare second-hand school uniform so do get in touch if you need anything!

Snowy weather

The snowy weather this morning came as a bit of a surprise! We do try and make the most of the snow when we can so ask that, on snowy days, the children ensure they have a pair of wellies (or other change of footwear) and warm coats and accessories.

Parent survey

I'd like to extend a big thank you to those parents who have already completed our parent survey and we are extremely grateful for all of the positive comments and suggestions so far. The survey will remain open until 3.30pm on Friday 20th January so please feel free to complete the survey if you haven't already done so. This can be done by using the following link: <https://forms.gle/pRf8yv1MU7sKuQQt7>

Safety outside school

Unfortunately, we are still experiencing dark mornings and evenings at school drop off / collection times and so visibility is reduced. Please can you support your child in crossing the road safely and steadily if they need to do so as the traffic can be extremely busy at these times.

PTA Logo Competition

As the Christmas holidays have been extremely busy for everyone, the PTA have extended the deadline for their logo competition to Friday 20th January. More details about the competition can be found on the PTA section of the school website (PARENTS – PTA – PTA EVENTS).

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March 2023

By popular request, we have decided to celebrate World Book Day 2023 this year with a non-uniform day and children are welcome to come dressed in a book-related outfit if they wish. Children can come dressed as their favourite book character or as something/someone that relates to a nonfiction book. Alternatively, children can wear normal non-uniform if they would prefer. The World Book Day website has some great ideas for dressing up as different characters at <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/> which also includes links to resources or masks that may be useful. We are hoping to plan some additional activities to support World Book Day and will be in touch once we know more.

Packed lunches

As a Healthy School, we do try and encourage this ethos to be reflected in the packed lunches that are sent in to school and that high sugar items are provided in moderation. We ask that lunch boxes do not contain sweets or fizzy drinks and that any chocolate items are biscuit based where possible. We also ask that no nut items are sent in due to several allergies within our school community which includes chocolate spread that contains nuts, such as Nutella. We very much appreciate your support with this.

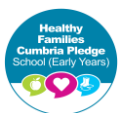
Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 7th February 2023 – Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 14th February 2023 – EYFS 'Stay and Play' session for parents 8.45 – 10am

Wednesday 15th February 2023 & Thursday 16th February 2023 – Year 6 Parent's Evenings

Friday 17th February 2023 – Last day of term



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Monday 27th February 2023 – School reopens

Monday 27th February – 10th March 2023 – Fairtrade fortnight

Wednesday 1st March 2023 – Year 3 Play in a Day

Thursday 2nd March 2023 – World Book Day

Wednesday 8th March 2023 – Year 6 U Dance performance

Friday 17th March 2023 – Red Nose Day

Monday 27th March 2023 – Year 3 trip to Vindolanda

Tuesday 28th March 2023 & Wednesday 29th March 2023 – Nursery – Year 5 Parent's Evenings

Friday 31st March 2023 – Last day of term

Monday 17th April 2023 – School reopens