



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Tuesday 7th February 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

February has now arrived and hopefully the lighter evenings won't be too far behind! The Spring term is unfolding nicely and there is certainly lots to look forward to, as you will see in our list of upcoming dates.

Fairtrade Fortnight – Monday 27th February 2023

As a Fair Achiever School, we always like to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight and recognise the importance of choosing Fairtrade items. This year, the theme is 'Spread the Word' and we want to harness the power of social media through our new Facebook page. Every weekday during Fairtrade Fortnight, we will be sharing a Fairtrade themed post which we would love you to share. If we choose to share any photographs of the children as part of this, we will use our current photography consent forms. If you would like to notify us of a change in consent, please do so prior to Fairtrade Fortnight so as we can take this into account when creating our Facebook posts.

Local Government Reorganisation

You may be aware that Cumbria County Council and the 6 district councils are undergoing reorganisation and will be replaced by two unitary councils, Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness in April 2023. From April, High Hesket CE School will be under Westmorland & Furness Council. This may mean that some of the services and external professionals who we currently work with may change from April but we will keep parents informed of any relevant changes as we receive further information.

Friday office reminder

Just a reminder that Mrs McCullough does not work Fridays and so the office will often be unmanned at the end of the week. If you need to pass on any urgent messages, please do so by speaking to the member of staff at the gate, leaving a message on the answerphone or emailing head@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk.

National Education Union industrial action

We very much appreciated your understanding last week as we risk assessed the situation in school regarding the NEU strike action. There are three future dates to be aware of: Tuesday 28th February, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March 2023. We will endeavour to open school on these dates if we have safe staffing ratios but will keep parents informed as soon as we know anything for definite. As explained in previous letters, we will not have confirmed staffing levels until the actual day of action so we may have to make last minute changes if necessary.

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

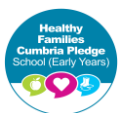
Year 3 will be taking part in a 'play in a day' workshop on Wednesday 1st March 2023. These sessions are always extremely enjoyable and end in a performance where the children get to showcase what they have been working on throughout the day. Family members of Year 3 are very welcome to come and watch the final performance at 2.45pm in the school hall.

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March 2023

A reminder that we are marking World Book Day 2023 with a non-uniform day and children are welcome to come dressed in a book-related outfit if they wish. As mentioned previously, 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.

School Money

As we approach the end of the financial year, please can ask parents to log on to their School Money accounts and clear any outstanding payments from previous terms. Mrs McCullough is happy to help anyone who requires support with accessing their account or who would like to discuss this further.



Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 7th February 2023 – Safer Internet Day

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

Friday 17th February 2023 – Last day of term

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

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

Friday 17th March 2023 – Red Nose Day (non-uniform)

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey

Headteacher