



## HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,



Welcome back to the Summer term! We have lots of activities planned over the coming months and we are looking forward to lots of opportunities to share these with you. Please see the 'Dates for your diary' section for a list of what to expect and I am sure we will be adding even more dates as the term unfolds! Our Year 5 pupils will also be embarking on their residential to Derwent Hill this week and we hope they have a fabulous time. Look out for photographs of their adventures on Facebook!

### Staffing changes this week

As our Year 5 Derwent Hill residential is taking place this week, we will be sending several staff members from across the school to attend the residential in order to ensure we have the correct ratios in accordance with our risk assessments. The staff attending are Miss McDermott, Mrs Graves, Mrs Marley, Mrs Winspear, Mrs Day and Miss Blenkharn. As a result, there may be some staffing changes in other classes to accommodate this but this will still involve cover by familiar staff and the delivery of the children's normal curriculum.

### PTA 'Day off day' – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

We are looking forward to having lots of fun on our 'Day off day' as well as raising valuable funds for our Parent Teacher Association. Details about the day can be found on the PTA letter which has already been sent home but can also be located in the PTA section of the website. Thank you so much for supporting this event!

### King Charles III coronation – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 2.30pm

We are marking the coronation with activities in school prior to the big event. This will include decorating our own commemorative t shirts in school which the children are then welcome to wear along with non-uniform on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023. If you are able to provide a plain white t shirt for your child to decorate, please can these be brought to school by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023. We will also have plenty of spares in school for anyone who needs one.

At the end of the day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, we will be holding a parade around the school field at approximately 2.30pm which will be an opportunity for the children to showcase their t shirt designs. Parents are very welcome to join us for this and the PTA will be providing hot drinks for a small donation. Please feel free come along and you may wish to bring your own blanket/folding chair to make yourself comfortable as the children parade by!

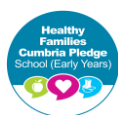
*A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 for an extra bank holiday following King Charles III's coronation.*

### Outdoor Classroom Day – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

We always enjoy taking part in the International Outdoor Classroom Day and will be spending lots of the day outside. The weather can definitely be unpredictable at High Hesket so please can the children be prepared for spending lessons outside in the grounds with waterproofs and wellies if the weather is wet. On the other hand, sun cream and sun hats may be needed if the weather is hot!

### Birthday treats!

I know many of the children like to bring in a small treat to share with their classmates when it is their birthday and I am often asked about what can be brought in to school. To ensure we accommodate all dietary requirements, we ask that these are small packets of sweets (mini bags of Haribo are ideal) that can be handed out easily at the end of the day. Thank you!



### Foodbank collection point

We have been invited to act as a collection point for Carlisle Foodbank in conjunction with St Mary's Church. The church currently has a collection box inside the door where you can drop items between 10am and 3pm. However, if you would like to donate food items outside of these times, please feel free to bring them to the school office.

### Year 6 Leaver's Service – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

In addition to the other end of term celebrations, we have finalised the date for our Year 6 Leaver's service at St Mary's Church, High Hesket. This will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 9.15am. Year 6 parents are welcome to join the rest of the school in participating in the service.

### Statutory Assessment Tests

The summer term is when several of the classes engage with statutory assessment tests which take place nationally. These include end of key stage tests for Year 2 and Year 6 as well as the multiplication tables check for Year 4 and the phonics screening check for Year 1. All parents will receive an end of year report for their child in July and the outcomes of any of these tests, where applicable, will be included alongside the other report information. Our Year 2 class has also been selected to take part in a trial with the National Foundation for Educational Research and will be undertaking two reading activities with a NFER representative this week and next week.

### Schoolmoney

There are still some outstanding monies from the start of the Autumn term on Schoolmoney. Please can we request that you log into Schoolmoney and check for any outstanding payments. If you need any help getting logged into Schoolmoney, please contact Mrs McCullough in the Office. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Dates for your diary:

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023** – Year 5 residential to Derwent Hill

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023** – PTA 'Day off day'

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023** – School closed for Bank Holiday

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023** – Non-uniform day with coronation t shirts and coronation parade at 2.30pm

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023** – School closed for Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023** – Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs week

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023** – Outdoor Classroom Day

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023** – Year 5 & 6 RSE sessions with school nurse

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023** – Year 4 Bright Stars fundraising event (more information to follow)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023** – Last day of term

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023** – School reopens

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023** – Year 4 Play in a Day (Y4 parents welcome to watch at 2.50pm in the school hall)

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023** – Year 5 visit day to UCC

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023** – Year 1 and Year 5 trip to Life Centre in Newcastle

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023** – Year 3 & 4 activity day and Year 4 school sleepover (more information to follow)

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023** – Year 5 visit day to Caldew School

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023** – Reception 'pedal and scoot' sessions (more information to follow)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023** – Sports Day afternoon (weather permitting)

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023** – Whole class photographs

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – Year 2 school trip

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – Year 6 Leavers celebration evening

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – Year 6 Edinburgh residential

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – Year 6 Leaver's service in St Mary's Church (Year 6 parents welcome) at 9.15am

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – Year 6 farewell for Y6 parents at 1.15pm

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – School closes for summer holidays (normal finish time)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey  
Headteacher