



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their support of our PTA 'Day off day' last Friday! It was a roaring success and we are very grateful for all of the generous sponsorship donations. All funds raised go directly back into purchasing resources for the children or for subsidising our trips and visits linked to our curriculum topics.

Coronation parade – Friday 5th May 2023

As you know, we have been busy decorating t shirts as part of our coronation celebrations. The children will be bringing these home on or before Thursday 4th May and we would like to ask that the children come to school wearing their decorated t shirts alongside any other non-uniform of their choice.

At 2.30pm, the children will parade around the school field in their decorated t shirts. Parents and family members are very welcome to join us for this and the PTA will be providing hot drinks for a small donation. You are welcome to bring along a chair or blanket if you wish to make yourself a bit more comfortable but we do ask that you don't arrive before 2pm as we may need the field for PE lessons prior to the start of the event. Fingers crossed for dry weather!

Goodbye Mrs Pike!

Sadly, after many years working at High Hesket CE School, Mrs Pike has decided that the time is right to step back from her role. She will be leaving us at the end of this half term and we are all incredibly sad to see her leave. However, she has promised us that she will be back to visit lots, especially when we have our Leaver's celebrations and summer events.

Carlisle Foodbank box

We are currently hosting a box for Foodbank donations on behalf of St Mary's Church until the end of the Summer term. The church currently accepts donations during the hours of 10am and 3pm but, if you would like to drop any items off in the school office, we can arrange for these to be collected and donated to the Foodbank. A list of suggested items can be found at <https://www.carlislefoodbank.org.uk/donate-food/shopping-list>.

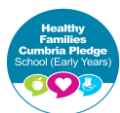
Class changeover day / 'meet the teacher' sessions – Monday 3rd July 2023

On Monday 3rd July 2023, the children will have the opportunity to spend the day in their classrooms for next year being taught by their new teachers. This will correspond with the secondary school transition day for some of our Year 6 pupils and any children not visiting their new secondary on that day will be supervised by familiar staff in the school hall. We will be confirming the class arrangements for September after the half term break.

In addition to the children's changeover day, we also want to provide parents with the opportunity to 'meet the teacher' so as they can familiarise themselves with the staff and classrooms that the children will be experiencing in September. We will be holding an open session for parents between 3.30-4.30pm where parents & children are welcome to come into school and move around the classrooms to meet the staff and ask any questions they may have about September. If you are unable to attend, we will be sending home class newsletters with all of the key information at the start of the Autumn term and will also be continuing to hold our formal parent's evening sessions later in the year.

Carlisle Cathedral Outreach Program – Year 4 & 5

We are delighted to be participating in the Carlisle Cathedral Summer Outreach Program over the next term and Year 4&5 will have the opportunity to engage with weekly music workshops. This will then culminate in final performances at Carlisle Cathedral in the evenings of Tuesday 4th July 2023 and Thursday 6th July 2023. We have taken part in the program before and the final performance is always fantastic! More details will be sent out nearer the time.



Please look after our wall!

The low wall at the front of the school that holds the black metal railings has been in place for many years and the stones are becoming very fragile. We would appreciate it if the children could refrain from standing or climbing along it to ensure that we keep it intact and to prevent any injuries. Thank you!

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 5th May 2023** – Non-uniform day with coronation t shirts and coronation parade at 2.30pm
- Monday 8th May 2023** – School closed for Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May 2023** – Year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs week
- Thursday 18th May 2023** – Outdoor Classroom Day
- Friday 19th May 2023** – Year 5 & 6 RSE sessions with school nurse
- Friday 19th May 2023** – Year 4 Bright Stars fundraising event (more information to follow)
- Friday 26th May 2023** – Last day of term
- Monday 5th June 2023** – School reopens
- Thursday 15th June 2023** – ‘Stay and play’ sessions for EYFS parents from 8.45-10am
- Monday 19th June 2023** – Year 4 Play in a Day (Y4 parents welcome to watch at 2.50pm in the school hall)
- Monday 19th June 2023** – Year 5 visit day to UCC
- Thursday 22nd June 2023** – Year 1 and Year 5 trip to Life Centre in Newcastle
- Thursday 22nd June 2023** – Year 3 & 4 activity day and Year 4 school sleepover (more information to follow)
- Monday 26th June 2023** – Year 5 visit day to Caldew School
- Monday 26th June & Tuesday 27th June 2023** – Reception ‘pedal and scoot’ sessions (more information to follow)
- Wednesday 28th June 2023** – Sports Day afternoon (weather permitting)
- Thursday 29th June 2023** – Whole class photographs
- Monday 3rd July 2023** – Class change over day & ‘meet the teacher’ sessions at 3.30pm
- Tuesday 4th July 2023** – Carlisle Cathedral Outreach performance for Year 4 & 5
- Wednesday 5th July 2023** – Year 2 school trip
- Wednesday 5th July 2023** – Year 6 Leavers celebration evening
- Thursday 6th July 2023** – Carlisle Cathedral Outreach performance for Year 4 & 5
- Monday 10th July – Thursday 13th July 2023** – Year 6 Edinburgh residential
- Monday 17th July 2023** – Year 6 Leaver’s service in St Mary’s Church (Year 6 parents welcome) at 9.15am
- Wednesday 19th July 2023** – Year 6 farewell for Y6 parents at 1.15pm
- Wednesday 19th July 2023** – School closes for summer holidays (normal finish time)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher