



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support our coronation festivities last Friday. The decorated t-shirts looked amazing and we were lucky with the weather in the end! With the addition of the extra bank holidays, this term has been flying by and there is plenty more to come as the term unfolds!

Statutory Assessment Tests

I would like to start by commending our Year 6 children on how motivated they have been already this week when undertaking their national End of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). We are incredibly proud of their hard-working approach and positive attitudes!

Over the next couple of weeks, our Year 2 children will also be completing their End of Key Stage 1 assessments and, during June, both Year 1 and Year 4 will also complete their national statutory assessments. Year 1 will take part in the phonics screening check whilst Year 4 will complete the multiplication check. Wherever possible, we try to deliver the assessments in as relaxed and as low key a way as possible and the results of all assessments will be shared in the children's end of term reports in July.

Two more goodbyes!

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to both Miss Gemma Baird (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) and Mrs Gillian Little (Kitchen Assistant) who are leaving us at half term to start exciting new adventures. Both members of staff have worked at the school for many years and will be very much missed by us all. They have both been valued members of the team at High Hesket CE School and we wish them both all the very best for their future endeavours.

Water bottles

As the weather heats up, we would encourage every child to have a refillable water bottle in school which the children are able to access throughout the day. The bottles can be filled up at home but we do ask that they only contain water to comply with our school policies and to ensure that there is no cross contamination of ingredients which may cause a risk to members of our community with allergies. Your support with this is very much appreciated!

Bright Stars donations

As you will have seen from their recent letter, Year 4 are on the lookout for anything they can sell at their upcoming after school event on Friday 19th May 2023 as part of the Bright Stars enterprise project. They would very much appreciate any donations of second-hand toys and books that they can sell to raise money for the school and for the Great North Air Ambulance. Any donated items can be brought to school before Thursday 18th May. Thank you!

Outdoor Classroom Day – Thursday 18th May 2023

A reminder that next Thursday is International Outdoor Classroom Day and we aim to spend lots of time learning outside of the classroom. We would be grateful if the children could come prepared for all weather eventualities – you never quite know what to expect weather-wise at High Hesket!

Dates for your diary:

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

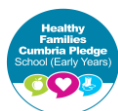
Friday 19th May 2023 – Year 4 Bright Stars fundraising event

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