



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Monday 5th June 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term! This term is always slightly bittersweet as, although we have some fantastic things planned, we are aware that we are preparing to say our goodbyes to our fantastic Year 6 class. As you will see from the dates at the end of this letter, this half term is full of lots of trips, activities and events. I appreciate it can be difficult to keep track on such a jam-packed diary so your patience and support is much appreciated!

Bright Stars Bingo Bonanza – Tuesday 6th June 2023

A reminder that tomorrow is our 'bingo bonanza' organised by our Year 4 class as part of their Bright Stars enterprise project. Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform during the day and bring a donation of chocolate/Haribo (or £1 if they would prefer) which will be used for prizes at the bingo event. Any children who have purchased tickets may then stay for the bingo event and can be collected from the hall door at 4.30pm. Reception class have gymnastics at Richard Rose Morton Academy tomorrow, please can they arrive in school wearing PE kit (and hair tied back), they may wish to bring a change of clothes for non-uniform day. Other classes who have PE tomorrow may wear non-uniform but please ensure it is suitable for PE activities. Year 6 will need to be dressed for cycling.

Classes for September 2023

As we begin to prepare for transition to our new classes in September, I can now announce that the class teachers for each year group in September will be as follows:

Nursery – Miss Carruthers

Reception – Miss Rennie

Year 1 – Miss Digidan

Year 2 – Miss Blenkharn and Mrs Harvey

Year 3 – Miss Little

Year 4 – Mrs Day and Mrs Harvey

Year 5 – Miss McDermott

Year 6 – Mr Andrews

Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Winspear will also continue to cover some of the classes when the teachers have their statutory non-contact time each week.

Transition arrangements – Monday 3rd July 2023

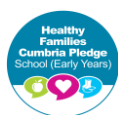
Over the summer term, the class teachers will be working to get to know their upcoming classes and all year groups will have a transition day on Monday 3rd July where they will be taught in their new classrooms by their teachers for September. On this day, the children will enter through the doors they will use in September and we will make sure staff are on hand to direct them to the right places and help them settle in. Some of our Year 6 pupils will be visiting their secondary schools and, for those who are not doing so, they will be in the hall supervised by familiar adults. After school, we will be opening up the classrooms and you are welcome to pop in to familiarise yourself with your child's classroom and meet their class teacher for next year.

School Money

As we approach the end of the school year, it would be much appreciated if parents could login to School Money and identify any outstanding payments from previous terms. Please do get in touch if you would like any assistance or further information about how to do so.

Wellbeing week – week commencing Monday 26th June 2023

During the week commencing Monday 26th June, we have organised a wide range of activities for the children to help them develop their physical and emotional wellbeing as part of a whole school 'Wellbeing Week'. There is a timetable for the week and the children will have an activity on most days. As a result, **we are suggesting that the children come to school dressed in PE kit/suitable sports wear for the whole week.** The children will still need to have their school uniform jumper/cardigan in school and we would ideally like any sports clothing to be as much in keeping with our PE



kit requirements as possible, although we appreciate they may start running out of items as the week goes on so we will allow some flexibility.

Fun in the sun!

We have been lucky to experience some lovely weather recently but we do advise that all children have a sun hat in school as our grounds have limited shade. Please can we also ask that the children apply sun cream before school and, if needed, have some to be able to reapply themselves later in the day. We do need to remind you that any sun cream used in school **must not contain nut oils** due to allergies within our school community. There has been information circulating on social media that some Nivea sun cream products now contain almond oil so please check the ingredients before applying. Thank you!

School photographs – Tuesday 20th June 2023

Please note the change of date for our whole class school photographs. This will now take place on Tuesday 20th June 2023. Any classes with PE that day will need to come to school dressed in their school uniform but with PE kit in a separate bag. Thank you!

Sports Day – Wednesday 28th June 2023 (Reception – Year 6)

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our Sports Day afternoon which takes place on Wednesday 28th June 2023. As you will have read above, Sports Day takes place as part of our wider 'Wellbeing Week' and the children will be taking place in health and fitness activities throughout the week. However, the Wednesday afternoon is a chance for the children to work together in their classes to earn points for their colour teams.

The afternoon will begin at 1pm and the children will move round a carousel of activities in their year groups. The activities will involve a range of different skills (throwing, skipping, running etc) and the children will build up points for their team whilst working in their classes. Once this carousel is complete, we will then hold year group running races for all children who wish to participate. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be given points to contribute to the overall totals.

Throughout the afternoon, parents are welcome to move around between the groups and watch the activities but there will also be a seating area if parents would prefer to stay in one place. Children should come in suitable sports clothing (school PE kit is also fine if you would prefer) and are also welcome to wear an item of clothing or an accessory in their team colour. If you are unsure which colour team your child is in, please ask their class teacher who will be able to share this with you. The school field doesn't have a lot of shade so please also ensure your child is equipped with a sun hat, sun cream and a water bottle. The children will be having a school packed lunch (outside if weather allows!) instead of the normal meal option before the afternoon begins.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 5th June – Friday 9th June 2023 – Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 6th June – Bingo Bonanza event 3.30 – 4.30

Tuesday 13th June 2023 – Year 6 Edinburgh residential meeting for parents

Thursday 15th June 2023 – 'Stay and play' sessions for EYFS parents from 8.45-10am

Friday 16th June 2023 – Year 6 Leavers service at Carlisle Cathedral

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

Tuesday 20th June 2023 – Whole class photographs

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

Thursday 22nd June 2023 – Year 6 field work trip

Monday 26th June – Friday 30th June 2023 – Wellbeing Week (PE kits all week)

Monday 26th June 2023 – Year 5 visit day to Caldew School

Monday 26th June & Tuesday 27th June 2023 – Reception 'pedal and scoot' sessions

Wednesday 28th June 2023 – Sports Day afternoon (weather permitting)

Monday 3rd July 2023 – Class change over day & 'meet the teacher' sessions at 3.30pm

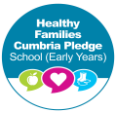
Tuesday 4th July 2023 – Carlisle Cathedral Outreach performance for Year 4 & 5

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