



## HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Tesco's Stronger Starts Fund – vote for us!

We are absolutely delighted to be included in an upcoming Tesco Stronger Starts vote at both the main Rosehill store and the Victoria Viaduct store. Following any transaction in store, customers will be given a token which can be used to vote for one of three projects advertised in store. The project with the highest vote at the end of the process will be given £1500 towards their chosen project with the second and third places also receiving a significant contribution towards their project. We are planning to use the money to create an outdoor reading area to give children a comfortable place to sit and enjoy their favourite books in our grounds. Voting opens in the first week of October and will continue into January 2024. We would love to gain as many votes as possible so please spread the news far and wide!

### Value of the term

You may be aware that we have ten core school values that underpin our curriculum and the experiences we provide for the children. The values were chosen by staff, pupils and the community a few years ago and are as follows: *community, outdoor learning, confidence, happiness, safety, supportive, respect, creativity, kindness and friendship*. Each half term, we will be selecting a focus value which will be central to our learning in school and will be explored in our collective worship sessions. This half term, our value is **respect** and we will be using this as the theme for our Harvest festival next week.

### Harvest Festival – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at our Harvest services and lunches next week. Please bear with us on the day as we coordinate lots of different elements to the day! Parents may need to wait a few minutes whilst we prepare the hall in-between the different sessions so, if the weather is wet, you may wish to come with an umbrella or shelter in the car although we hope to have as little waiting time as possible. We will also be collecting donations for Carlisle Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations. If you would like to contribute, items can be brought into school on Wednesday morning or can be brought directly to the church. A list of ideal foods to donate can be found at <https://www.carlislefoodbank.org.uk/donate-food>.

### Coffee afternoon – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

We are keen to provide parents with the chance to get to know each other as we have many new parents at the school and the end of the school day can often be busy! We will be opening the hall up on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for parents and family members to enjoy some fantastic refreshments provided by our school kitchen team. Please feel free to pop in for a chat and a catch up! Doors will open at 2pm and refreshments will be served until 3.15pm. A small donation for the refreshments would be much appreciated and will go towards school funds. Information about our wonderful Parent Teacher Association (PTA) will be available, and they will be sharing ways in which parents can get involved if they wish.

### School Money

We would really appreciate it if parents can check for any outstanding payments from last term on School Money. We don't always send text message reminders regarding payments as this can be costly so you may wish to log on and check your payment records. Mrs McCullough will be more than happy to help if you have any queries regarding this and can be contacted at [admin@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk), Monday to Thursday.

### Dates for your diary:

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023** – Harvest Festival and Harvest lunch

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023** – Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Keswick / Whinlatter

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023** – Coffee afternoon for parents

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023** – School closes for half term



**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023** – School reopens

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October & Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023** – Parent's evening appointments

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023** – Outdoor Classroom Day

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023** – Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church (children only)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023** – Anti Bullying week

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023** – Children in Need (non-uniform day)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023** – PTA Christmas Fair

**Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – Early Years, Y1&2 and Y3&4 Christmas performances (dates and times to be arranged)

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – Year 2-6 trip to Theatre by the Lake

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – Reception & Year 1 trip to Sands Centre

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – Christmas lunch and parties

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – Toy Day

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – Year 5 Carol Service (Y5 parents invited)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey  
Headteacher