



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Harvest festival services and lunch. The children did an amazing job of sharing work related to our value of **respect** and we are very grateful for all of the generous donations to Carlisle Foodbank.

Tesco's Stronger Starts Fund – voting is open!

The Rosehill and Viaduct Tesco stores have now opened the voting for the Stronger Starts Fund projects. If you are shopping in either store, please collect a token and vote for our outdoor reading project. All votes are greatly appreciated!

Christmas performances!

We always try and provide as much notice as possible for our Christmas performances and so I am delighted to announce the dates for 2023. The performances will take place as follows:

Nursery & Reception – Thursday 7th December 2023 at 9.15am

Year 1 & Year 2 – Thursday 7th December 2023 at 1.45pm and Friday 8th December 2023 at 9.15am

Year 3 & Year 4 – Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 2pm and Friday 8th December 2023 at 2pm

In addition, Year 5 will be leading our Carol Service on Tuesday 19th December at 1.30pm and Year 6 will be performing later in the year as part of their leaver's events. More information about all of the performances will be sent out nearer the time.

Coffee afternoon – POSTPONED

Unfortunately, we are unable to go ahead with our planned PTA coffee afternoon on Tuesday 17th October 2023 and will be postponing the event until later in the term. Apologies for any disappointment this may cause.

Reception Parents Reading meeting – Wednesday 18th October

Having considered your responses to our EYFS survey, we have set a date for our reading meeting which will provide more information about the way we teach reading in school and how you can help at home. It will be held just after drop off time on the morning of Wednesday October 18th in the school hall. We will open the doors at 8.45am with a view to start as soon as possible after that. The meeting should last for about half an hour.

Parent's evenings – Monday 30th October and Wednesday 1st November 2023

You should have received an invitation to our Autumn term parent's evenings and slips to return have been sent out to all children. We will be collating these over the next few days and will send out appointments times before half term.

Trips to Theatre by the Lake and the Sands Centre

We will shortly need to confirm numbers for our Year 2-6 trip to the Theatre by the Lake (Tuesday 12th December 2023) and Reception – Year 1 trip to the Sands Centre pantomime (Wednesday 13th December 2023). Please let us know by this Friday 13th October 2023 if your child will NOT be attending. We are still awaiting confirmation from the Sands Centre regarding the pantomime so will let you know if there are any changes to the planned arrangements as soon as we hear anything.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 11th October 2023 – Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Keswick / Whinlatter

Monday 16th October 2023 – Year 2 trip to the Devil's Porridge Museum

Wednesday 18th October 2023 – Reception Parents meeting regarding Reading

Friday 20th October 2023 – School closes for half term



Monday 30th October 2023 – School reopens

Monday 30th October & Wednesday 1st November 2023 – Parent's evening appointments

Thursday 2nd November 2023 – Outdoor Classroom Day

Thursday 9th November 2023 – Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church (children only)

Monday 13th November 2023 – Anti Bullying week

Tuesday 14th November 2023 – School photographs

Friday 17th November 2023 – Children in Need (non-uniform day)

Friday 1st December 2023 – PTA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 6th December 2023 – Year 3&4 Christmas performance at 2pm

Thursday 7th December 2023 – EYFS Christmas performance at 9.15am and Year 1&2 Christmas performance at 1.45pm

Friday 8th December 2023 – Year 1&2 Christmas performance at 9.15am and Year 3&4 Christmas performance at 2pm

Tuesday 12th December 2023 – Year 2-6 trip to Theatre by the Lake

Wednesday 13th December 2023 – Reception & Year 1 trip to Sands Centre

Thursday 14th December 2023 – Christmas lunch and parties

Friday 15th December 2023 – Toy Day

Tuesday 19th December 2023 – Year 5 Carol Service (Y5 parents invited)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher