



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I can hardly believe that this first half term is drawing to a close already! When we return after the half term break, the Christmas countdown will begin and there are lots of different events and activities to keep us busy throughout November and December. A reminder that there will still be the opportunity to vote in Tesco for our Stronger Starts reading project and this will run until January – please keep voting when you shop!

Outdoor Classroom Day – Thursday 2nd November 2023

The whole school will be participating in the international Outdoor Classroom Day which takes place on the first Thursday after half term. All classes will try and get outside during the day so please can the children come prepared to be outside in all weathers. The children **DO NOT** need to wear their school uniform and should have a suitable change of outdoor footwear, such as wellies or an appropriate alternative. If they normally have PE on that day, they don't need to bring PE kits but please can the clothing they wear be suitable for an active lesson. We are hoping to make the most of our firepit during the day so please make sure any clothing worn is able to get muddy and be worn around the firepit. Thank you so much!

'Stop and drop' in the mornings

We do encourage the use of the school bus bay in the mornings as a 'stop and drop' area but ask that this is not used for any parking or waiting to enable the flow of traffic to continue. Cars should pull up to allow the children to be dropped off near to the gate and then the cars should re-join the traffic as soon as possible. The bus must also be able to access the bus bay at all times with plenty of room to manoeuvre so we do appreciate your understanding.

Parent's evening appointments

By the end of this week, you should have received an appointment time for either Monday 30th October or Wednesday 1st November 2023 if you have requested one. Please do get in touch if you think you should have been given an appointment time but have not received one.

The Sands Centre pantomime – Reception & Year 1

We have been informed that the Sands Centre pantomime will not be going ahead this year and so our trip on Wednesday 13th December 2023 will be cancelled. We are in the process of trying to find an alternative experience for the children, such as a trip to the cinema, but I am sure you can appreciate that dates are limited. We will update you as soon as we know more and, if we are unable to find an alternative, will rearrange a refund for anyone who has paid. Apologies for the disappointment.

Remembrance Service – Thursday 9th November 2023

On the morning of Thursday 9th November, we will be taking Reception – Year 6 to the church for a Collective Worship session led by Reverend Houston. Whilst we are there, we will be planting our recycled plastic poppies in the churchyard so please look out for these if you are passing the church.

Scholastic Book Fair – Tuesday 14th November 2023 to Friday 17th November 2023

From Tuesday 14th November 2023 to Friday 17th November, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in the hall each day after school from 3pm until 3.30pm. There will be a wide selection of fiction and non-fiction books on sale and there are always some great bargains! At the end of the book fair, school does receive a proportion of the takings to purchase books for the school library so we are very grateful for any sales!



Dates for your diary:

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 – Friday 17th November 2023 – Scholastic Book Fair 3-3.30pm

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

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) at 1.30pm

Tuesday 19th December 2023 – School closes at normal time

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher