



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

A very warm welcome back after the half term break! The upcoming term promises to be full of seasonal activities and we are looking forward to all the events we have planned. The children have really settled in to their classes and I know the teachers are looking forward to sharing the children's achievements with you at our upcoming parent's evenings.

Reception & Year 1 trip to the cinema – Wednesday 13th December 2023

We are delighted that we have managed to arrange a replacement trip after the unfortunate announcement that the Sands Centre pantomime will not be going ahead this year. On Wednesday 13th December, we will be taking Reception and Year 1 to the Lonsdale Alhambra Cinema in Penrith to watch Disney's upcoming new release, 'Wish' (Certificate U). We will be going during the morning and the cost of the trip will be £5 as the PTA are kindly subsidising the transport. The cost will also include an ice lolly treat for the children. For any parents who have already paid the cost for the pantomime, we will refund the difference shortly.

Outdoor Classroom Day – Thursday 2nd November 2023

A reminder that this Thursday is Outdoor Classroom Day. Please can all children come prepared with the following:

- Non-uniform (suitable for getting wet, muddy and for being worn around the fire pit)
- No PE kit if they normally have PE sessions but clothing suitable to be active in
- A waterproof coat
- A change of footwear suitable for being outside (wellies are ideal)

Thank you!

Our value of the half term – KINDNESS

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are choosing one of our values each half term to focus on across the school. This half term, we will be exploring the value of kindness and are looking forward to discussing this in our classes and during our Collective Worship sessions.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

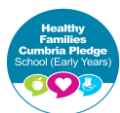
We have been provided with some items to sell in order to raise money for the British Legion's Poppy Appeal and these will be available to buy from **Tuesday 31st October**. The items are as follows: fabric zip pull, poppy reflector, wristband and snap bands and we recommend a donation of £1 per item. Please note there is limited stock of each item so they will be on a first come, first served basis. We also have a box of traditional poppies which can be purchased for a donation of your choice.

Children in Need - Friday 17th November 2023

We will be fundraising for Children in Need by having a non-uniform day on Friday 17th November 2023. The children are welcome to come in their own clothes and we encourage a donation of £1 for Children in Need. If the children have PE on this Friday, there is no need for them to bring their PE kits but we do ask that the children have suitable footwear available in order to run around in.

School photographs – Tuesday 14th November 2023

Our school photographer is visiting on Tuesday 14th November 2023 to take individual and family group photos. Nursery children who do not normally attend on a Tuesday are welcome to come at 8.30am to have their photograph taken and parents should bring them to the hall door. Similarly, younger siblings who are not yet at school are also able to join at 8.30am for family group photographs. Year 5 will have gymnastics during the morning so we ask that the children in Year 5 come to school dressed in their uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag to change into once they have had their photographs taken.



School Money – outstanding payments

We politely request that parents login to School Money to check for any outstanding payments from the last academic year and we would be particularly grateful if parents could clear the older payments first. Please do get in touch if you need any help or would like to discuss anything further.

After School Club – Tuesday 19th December 2023

School closes at the normal time on Tuesday 19th December 2023 but there will be no after school club on this day.

Tesco Stronger Starts voting – still open!

A huge thank you to everyone who has voted using the plastic tokens at Tesco's for our Stronger Starts outdoor reading area project. Voting continues until January so please continue to spread the word!

Dates for your diary:

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

Wednesday 13th December 2023 – Reception & Year 1 trip to Penrith Cinema

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 (No After School Club)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher