



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you and your families, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break.

We are all looking forward to getting busy in our new term. Firstly, we would like to welcome our new nursery starters who have joined the setting this January, we are really looking forward to getting to know everyone and their individual personalities.

There are a few small reminders of things that help with the smooth running of the unit, so I write to explain a few of these, but please remember that if you need to chat with us about anything, then please get in touch.

Our Topic

We have started the term with lots of settling in activities for our new starters, well done to our older children for welcoming our new friends into school so nicely.

This term we will enjoy reading *The Girl, The Bear and the Magic Shoes* by Julia Donaldson and will retell the story through role play, singing and dance. We will also use the traditional tale of *The Three Bears* as a theme for our maths focus.

We will observe and discuss the season of Winter by heading out on walks around our school grounds and noticing the changes to the world around us. We will feed the birds then wait and watch to see which birds come to visit our garden. We will also join in with the traditional celebrations around Luna New Year in February.

Water bottles

Each child has a water bottle in school, we send this home at the end of every week for washing. The tops of the bottles do tend to get chewed so if you require a new top, they are available for 10p, or you can purchase a new water bottle for 50p. These can now be purchased from the classroom.

Passwords

We have a password system for home time to ensure the best safety for all of the children. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, you are unable to pick up your child, please could you make sure whoever is picking up your child has a password. We then know that the request to pick your child up is genuine. (Password forms are handed out on home visits and should be brought back to school on the day your child starts). For our new starters please see a member of staff if you have not already completed the form and handed it back to us and we will give you a new copy to complete.

Tapestry

We continue to use Tapestry, a fabulous online learning journal where we add observations of your child. The observations we post are of special moments that we have had an opportunity to catch on camera, rather than a daily diary. You can access this and even add to it. Many of you are using Tapestry already, we really enjoy seeing your posts and the things the children have been doing from home. If you haven't activated your account yet then please let me know and I can send out a new activation link.

Library books

The children have the opportunity to bring a library book home each week. Every Wednesday they will choose a book to bring home, to then be returned to school the following Wednesday. (If Wednesday is not your child's usual nursery session then please return weekly on whichever day they attend). The children are always very excited to bring their library book home to share, and we feel that by sharing library books between school and home we are supporting the joy and enthusiasm of reading together. May we therefore ask, that families try and keep to the weekly book swap routine as much as possible so that we can continue to have a range of books to share between one another.

Dates for your diary

Parent Stay and Play – Tuesday AM 5th March 2024

Many thanks for all your continued help and support.

Jill Carruthers (Nursery Teacher)



