



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,



Welcome back to the Summer term!

I do hope everyone has had an enjoyable Easter and we have been delighted to see the children return to school ready for the busy Summer term. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Nursery children who will join us this week and also to recognise our Year 6 children who will be beginning the initial steps towards their transition to secondary school as we prepare them for the next stage in their education. The Summer term has several trips and activities taking place and many of these are listed below in our 'dates for the diary' section.

School meals

We are starting this term on Week 2 of our menu cycle and menus can be found on the school website by following PARENTS – MENUS – SCHOOL MEALS. A reminder that children can have a jacket potato or baguette alternative to the main course if you let the office know in advance.

Warm weather – fingers crossed!

Hopefully, we are due some nicer weather for the Summer term and so would like to remind parents to ensure that the children come to school with sun cream already applied when the sunny days finally arrive. Children are also welcome to bring sun cream to school to reapply themselves when needed but we ask that this is clearly labelled and that any sun cream used does not contain nut oil. Children are also encouraged to bring a sun hat for sunnier days.

Summer term assessments

Assessments are part of the normal cycle of the school year and we carry these out throughout each term as part of our normal practice. Assessments help us to identify the strengths and area for development for each individual child and also informs our teaching so as we can adapt our lessons accordingly. Although this is regular practice throughout the year, the Summer term does contain some statutory assessments that are carried out nationally. These include the Year 6 SATs tests which take place during the week commencing Monday 13th May. In addition to this, our Year 4 children also undertake a national Multiplication Tables Check in June and our Year 1 pupils complete the Phonics Screening Check during a similar time. In Early Years, the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Assessment is also completed. For the first time this year, the Year 2 End of Key Stage Assessment Tests are now non-statutory although schools are encouraged to undertake the tests, or a similar alternative, in order to gain an overview of the children's learning and to inform the transition in to Key Stage 2. We will be using the Year 2 materials during the Summer term but this will be delivered in a relaxed manner, in a similar style to the assessments we already undertake. At the end of the school year, each child will receive an end of term report and any relevant outcomes from the above assessments will be shared as part of the report.

Year 5 Residential

Our Year 5 pupils will shortly be embarking on their residential to Robinwood Activity Centre and we are sure they will have an amazing time! As several staff will be accompanying them on their visit, there may be some slight changes to staffing across the school to accommodate this.



Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th April 2024 – Year 5 residential to Robinwood Outdoor Centre

Tuesday 30th April – Wednesday 1st May 2024 – Parent's evenings (Nursery – Year 5)

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May 2024 – Year 6 SATs week

Thursday 23rd May 2024 – Outdoor Classroom Day

Tuesday 21st May 2024 – School photographer in for class photographs

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 – EYFS trip to Beeches Farm

Friday 21st June 2024 – Year 1 and Year 5 trip to the Life Centre

Monday 24th June – Friday 28th June 2024 – Wellbeing Week

Monday 24th June & Tuesday 25th June 2024 – Reception 'Pedal and Scoot' sessions

Wednesday 26th June 2024 – Sports Day (reserve date Wednesday 3rd July 2024)

Tuesday 9th July 2024 – Year 2 trip to Beatrix Potter World

Wednesday 10th July 2024 – Year 6 Leavers Celebration Evening (families of Year 6 welcome)

Wednesday 17th July 2024 – Year 6 Leavers service at St Mary's Church 9.15am (families of Year 6 welcome)

Friday 19th July 2024 – School closes (normal finish time but NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher