



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Tuesday 2nd July 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

With only three weeks of term left, the final weeks will no doubt continue to be extremely busy! A huge thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our Sports Day last week and it was so lovely to see the children interacting so positively and encouraging each other to succeed. We also thoroughly enjoyed Wellbeing week where the children had a taste of all sorts of different activities, including cheerleading, golf, archery and cricket. They worked brilliantly in their teams as part of our whole school project day and it was lovely to see the older and younger children supporting each other across a range of activities.

Menus – week commencing Monday 15th July 2024

Traditionally, the Year 6 children have always been given the opportunity to choose the menu for the final week of term so as they get a chance to select their favourite meals from the year. The menu for the final week of term will be as follows:

Monday – Meatballs & pasta

Tuesday – Chicken curry & rice

Wednesday – Chicken wraps

Thursday – Roast turkey

Friday – Fish & waffles

Trikidz – Friday 5th July 2024

A reminder that the Year 1 -6 children need suitable footwear for participating in the Trikidz activities which are taking place on Friday. PE kits are welcome and we do also request that the children have a pair of trainers available in order to be allowed to take part.

Low Hesket Village Show competition entries

Every year, we are asked to provide entries for the Low Hesket Village Show which takes place at Low Hesket Village Hall on Saturday 3rd August 2024. Nursery – Year 2 will create a painting and Year 3 – 6 will complete a piece of handwriting. The children's work will be exhibited at the show and then winners will be chosen from each class who will receive a small prize in September.

Toy Day – Wednesday 17th July 2024

Traditionally, the children like to bring in a toy to play with at the end of term for our 'toy day'. We recommend that this is a toy that the children are happy to share with others and is not of any particular monetary or sentimental value. We also ask that the children refrain from bring in electrical gaming items or anything that can connect to the internet. We do have plenty of games and toys in school if your child would prefer not to bring in an item from home.

Department for Education attendance guidance

In August, new attendance guidance for schools will come into effect and schools will be receiving increased input and support from local attendance officers. Schools have been asked to make parents aware of the new guidance and this can be found by following the link

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65f1b048133c22b8eecd38f7/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_applies_from_19_August_2024.pdf

Schools have been asked to share that, unless in extremely exceptional circumstances, term time holidays cannot be authorised and, according to the guidance, penalty notices may be given once a threshold of absence is reached. The guidance states: *"The threshold is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. This can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 4 sessions of holiday taken in term time plus 6 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks)."*



After School Club – Friday 19th July 2024

School will finish at the normal time on the last day of term but there will be no After School Club available. Breakfast club will be running as usual in the morning.

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 2nd July & Thursday 4th July 2024 – Year 4 & Year 5 Outreach performances at Carlisle Cathedral

Friday 5th July 2024 – Y1-6 Trikidz activities **(PE kits & trainers required)**

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)

Wednesday 17th July 2024 – Toy day

Thursday 18th July 2024 – Year 1 Pirate day

Thursday 18th July 2024 – PTA School disco

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

Friday 19th July 2024 – Year 6 farewell at 3.30pm (for families of Year 6 children)

Wednesday 4th September 2024 – School reopens

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher