



## HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are already in October and the term is flying by! We were delighted to see so many of you at our recent Harvest Festival and lunch. The children performed brilliantly in the church and, as always, our kitchen staff provided a delicious lunch back in school. Thank you as well for all of the donations for Carlisle Foodbank and we received a lovely email from the Foodbank team who were very grateful for the quantity of items that were delivered.

### Swimming sessions – Years 3-6

A reminder that we will soon be starting our swimming lessons at the Woggle Google swimming pool in Penrith. Years 5&6 will be attending every day next week, week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and Year 3&4 will be starting the following week, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024. More details about arrangements have been sent separately.

### Planned power cut – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024

We have been notified that there will be a planned power cut in the area on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 which is expected to affect school. This will take place for around 15 minutes at 8.45am and 4.45pm so we are very hopeful that the impact on school will be minimal. However, it may mean that access to the phone and email will not be available during this time so we appreciate your patience if you are trying to contact school.

### Year 1&2 Forest School session – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Our Year 1&2 class will be participating in a Forest School session led by one of our regular supply staff, Miss S Kendall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. The children will spend a great deal of the day outside so we advise that the children come to school with waterproof clothing, a change of suitable footwear (wellies are ideal) and they are **welcome to wear non-uniform** for the day. They may also wish to bring changes of clothing / extra layers as the weather in High Hesket can be very unpredictable!

### Whole school project day – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

We are holding our termly 'whole school project day' on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. These days have proved a real success previously and is an opportunity for the children to take part in a carousel of activities in their colour teams. This allows the children in different year groups to mix together and also enables the older children to take on added responsibility as they support their younger peers. As the children work in their colour teams, they are welcome to wear non-uniform and, if they would like, to include an item of clothing in their team colour. If you are unsure what colour team your child is in, please contact their class teacher and this can be passed on to you. This term the project day activities will be as follows:

- Animal handling with Claire's Cool Creatures
- Performance workshop with Razzmatazz
- Outdoor activities with Mrs Winspear
- Prayer space activity with NISCU (Northern Inter Schools Christian Union) at St Mary's Church

If your child has any allergies relating to animals that we are not yet aware of, please do let us know as soon as possible. As the children will also be taking part in some outdoor activities, **please can the children have waterproof coats and a change of suitable footwear** in case of bad weather. **For those children who normally have guitar lessons on a Wednesday, these will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October instead.**

### Menu change – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

As you may have seen in an earlier newsletter, we are trialling some possible new additions to our school menu and, this Wednesday, the school meal will be a cooked breakfast to gauge its popularity with the children.

### Water bottles

Please can we remind all children to have a water bottle in school every day. Children are welcome to bring their own bottle or school bottles can be purchased for 50p from the school office.



## Guess the number of sweets in the jar competition

We are currently supporting the fundraising of one of our Year 4 pupils who has been selected to compete with Cheer Force Knights Maryport at the Allstar World Championships and Summit Championships in the USA next year. To raise money for the event, the pupil is organising a 'guess how many sweets in the jar competition' and will be outside school at the end of the day on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October if anyone would like to try and guess the correct number. It costs £2 a guess and the winner will be announced after half term.

## School start time

A polite reminder that the school day for pupils in Nursery – Year 2 starts at **8.40am** and lessons do start promptly at this time. Older siblings who start at 8.50am are welcome to arrive at the earlier time and be supervised on the playground until their school day starts.

## Dates for the diary:

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024** – Year 1&2 Forest School session

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024** – Whole school project day (non-uniform / team colours are welcome)

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024** – Year 5 artist workshop in school

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024** – School closes for half term holiday

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – School reopens

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – Outdoor Learning Day

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church (children only)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – Anti bullying week activities in school

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – Parents evening appointments

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – Individual school photographs

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – Children in Need (non-uniform)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024** – Y1&2 Christmas performance at 2pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – EYFS Christmas performance at 9.15am and Y3&4 Christmas performance at 2pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – Y1&2 Christmas performance at 9.15am and Y3&4 Christmas performance at 2pm

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – Theatre by the Lake trip for Year 2-6

**TBC** – Cinema/theatre trip for Reception – Year 1

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – Toy Day

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – Christmas lunch and parties

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – Year 5 Carol Service at St Mary's Church at 1.30pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – School closes for the Christmas holidays

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025** – School reopens for the Spring term

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher