



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few days in class, getting to know the children and shaping our learning environment and routines together. Here is some key information that you might find useful in the coming weeks. Please remember that if you need to chat with me about anything then please get in touch. The best way to do so is via my email, jane.rennie@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk and we can arrange a suitable time for a phone call or meeting if necessary.

A reminder that the classroom door opens at 8:35am and school starts promptly at 8:40am. School finishes at 3:10pm, but of course, if your child has a sibling in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 then they will stay in class with me until the later time of 3:25pm.

School Uniform and everyday items

You will be aware that we access the outdoors as much as possible. It would therefore be very much appreciated if you could ensure that your child has a suitable coat. You are also welcome to send in a pair of wellies which can remain at school until the end of the school year. Please ensure the wellies have your child's name on. The children will also need to bring a book bag and a pre-filled water bottle (water only) every day.

PE

This half term, our PE days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on those days. A reminder that the school PE kit consists of a white t shirt (an optional white t-shirt with the school logo on can be purchased from Be Uniforms in Carlisle) and black shorts, tracksuit trousers or leggings. Your child should come to school in their school sweatshirt/cardigan on these days but may wish to have a change of sweatshirt/hoodie to wear for the PE session. It is also important that your child wears shoes with a suitable sole for outdoors, ideally trainers. Please can hair also be tied back and any earrings removed or covered with ear tape.

Homework

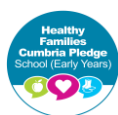
Reading

As you are aware we follow the Read Write Inc. (RWI) reading scheme. As part of the scheme we will continue to send home new letter sounds as, and when, the children learn them in school. We would encourage the children to practise these each night so that they can recognise them speedily, on sight.

The children take part in daily Read Write Inc. sessions and reading books are sent home to complement this. This is your child's main reading book and we encourage this book to be read at home on a regular basis. We also send home banded reading books. Children are able to choose these themselves and can be read for pleasure. These books will be changed weekly, on a Friday.

Spelling

As part of our literacy work, the children are given a set of spellings to learn every Monday. Spellings will be uploaded onto both Google Classroom and Spelling Shed to help the children to practise their spellings at home and you will be receiving Spelling Shed logins at the beginning of next week. The children should log on and practise the assigned words each week, which will be tested as an informal spelling check each Monday. The children will also have opportunities to practise these spellings at school through various activities. Spellings for this term will commence on Monday 8th September.



Numbots

The children will have 'Numbots' as their Maths homework and are expected to spend around 30 minutes a week engaging with this online platform. Again, the children will receive their login details for this shortly.

Google Classroom

As we begin a new school year can I please request that you log into Google Classroom ready for the year ahead. As already mentioned you will find weekly spellings here and we may also add to this as a means to support and celebrate your child's learning. If you have any problems, or if you need reminding of your child's Google Classroom login details, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Workshop area

We have a 'workshop area' within the classroom which contains some core junk modelling materials – cardboard boxes, egg boxes and cardboard tubes ONLY. Any donations of these specific items would be very much appreciated.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 22nd September 2025 – Fairtrade Fortnight begins (activities in classes)

Friday 26th September 2025 – Harvest festival and Harvest lunch

Friday 24th October 2025 – School closes for half term

Monday 3rd November 2025 – School reopens

Thursday 6th November 2025 – Outdoor Classroom Day

Monday 10th November 2025 – Anti bullying week

Tuesday 11th November 2025 – Remembrance service at St Mary's Church (pupils only)

Friday 14th November 2025 – Children in Need (non-uniform)

Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th November 2025 – Parent's evenings

Tuesday 2nd December – Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance at 2pm

Thursday 4th December – Year 1 & 2 Christmas performance at 9.15am

Wednesday 17th December 2025 – Christmas lunch and parties

Thursday 18th December 2025 – Toy Day

Friday 19th December 2025 – School closes for Christmas holiday

Wednesday 7th January 2026 – School reopens for Spring term

Thank you again and please remember if you have any queries about anything please do not hesitate to get in touch via the e-mail address above.

Best wishes

Jane Rennie