



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

Time is flying and we are already several weeks into the academic year! The children have settled into their new classes and there has been lots of exciting activities happening already. We thoroughly enjoyed our whole school 'Values Day' which was a fabulous opportunity for the teachers to work with a range of classes exploring our key school values. As we move into autumnal weather and the evenings get darker, it seems an appropriate time to mention some health and safety information, as well as to provide some other updates.

Parking

You should have received a letter earlier this week regarding parking and traffic outside school. I would appreciate it if you could ensure this information is shared with all friends and family who are involved in transporting the children. If you require another copy, all newsletters are available on the school website.

Illness

Unfortunately, this is the time of year when bugs and illness begin to spread. Please remember that children who have sickness or diarrhoea should not return to school until at least 48 hours have passed from their last episode.

Headlice

We have had several reported cases of Headlice in school. It is important to remember that your child's hair should be checked and combed regularly and, that after treating once, it should be checked again several days after treatment in case the first application was unsuccessful. There are many other common childhood complaints that can circulate easily within school, such as headlice or threadworms, and we do appreciate your support in limiting the spread of these complaints through seeking advice or treatment. The NHS Choices website can be a great source of information and more advice on treating headlice can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>.

Flu immunisation

If you are the parent of a child in Reception or Y1-6, you should already have received a flu immunisation request form. Please can we ask that all forms are returned to school as soon as possible, indicating whether you do or do not provide consent.

Winter weather advice

The school will always operate on the basis that it will open unless overnight weather conditions are so extreme that there would be risk to pupils and staff in getting to school. Where weather conditions have a significant effect on the numbers of staff and pupils that can reach school, a decision not to open will be made as early as possible on the relevant morning.

Local media outlets (CFM Radio and Radio Cumbria) will be contacted immediately, as will our local school bus contractor. If overnight/morning weather conditions are poor, please listen to one of these radio stations for information. If possible, a sign will be posted at the school premises indicating that school will not open. It will not be possible to telephone each family to advise that the school will not open, however we will send a text message via our text messaging service so please check your mobile phone for messages.

In the separate event that weather conditions deteriorate during a normal school day, the school will implement its School Closure Procedures. The local media will be contacted immediately with details of the school closure and parents will be notified of the closure via our text messaging service. You will be asked to telephone school to make arrangements for your child, whether they are to go home on the school bus (if able to operate), or to stay in school until you are able to arrange collection. It is therefore essential that the mobile phone you have nominated as your emergency contact number is in use at all times.

Aldi GB Stickers

A reminder that we are collecting stickers as part of the Aldi Kit for Schools promotion. The closing date is the 3rd November so we need to try and complete our posters by the end of October. Any stickers are very much appreciated!

Feet First Scheme

This year we are taking part in Cumbria County Council's Active Travel 'Feet First' scheme which encourages children and adults to consider how they travel to school. We do appreciate this is not possible for everyone, but the scheme is a great way to think about how we could walk, scoot or even car share at least once a week. If you would like your child to be part of the scheme, more information is on the attached letter.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 9th October 2019 – **Year 6 trip** to Carlisle Courts

Thursday 10th October 2019 – **Year 5 Class Assembly** 9am (Y5 parents invited to attend)

Monday 14th – Thursday 17th October 2019 – **Year 6 Bikeability** training

Friday 18th October 2019 – **Year 4 cycle training**

Friday 18th October 2019 – **Last day of term** before half term holiday

Monday 28th October 2019 – **School reopens**

Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October 2019 – **Parent's evening** appointments

Monday 4th November 2019 – Individual school **photographs**

Friday 15th November 2019 – **Children in Need**

Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th November 2019 – Scholastic **Book Fair**

Wednesday 4th December 2019 – **Year 6 class assembly** 9am (Y6 parents invited to attend)

Thursday 5th December 2019 – Carlisle Cathedral Choir Outreach **Year 5 and Year 6 performance** at Carlisle Cathedral

Tuesday 10th December 2019 – **Nursery and Reception nativity** 9.30am

Tuesday 10th December 2019 – **Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance** 1.30pm

Wednesday 11th December 2019 – **Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance** 2pm

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Thursday 12th December 2019 – **Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance** 9.15am

Monday 16th December 2019 – **Reception and Year 1 trip** to the Sands Centre pantomime

Tuesday 17th December 2019 – **Christmas lunch and parties**

Wednesday 18th December 2019 – **Year 2-6 trip** to Theatre by the Lake

Thursday 19th December 2019 – **Toy Day**

Friday 20th December 2019 – **Carol Service** in St Mary's Church (seating reserved for Y5&6 parents)

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May 2020 – Key Stage 2 **SATS week** (Year 6)

Thursday 11th – Friday 12th June 2020 – **Year 6 Yurts trip**

Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July 2020 – **Year 5 & 6 residential** to Edinburgh

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher