



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable half term and would like to welcome you back to the second half of the Autumn term. This is the term where we celebrate the run up to Christmas and it is always a term full of exciting activities and trips.

Space Week

I would like to extend a huge thank you for your contributions towards our visiting planetarium. It was a fantastic way to start our Space Week and allowed the children to take part in a unique and truly interesting experience. The whole week was filled with space themed activities in classes and it was lovely to see the range of investigations that the children took part in. We are hoping to exhibit some of our work as part of a primary school science exhibition at Caldew School this half term.

Children in Need – Friday 15th November 2019

This year, Children in Need takes place on Friday 15th November and we will be fundraising for this excellent cause. We will be holding a non-uniform day and are asking for a donation of around £1 which will be sent to Children in Need. The Children in Need School's Ambassador, Joe Wicks, will also be holding a live online active session which we are hoping to follow along to as part of our in-school activities.

Parking updates

A huge thank you to everyone who has been working with us to try and improve the parking challenges outside of school. You may have seen that we have recently been visited by a representative from Cumbria County Council as well as by members of the Parish Council. We hope that our communication with both groups will enable us to continue to seek possible solutions as to how we can alleviate congestion at peak times.

Parents evenings and your views – Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October 2019

Our parent's evenings take place this Tuesday and Wednesday (29th and 30th October) and you should have received an appointment time at the end of the last half term. As part of the evenings, we are hoping to seek your views and comments in regards to our newly created vision and values which have been at the centre of our learning this term. We have created a comments board in the resources area (near the office and library) and would really appreciate any observations or comments that you are able to add. In addition to this, we will be creating a parent questionnaire which will hopefully be sent out before the end of the term.

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

The Scholastic Book Fair returns to school on Monday 18th November and will be available until Wednesday 20th November 2019 and there are always a great range of books available. This year, the Book Fair will be able to be accessed by parents between 3pm and 3.45pm each day rather than providing time slots to each class. Scholastic generously provide the school with a percentage of all money taken which is then used to restock our school library.

Individual School Photographs – Monday 4th November 2019

These will take place on Monday 4th November 2019 and children will have their photographs taken individually and alongside their siblings. If you have any children who are not yet of school age who you would like to be included in the sibling groups, you are welcome to come along at 8.30am and we will arrange for you to take part in the first sitting. Any children who do not normally attend Nursery on this day are also welcome to come along at 8.30am.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

As in previous years, we will be selling items from the Royal British Legion throughout the week commencing Monday 4th November until Friday 8th November. The suggested donations for each item are as follows: wristbands £1, reflectors 50p, zip pulls 50p and snap bands £1.50. Please be aware that we do have a limited number of each item so we may not be able to accommodate everyone's requests.

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October 2010 – **Parent's evening** appointments

Friday 1st November 2019 – **PTA disco** at Low Hesket Village Hall 4.30 – 6pm

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

Friday 8th November 2019 – **Y4&5 trip** to the International Centre for Life in Newcastle

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 –Cathedral Choir Outreach **Year 5&6 performance** at Carlisle Cathedral at 6.30pm

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

Wednesday 11th December 2019 – **Year 3 and 4 Christmas performance** 5.30pm

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) 1.30pm

Please note that school closes early for the Christmas holidays at **2.30pm** on Friday 20th December 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher