



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

Important notifications for the end of half term

We have had a thoroughly enjoyable half term so far and are thrilled with all of the learning that has taken place already since starting back! There are a few events and changes that I need to notify you about regarding the final three weeks of this half term, including some staffing alterations relating to our Tanzanian link.

Firstly, we are looking forward to welcoming an inspector to the school on Thursday 30th January 2020 as part of our regular SIAMS inspection schedule (Statutory Inspection of Methodist and Anglican Schools). We are excited for the inspector to visit the school and talk to children about how we use our vision, values and Christian ethos to develop the children's learning and character education.

In addition to this, you will also be aware from the January newsletter that Mrs Ager and Miss Blenkharn will be travelling to Tanzania at the end of this half term to visit our link school, Mrawi Primary School. We are all incredibly excited about this opportunity and the children have been busy in school preparing messages and videos to send over to share.

Year 2 and Year 6

Miss Blenkharn and Mrs Ager will be absent from Wednesday 5th February until Thursday 13th February 2020 and their classes will be covered by Mrs Harvey (Y2) and Mrs Day (Y6) for the majority of the time.

Year 2 will also be taking part in a 'Play in a Day' on Wednesday 5th February which is always a fantastic experience for the children. Lisa from Lynx Theatre will spend the day with the children leading several drama activities and then the children will work towards a final performance which will be shared with the whole school and Year 2 parents at 2.50pm. Any parents of Year 2 children who would like to come along to watch will need to enter school via the hall door.

Office arrangements

Mrs McCullough will be absent from school on Thursday 6th February until Friday 14th February 2020 as she is undergoing a planned procedure. As I will be teaching full time during this period, we do need to ask for your support and patience during this time as we will not have permanent cover for the office. If you have messages or requests, we would ask that you try to email in rather than contacting us in person or by phone as I will be able to check emails at intervals during the day. Notifications of absence can be made via the contact form on the school website, by email or using our answering machine. Please remember that you are welcome to speak directly to your child's class teacher as well who may be able to assist with any queries you have. We have also had several requests to reset School money passwords recently and it would be advisable to check that yours is working before Mrs McCullough's absence so as she can reset if needed as I will be unable to do so.

Mrs Haley, a regular volunteer in school, has kindly offered to cover the office for most mornings during the week commencing Monday 10th February 2020 and will be available to take messages, check registers etc. I will also be available in the office before 8.30am and after 3.20pm each day if anyone does need any help in person and I will endeavour to reply to any queries in a timely fashion. It may be worth noting that, if you are dropping your child off after the start of the school day, it may be best to prearrange this to ensure that there is someone available to let them in. Additionally, please check that your child has entered the school building safely before departing.

We appreciate your support during this time and are excited to share with you news about the Tanzanian visit once Mrs Ager and Miss Blenkharn return.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher