



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new academic year. It is wonderful to have all the children back together again in nursery. I am thoroughly enjoying spending time with all our existing pupils again as well as getting to know our new starters, each with their individual personalities.

There are a few small things that will help the smooth running of the unit, so I am writing to explain a few of these, but please remember that if you need to chat with me about anything then please get in touch. The best way to communicate at the moment is via my email, jill.carruthers@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk we can then arrange a suitable time for a phone call if necessary.

Spare Clothes, Wellingtons, Waterproofs and Outdoor Clothing

We are very lucky to have such a wonderful outdoor area, and the children have access to this on a daily basis.

Please may we ask, if possible, that children have their own pair of wellingtons for outdoor play. These can be kept at school on the wellington trolley. Also children should have their coats with them on a daily basis.

Some of the children may also need a change of clothes from time to time. It is a good idea for children to bring a spare set of clothes to nursery. These can be hung in a bag on their peg and sent home at the end of each session or if you prefer the bag can stay in school to be sent home at the end of a half term. If the children are sent home in spare school clothing, please may we ask that you please wash them and return in a carrier bag. We will then store them for 72 hours before putting back into our spares box!

School bags

Children can bring a small bag into nursery with their everyday essential items in such as water bottle and a small supply of spare clothes. We do ask that no toys are to be brought in from home.

Tapestry

We use a fabulous online learning journal called 'Tapestry Learning'. Over the year we will add observations of your child and what they can do. You can access this and even add to it. Many of you will be using this already if your children were with us last year. If we haven't already sent you a log in email to activate your account then please send me an email and I can send out a new activation link.

Snack

Nursery children currently have a mid-morning and mid-afternoon snack each day consisting of fruit and a drink of water or milk. We would like to introduce a small, healthy carbohydrate to eat alongside their fruit at morning snack. This might be a breadstick, cracker, fruit loaf or rice cake. We will ensure that this does not spoil their lunch. If anybody has any objections to this please let us know.

Water Bottles

Each child has a water bottle in nursery. We will send them home at the end of each day for washing, could you please return the bottle ready filled with water the following day. The tops of the bottles do tend to get chewed so if you require a new top, they are available for 10p, or you can purchase a new water bottle for 50p. (Please note the clear water bottles are not dishwasher safe!)

Passwords

We have a password system for home time to ensure the best safety for all of the children. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, you are unable to pick up your child, please could you make sure whoever is picking up your child has a password. We then know that the request to pick your child up is genuine. Please could you send me an email (address above) with your chosen password, we will then keep this safe in school for emergency situations. If you provided this last year, please still send me an email to ensure our records are correct.

PE

We are physically active almost all day, every day at nursery. However we do also like to plan into our week specific physical activities such as ball skills or dancing etc. We will try to carry out these activities outdoors as much as possible but in the winter months we will use the school hall. Nursery children do not need a PE kit but we do encourage children to take their shoes and socks off.

Thank you again and please remember if you have any queries about anything please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Jill Carruthers (Nursery teacher)