



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,



A very warm welcome back to the second half of the Spring term! I am sure that the next two weeks will bring a lot of new information that we will have to share and I will endeavour to keep you updated as government announcements are made. In the meantime, the Spring term brings lots of opportunity for whole school events and celebrations as Fairtrade Fortnight, World Book Day, Mothering Sunday, Comic Relief and the run up to Easter will all be important aspects of our school calendar. This newsletter provides information about a few of these events as well as general information about school and our remote learning provision.

Packs

We will be delivering packs for all the children over the course of today and tomorrow containing some resources they may find useful over the next couple of weeks. This time, the packs won't be able to be posted through letterboxes due to their size so the staff and volunteers delivering these will knock and then leave them outside your front door. As always, we would recommend that you clean or quarantine the items before use. If you haven't received a pack by Wednesday 24th February, please let us know.

Wellbeing Wednesday

You will have seen from the newsletter before the half term that we are introducing 'Wellbeing Wednesday' as part of our remote learning provision, starting this week. Your child's class teacher will be providing a 'learning menu' grid for the children to choose from. We will be providing printed copies of the menus in the packs we deliver which you may find easier to refer to, especially if you want to have a screen free afternoon. The children are welcome to share any activities with the class teachers using the comments on Google Classroom but, as I mentioned in the last letter, there is no expectation to do so. Please also remember that you are welcome to be flexible with your timetable, especially if you have multiple children needing devices, so you may wish to use a different afternoon in the week if it works better for your circumstances.

For children accessing the Key Worker provision, the children are welcome to come in non-uniform on a Wednesday which is suitable for outdoor activities as we will be using the same learning grid within school. The children may choose an outdoor activity so they may wish to come dressed accordingly.

Catch up Friday

Every Friday afternoon will now be a designated 'Catch up Friday' session and only Maths and English activities will be assigned over Google Classroom. We hope this will allow families a little more flexibility and, if your child has completed everything and would like additional work, they are welcome to utilise the 'learning menu' grid or use our online platforms such as Numbots, TT Rockstars, Maths Shed or Spelling Shed.



Class Zoom sessions

Don't forget that our Zoom session times may have changed slightly for this half term. The new times are as follows:

Tuesdays:

9.30am – Reception

10.30am - Nursery

Wednesdays:

09:15am - Year 6

10:00am - Year 5

10:45am - Year 2

11:15am - Year 4

1:30pm - Year 1

2:30pm - Year 3

World Book Day

Thursday 4th March 2021 is World Book Day and this is always an important date in the school calendar. It is an opportunity to celebrate the importance of reading and to encourage reading for pleasure amongst the children. This year, every class will have at least one activity linked to World Book Day as part of their learning and we will also be sharing a fun challenge on Google Classroom that we hope the children will enjoy. More details will be shared via the Google Classroom stream on World Book Day.

Key Worker provision

We have had an increase in requests and, as a result, some of our bubbles are now full on specific days. Please could we remind parents to only request a place if they have no other alternative as we really want to ensure space is available for families who have no other option.

Dates for the diary

Monday 22nd February – Friday 5th March 2021 – Fairtrade Fortnight

Thursday 4th March 2021 – World Book Day

Sunday 14th March 2021 – Mothering Sunday

Friday 19th March 2021 – Red Nose Day

Thursday 1st April 2021 – Last day of term

Friday 2nd April 2021 – Good Friday

Sunday 4th April 2021 – Easter Sunday

Monday 19th April 2021 – Summer term starts

Yours sincerely,
Mrs A Harvey