



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to everyone! It was incredibly emotional to see so many smiling faces entering back through our school gates this morning and I can reassure you that the children have adapted back in to the school routines with real enthusiasm and positivity. It has been a delight to see each year group reunited with their friends and I am extremely grateful to all our families for continuing to follow our procedures so as we can reduce the risk of further closures as much as we are able. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and families for the support you have given the school over the last few weeks and the huge effort everyone has made to do their best with the remote learning. As we move forward through the rest of this term, there is lots to celebrate and, although we continue to work in our bubbles, there are plenty of opportunities for whole school experiences and we look forward to continuing to move through our curriculum as the term unfolds.

New nursery starters

I would like to extend an extra special welcome to those children and their families who have started in our Nursery class this week. Unfortunately, their start at High Hesket CE School had to be delayed due to the recent circumstances but we are very pleased to be able to begin their face to face learning journey with them and hope that they enjoy their time with us!

Parking and littering

Now that we have a full return to school, the traffic will begin to get much busier at certain times of the day. Please can I remind all families to park considerately within the village, ensuring that they do not block pavements or driveways. Please can we also ensure that we take all litter home with us as we want to play our part in keeping the village safe and tidy.

Comic Relief / Red Noses

To celebrate Red Nose Day 2021, we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 19th March 2021. The children are welcome to come to school dressed in their own clothes and can bring a small donation (suggested donation £1) for Comic Relief which will be collected in their classrooms and donated to Comic Relief. During the week commencing Monday 15th March 2021, we will also be selling this year's red noses for £1.50 and this will be the first time the red noses have been produced with 100% plastic free, plant-based materials. We will have limited stock so we ask that the children only purchase one each to begin with and they will be sold on a first come, first served basis. The children can bring their £1.50 in to class where the teachers will organise their delivery to the children. Unfortunately, we do have to be careful this year about the children getting the noses mixed up and accidentally wearing each other's, so we do need to ask that the noses aren't worn at school but are taken home instead.

World Book Day vouchers / Masked Reader competition

Thursday 4th March 2021 marked this year's World Book Day event and you will have seen our 'Masked Reader' competition on Google Classroom. There is still time to get involved as the competition will close this Thursday 11th March. Anyone who has submitted a guess as to who each 'masked reader' is will automatically be entered in to a draw to win a book voucher.

This week, your child will also bring home a £1 World Book Day token. These are issued every year and can be used to either purchase one of the specially published World Book Day £1 titles or can be used towards the cost of a normal book. The vouchers are valid until 28th March but, this year, retailers will accept vouchers past this date whilst stocks last. More details can be found at <https://www.worldbookday.com/books>.



Parent's evenings

We normally like to offer the opportunity for a Parent's Evening appointment in the Spring Term to enable parents to discuss their child's progress. We will be offering appointments during the week commencing Monday 10th May 2021 and your child's class teacher will be in touch nearer this time to arrange specific timings. We expect to be operating the appointment in a similar manner to the Autumn term when we offered a Zoom or telephone call conversation.

Wellbeing Wednesday

A reminder that 'Wellbeing Wednesday' will continue to be part of our weekly sessions. The children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform items that allow them to be active but **school jumpers/cardigan should still be worn.**

Dates for your diary

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

Monday 10th May – Friday 14th May 2021 – Parent's evening appointments

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher