



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to welcome you back for the Summer term and I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter. The Summer term is always an exciting term, especially as it holds the promise of some nicer weather which has started to arrive in recent days. We are definitely hoping to make the most of the outdoors over the coming weeks as we work in our bubbles and also take part in a whole school project together.

Hummingbird project

For the next week, all classes will be involved in a whole school project based around a 'hummingbird' theme. We are using materials from the Cumbria Development Education Centre and are excited to have another whole school theme which will allow us to continue to reinvigorate our sense of community despite us having to work across separate bubbles. We are looking forward to sharing our work remotely with each other and I am sure the resources and texts that we are using will provoke some wonderful ideas among the children.

Wellbeing Wednesday / PE days

We are continuing to keep 'Wellbeing Wednesday' as part of our weekly timetable as it has been incredibly effective in supporting the children to develop their own self-confidence and wellbeing, as well as encouraging independence and resilience. As a result, we are asking that the children continue to come dressed in appropriate clothing on Wednesday which does not have to be full school uniform. We do ask that school jumpers/cardigans are still worn, both on Wednesdays and on the days when the children come dressed in their PE kits for their PE lessons.

Guitar lessons

We are delighted that guitar lessons with Mr Wilkinson will resume this term. Pupils who have already been learning the guitar are invited to re-join their sessions from this Thursday, 22nd April 2021.

Hand sanitiser

Guidance still requires us to have regular hand washing or hand sanitising times throughout the day to help us limit the risk of transmission. We have hand sanitiser and soap available throughout school but we do appreciate that some families may prefer to use their own. The children are welcome to bring in their own small bottle of hand sanitiser but we must ask that this does not contain any nut oils due to individual allergies within school. Similarly, the children are also welcome to bring a small hand cream if required but these should also be nut-oil free and should not be shared with others.

Sun cream

Hopefully, the warmer weather will continue and we will be using the outdoors as much as possible. However, this may mean that the children are increasing their sun exposure and so we do ask that, on sunny days, the children come to school prepared for the sun. Due to the current circumstances, we are unable to help the children apply sun cream so ask that the children come to school with a long-lasting sunscreen already applied. If your child does require this to then be 'topped up' later in the day, we ask that the children bring in sun cream that they can apply themselves and that is clearly labelled with their name. We would also recommend that a sun hat is brought in for playtimes and that these are labelled to avoid any confusion.

SchoolMoney payments

Just a reminder that SchoolMoney continues to operate as our main method of payment during the school year. You may wish to log in to check that your username and password is still active and we would appreciate it if you could ensure that any outstanding monies from previous terms are reconciled as soon as you are able. Please do feel free to contact the school if you wish to discuss any outstanding payments or have any queries.



Dates for the diary:

- Monday 3rd May 2021 – School closed for May Bank Holiday
- Monday 10th – Friday 15th May 2021 – Parent’s evening appointments
- Monday 17th May – Friday 28th May 2021 – Year 6 swimming lessons
- Thursday 20th May 2021 – Outdoor Classroom Day
- Friday 28th May 2021 – School closes for half term holiday
- Monday 7th June 2021 – School reopens
- Friday 16th July 2021 – School closes for Summer holiday

Yours sincerely,
Mrs A Harvey