



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely holiday and Easter weekend break, and have been enjoying the longer days and lighter nights. I can't believe that we have reached the Summer term already – where has this year gone?

Our topic

Our topic theme for this half-term is 'Growth' and you will have seen on Tapestry that we have already been busy planting our potatoes, as well as other seeds over the past week or so. This week we have, once again, placed some eggs in our incubator and will hopefully have some chicks to observe and hold in a few weeks' time. We will also observe the osprey nest at Foulshaw Moss via the webcams ([Osprey cam | Cumbria Wildlife Trust](#)). After the half-term break we will be taking delivery of some caterpillars to observe their life cycle, as well as pond dipping to find out what lives in our school pond. In addition to this we will also be continuing to look at maps, atlases and the globe to learn more about the world around us as well as finding out how we can take steps to look after the environment and help to protect different species of animals. As part of our topic work, we will also be visiting Beeches farm on Wednesday May 22nd.

Appropriate clothing

As you are aware, we try to spend as much time outdoors as possible. Please could you ensure that your child has their coat with them on a daily basis, especially as the weather is still so changeable. As the weather hopefully improves over the term, the children will need sunhats and sun cream. Please apply sun cream before school, but you are welcome to place the cream in their school bag for reapplication later in the day. If you are sending sun cream into school, please make sure that the bottle is clearly labelled and that any sun cream used does not contain nut oil.

Some of the children may still occasionally need a change of clothes. You are more than welcome to leave some spare clean clothes in your child's book bag or in a bag on their peg. We also have some spare clothes within the unit. If your child is sent home in spare school clothing, could we please ask that you wash and return these items to us. We currently have a real shortage of some types of clothing, particularly girls' tights, skirts and trousers and boys' trousers, and any donations would be gratefully received.

Stay and play

We have really enjoyed hosting our 'stay and play' sessions this year, and thank all of you who have attended so far. We have tried to vary the days on which we hold these sessions to enable as many of you to attend as possible, and as a result, our final 'stay and play' will be held on Thursday 20th June from 8.45 – 10 am. In response to the feedback from the parent survey, the theme will be that of 'Early maths'. We will be in touch nearer the time with further details.

PE

Just a reminder that our PE days are currently Monday & Tuesday. For those of you who have children with long hair, could you please ensure that their hair is tied back on PE days, or alternatively provide a bobble of some kind in their bag, so that we can help them to tie it back for the lesson. We also request that children with pierced ears have their earrings removed on PE days, or covered up. Thank you.

Pedal & scoot

On Monday June 24th and Tuesday June 25th, as part of our whole school wellbeing week, Annie & Ed from 'Pedal and Scoot' will be coming into school for two days to work with the children on their cycling skills. We hope to teach the non-riders how to ride their bikes and hope to improve the handling skills, control and safety of those children who can ride their bikes already. A little nearer the time I will send out a letter with more information, as well as a request for parent volunteers to help with the sessions. If you could spare a little time to do this, we would be extremely grateful.

Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 30th April – Wednesday 1st May 2024 – Parent's evenings

Thursday 23rd May 2024 – Outdoor Classroom Day

Tuesday 21st May 2024 – School photographer in for class photographs

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 – EYFS trip to Beeches Farm (further details to follow)



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Thursday 20th June 2024 8.45-10am - Stay and play – Early maths theme
Monday 24th June – Friday 28th June 2024 – Wellbeing Week
Monday 24th June & Tuesday 25th June 2024 – Reception 'Pedal and Scoot' sessions
Wednesday 26th June 2024 – Sports Day (reserve date Wednesday 3rd July 2024)
Friday 19th July 2024 – School closes (normal finish time but NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB)

Thank you again for all of your help and support during the year and please remember if you have any queries about anything please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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