



## HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear parents,

Welcome to the new academic year. We are thoroughly enjoying spending time with 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. A good way to communicate is via my email; [jill.carruthers@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:jill.carruthers@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk) we can then arrange a suitable time to meet if necessary.

### Spare Clothes, Wellingtons, Waterproofs and Outdoor Clothing

We are fortunate 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; although we do have a small supply of waterproof jackets and trousers for wet and windy play. Some children may also need a change of clothes from time to time so it is a good idea for children to bring a spare set. 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 launder them and return. We are running low on spare underwear and sock supplies, any donations would be greatly appreciated, particularly boys' underwear.

### School Bags

Children can bring a bag into nursery with their everyday essential items in such as, water bottle, hat, gloves or sun cream. We do say no toys to be brought in from home. However, we do make allowances if your child uses a particular comfort blanket/soft toy – this can be used as and when needed.

### 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 child was with us last year. If we haven't already sent you a login email to activate your account then please let us know and we can re-send an activation email.

### Snack & Water Bottles

Nursery children have a mid-morning snack each day consisting of fruit and a drink of water or milk. Children can bring their own bottle from home or we can provide one in school, whichever you prefer. Please may we ask for your child to bring their bottle to nursery on a Monday. We will then send them home at the end of the week for washing. The tops of the school 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. These can now be purchased from the classroom.



## 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. We try to carry out these activities outdoors as much as possible or use our designated hall time. This Autumn term we have Mr Armstrong from 54 Degrees fitness coaching joining us again on a Thursday morning. He will deliver weekly sessions focusing on spatial awareness, team games and fundamental skills. Nursery children do not need a PE kit, but we do encourage children to take shoes and socks off if accessing the school hall for these activities.

## Library books

We are fortunate enough to have a wide selection of library books in school that children are welcome to share at home. We will send your child's library book home on a weekly basis and kindly ask that families try and keep to the weekly book swap as much as possible so that we can continue to have a range of books to share between one another. More details to follow in a separate letter.

## Topic

For the first few weeks we will be focusing on settling in activities and learning our new routines. We will also be finding out about ourselves and each other's families. We will also be focusing on one of our school values, that being *our community*, through harvest celebrations and stories.

## Google Classroom

We use Google classroom as a platform to support our learning both in school and at home. In the next few days you will receive your child's login details and a guide to getting started with Google classroom. By logging in to your child's Google Classroom account you will then be able to access any further resources we provide to support you and your child with their learning at home.

## Dates for your diary –

Friday 25th October 2023 – School closes for half term

Thank you again and please remember that if you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch via the e-mail address above.

Yours sincerely,  
Jill Carruthers (Nursery teacher)





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