



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few days in class, reconnecting with the children and shaping our learning environment and routines together. Here is some key information that you might find useful in the coming weeks. Please remember that if you need to chat with me about anything then please get in touch. The best way to do so is via my email, jane.rennie@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk and we can arrange a suitable time for a phone call or meeting if necessary.

A reminder that the classroom door opens at 8:35am and school starts promptly at 8:40am. School finishes at 3:10pm, but of course, if your child has a sibling in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 then they will stay in class with me until the later time of 3:25pm.

School Uniform and everyday items

You will be aware that we access the outdoors as much as possible. It would therefore be very much appreciated if you could ensure that your child has a suitable coat. You are also welcome to send in a pair of wellies which can remain at school until the end of the school year. Please ensure the wellies have your child's name on.

The children will also need to bring a book bag and a pre-filled water bottle (water only) every day.

PE

This half term, our PE days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on those days. A reminder that the school PE kit consists of a white t shirt (an optional white t-shirt with the school logo on can be purchased from Be Uniforms in Carlisle) and black shorts, tracksuit trousers or leggings. Your child should come to school in their school sweatshirt/cardigan on these days but may wish to have a change of sweatshirt/hoodie to wear for the PE session. It is also important that your child wears shoes with a suitable sole for outdoors, ideally trainers. Please can hair also be tied back and any earrings removed or covered with ear tape.

Homework

Reading

As you are aware we follow the Read Write Inc. (RWI) reading scheme. As part of the scheme we will continue to send home new letter sounds as, and when, the children learn them in school. We would encourage the children to practise these each night so that they can recognise them speedily, on sight.

The children take part in daily Read Write Inc. sessions and reading books are sent home to complement this. This is your child's main reading book and we encourage this book to be read at home on a regular basis. We also send home banded reading books. Children are able to choose these themselves and can be read for pleasure. These books will be changed weekly, on a Friday. Once your child has completed the Read Write Inc. programme they will move onto a scheme called Accelerated Reader. You will be notified of this and more information will follow as appropriate.

Spelling

As part of our literacy work, the children are given a set of spellings to learn every Monday. Spellings will be uploaded onto both Google Classroom and Spelling Shed to help the children to practise their spellings at home. (Year 1 children will be receiving their Spelling Shed logins in the next few weeks.) The children should log on and practise the assigned words each week, which will be tested as an informal spelling check each Monday. The children will also have opportunities to practise these spellings at school through various activities. Spellings for this term will commence on Monday 9th September.



Numbots

The children will have 'Numbots' as their Maths homework and are expected to spend around 30 minutes a week engaging with this online platform. Again, the Year 1 children will receive their login details for this shortly.

Google Classroom

As we begin a new school year can I please request that you log into Google Classroom ready for the year ahead. As already mentioned you will find weekly spellings here and we may also add to this as a means to support and celebrate your child's learning. If you have any problems, or if you need reminding of your child's Google Classroom login details, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Workshop area

We have a 'workshop area' within the classroom which contains some core junk modelling materials – cardboard boxes, egg boxes and cardboard tubes ONLY. Any donations of these specific items would be very much appreciated.

Topic

Our class topic for the Autumn term will be World War One which I am looking forward to working on with the children. Please visit the school website, in particular the Year 1 & 2 class page, to view photos, curriculum plans and further topic information.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 9th September 2024 – Fairtrade fortnight starts

Friday 19th September 2024 – Global art trail exhibition for parents 3.30pm (more details to follow)

Wednesday 25th September 2024 – Harvest Festival & lunch (more details to follow)

Wednesday 23rd October 2024 – Whole school project day (non-uniform / team colours are welcome)

Friday 25th October 2024 – School closes for half term holiday

Monday 4th November 2024 – School reopens

Thursday 7th November 2024 – Outdoor Learning Day

Friday 8th November 2024 – Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church (children only)

Monday 11th November 2024 – Anti bullying week activities in school

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th November 2024 – Parents evening appointments

Wednesday 13th November 2024 – Individual school photographs

Friday 15th November 2024 – Children in Need (non-uniform)

Tuesday 3rd December 2024 – Y1&2 Christmas performance at 2pm

Thursday 5th December 2024 – Y1&2 Christmas performance at 9.15am

Tuesday 10th December 2024 – Theatre by the Lake trip for Year 2-6

TBC – Cinema/theatre trip for Reception – Year 1

Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Toy Day

Thursday 19th December 2024 – Christmas lunch and parties

Friday 20th December 2024 – School closes for the Christmas holidays

Tuesday 7th January 2025 – School reopens for the Spring term

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

Best wishes

Jane Rennie