

## **HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)**

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Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach the final few days of this week, I would like to thank you for all of your support over the last half term and we hope the children have enjoyed settling in to their classes and establishing new routines. There have already been some fantastic experiences this term and we are looking forward to plenty more in the run up to Christmas!

### **Whole school project day – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**

A final reminder that tomorrow is our whole school project day where all the children will be working in their colour house teams. The children are welcome to come in non-uniform and also to wear items in the colour of their team if they wish. One of the activities will also be taking place outside so please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and suitable footwear for any unpredictable weather!

### **British Legion Poppy Appeal**

When we return to school, we will be selling a selection of items to raise money for the British Legion poppy appeal. They will be available to purchase from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024. The items are as follows: fabric zip pull, poppy reflector, wristband and snap bands and we recommend a donation of £1 per item. Please note there is limited stock of each item so they will be on a first come, first served basis. We also have a box of traditional poppies which can be purchased for a donation of your choice.

### **Year 6 wheelchair basketball session – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Year 6 will be participating in a wheelchair basketball session on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024. It would be useful for the children to wear PE kit on this day if possible.

### **Outdoor Classroom Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

International Outdoor Classroom Day takes place on the first Thursday after half term and is always a regular fixture on our school calendar. As all classes try and head outside for learning throughout the day, it would be useful for the children to have waterproof coats and suitable footwear (wellies are ideal).

### **School photographs – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Our school photographer is visiting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to take individual and family group photos. Nursery children who do not normally attend on a Wednesday are welcome to come at 8.30am to have their photograph taken and parents should bring them to the hall door. Similarly, younger siblings who are not yet at school are also able to join at 8.30am for family group photographs. If your child normally has PE on a Wednesday, we would ask that they come to school dressed in their uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag to change into once they have had their photographs taken.

### **PE days after half term**

After half term, the PE days for each class will be as follows:

Nursery – Wednesday & Friday

Reception – Wednesday & Friday

Year 1&2 – Tuesday & Thursday

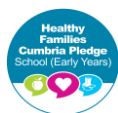
Year 3&4 – Monday & Tuesday

Year 5 – Monday & Thursday

Year 6 – Monday & Tuesday

### **School Money**

As the end of the half term approaches, please could we politely ask parents to check their School Money accounts and reconcile any outstanding payments from earlier terms. If you would like any help or to discuss anything further, please do get in touch with myself or Mrs Graham.



## School menu information

We will be trialling cheese & ham wraps this Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 as part of our menu changes so this will replace the usual Wednesday option on the Week 1 menu.

After half term, we will be returning to the Week 2 menu options. We will also be alternating some items on Wednesdays to continue our trial of some new menu options. On Wednesdays for the Week 1 menu, the option will alternate between the cooked breakfast and cheese & ham wraps. On Wednesdays for the Week 3 menu, the option will alternate between chicken tikka and chicken pie. The week 2 menu will remain the same. Please do get in touch if you would like to order an alternative option of baguette or jacket potato to replace any of the menu choices.

## A request for items!

We are currently in the process of developing the range of activities and resources that are available to the children at playtimes and are hoping to create a 'loose parts' play area. This would be where the children have access to items such as tyres, plastic guttering, wooden planks or blocks etc. to be able to build shelters, engage in role play and spend time problem solving. If you are able to donate any items that might be suitable, please do let us know!

## Dates for the diary:

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

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024** – Reception parents reading information session 2.30pm

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024** – PTA Beetle drive event 6pm

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024** – Year 5 artist workshop in school

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024** – Year 3 & 4 trip to Whinlatter

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024** – School closes for half term holiday

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – School reopens

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – Y6 wheelchair basketball session

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – Outdoor Learning Day

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church (children only)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – Anti bullying week activities in school

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – Parents evening appointments

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024** - Scholastic Book Fair

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – Individual school photographs

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024** – Children in Need (non-uniform)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024** – Y1&2 Christmas performance at 2pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – EYFS Christmas performance at 9.15am and Y3&4 Christmas performance at 2pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – Y1&2 Christmas performance at 9.15am and Y3&4 Christmas performance at 2pm

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – Theatre by the Lake trip for Year 2-6

**TBC** – Cinema/theatre trip for Reception – Year 1

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – Toy Day

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – Christmas lunch and parties

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – Year 5 Carol Service at St Mary's Church at 1.30pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – School closes for the Christmas holidays

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025** – School reopens for the Spring term

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey  
Headteacher