

HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term and, unbelievably, the run up to Christmas will soon be underway! This term is always one of our favourites with lots of trips and activities and some of the key events for November are mentioned below.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

As mentioned previously, we are now selling a selection of items to raise money for the British Legion poppy appeal until Monday 11th 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 and we also have a box of traditional poppies which can be purchased for a donation of your choice.

PTA events

The recent PTA Beetle drive was a real success and we were thrilled to see so many families joining us for a fun filled game evening. Although the focus was to provide a social opportunity rather than raise money, we were delighted to have made £132 through the cost of the tickets and refreshments which will shortly be added to our fundraising barometer. The PTA are currently selling High Hesket CE School beanie hats and, if you have mislaid your order form, please do let us know as orders have to be in by Friday 8th November. We are also looking forward to our PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December 2024 and more details will be shared shortly.

Sweet jar competition

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 'guess the sweets in the jar' competition to help support one of our Y5 pupils with their fundraising to be able to attend the Allstar World Championships and Summit Championships for cheerleading in the USA next year. If you did select a guess and have been waiting to pay, please could we ask that this is sent to the school office as soon as possible. Congratulations to one of our Year 5 pupils for successfully guessing the right amount!

Year 6 wheelchair basketball session – Wednesday 6th November 2024

A reminder that Year 6 will be participating in a wheelchair basketball session this Wednesday 6th November 2024 and PE kit would be ideal as it is a very active session.

Outdoor Classroom Day – Thursday 7th November 2024

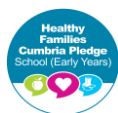
We are looking forward to International Outdoor Classroom Day on Thursday and it would be useful for the children to have waterproof coats and suitable footwear (wellies are ideal) for the day.

Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church – Friday 8th November 2024

On Friday 8th November, the children will be attending a short worship at St Mary's Church with the theme of remembrance. The worship will be led by Ruth Evans from NISCU who regularly leads our collective worship in school. After the session, the children will be planting recycled poppies in the churchyard in preparation for Remembrance Sunday. We will also be holding a 2-minute silence within school on Monday 11th November at 11am.

School photographs – Wednesday 13th November 2024

As you already know, our school photographer, Heidi, is visiting on Wednesday 13th November 2024 to take individual and family group photos. If there are any Nursery children who do not normally attend on a Wednesday, they are welcome to come at 8.30am to have their photograph taken and parents should bring them to the hall door. Any 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.



Children in Need - Friday 15th November 2024

Children are welcome to wear non-uniform on Friday 15th November to raise money for Children in Need. Donations towards Children in Need are welcomed and we normally advise a suggested amount of £1 which the children can give to their class teachers on the day.

Flu immunisation nasal spray – Friday 15th November 2024

The immunisation team will be visiting school on Friday 15th November 2024 to administer the flu immunisation nasal spray to those children whose parents have provided consent.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal - Cumbria Aid Ukraine

This year we are supporting the Cumbria Aid Ukraine shoebox appeal and are inviting members of our community to create, or donate to, shoeboxes of gifts which will be sent to Ukraine. If you would like to participate, please read the attached leaflet and send any shoeboxes in to school by Friday 30th November. We will then arrange for these to be delivered to The Pot Place, Penrith, who are coordinating the donations.

Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 6th November 2024 – Y6 wheelchair basketball session

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

Monday 11th November - Wednesday 13th November 2024 – Parents evening appointments

Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th November 2024 - Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 13th November 2024 – Individual school photographs

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

Friday 15th November 2024 – Flu immunisation team in school

Wednesday 20th November 2024 – Year 1 & 2 trip to the Devil's Porridge Museum

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

Wednesday 4th December 2024 – EYFS Christmas performance at 9.15am and Y3&4 Christmas performance at 2pm

Thursday 5th December 2024 – Y1&2 Christmas performance at 9.15am and Y3&4 Christmas performance at 2pm

Friday 6th December 2024 – PTA Christmas Fair

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 – Year 5 Carol Service at St Mary's Church at 1.30pm

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

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher