

HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,



Christmas is in full swing at High Hesket School! With only a few more days to go until the end of term, the below information will hopefully be useful in outlining the final upcoming events and any additional information required. We hope that the children have enjoyed their trips to the theatre and cinema this week and we look forward to continuing the countdown to Christmas next week.

PTA Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to our wonderful team of PTA volunteers who made our Christmas Fair last Friday such an amazing success! There was a brilliant turn out and we are very grateful for everyone's generosity. We also really appreciate the support with our raffle which proved very popular and some excellent prizes were on offer. The fundraising amount is still being calculated but keep an eye on our barometer at the front of the school for the final total!

Toy Day – Wednesday 18th December 2024

A reminder that this Wednesday will be our annual toy day where the children are welcome to bring in a toy to play with in their classes. We do ask that any items chosen are not too valuable or sentimental and that they are not electronic items such as games consoles or items that take photos/videos or that can connect to the internet.

Christmas lunch and parties – Thursday 19th December 2024

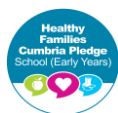
We are looking forward to our Christmas celebrations on Thursday and invite the children to come dressed in non-uniform for the day. We will be enjoying our Christmas lunch followed by a range of party games and activities – we can't wait to get celebrating!

Christmas Carol Service / non-uniform – Friday 20th December 2024

Our Year 5 pupils will be leading the school Carol Service at St Mary's Church next Friday at 1.30pm and families of our Year 5 pupils are welcome to attend. As it is the final day of term, we are also welcoming non-uniform including Christmas jumpers, outfits or accessories for all pupils if they wish. Parents attending are welcome to take the children home following the service but we ask that we return to school first and collect from the green exit door as normal.

Parking outside school

Unfortunately, there have been increased incidences recently where the service bus has struggled to pass through the village and we do ask that parents ensure that any parking enables smooth travel at peak times. We fully appreciate that parking can be a challenge at certain times of the day but politely ask parents not to block driveways and to ensure that there is adequate space for both pedestrians and other vehicles to pass. There have also been times when our school minibus has been unable to manoeuvre safely in the bus lane so please ensure that any vehicles using this area are 'stopping and dropping' only and not using it to park or wait at the start or end of the school day. As a school, we have worked hard to try and minimise congestion and have reached out to both the council and police for advice. We have introduced staggered timings, 'stop and drop' in the bus bay and a suggested one way system (entry to the village from the Penrith end) to assist with the parking difficulties. We do very much appreciate your support with this as our main priority is to keep our children safe.



Posada tradition

We are participating in a traditional 'posada' where Mary & Joseph dolls will be hosted in school and will travel between classrooms until returning to St Mary's Church on the last day of term. This will begin on Monday 16th December and we look forward to being part of this traditional event.

PE days for after half term

You should be receiving a text message outlining the days for your child's PE sessions in January. These are also confirmed below. Year 3 & 4 will begin gymnastics sessions at Richard Rose Morton Academy on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Nursery – Tuesday and Friday

Reception – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 1&2 – Monday (dance coach) and Thursday

Year 3&4 – Monday (dance coach) and Tuesday (gymnastics)

Year 5 – Wednesday (CUFC) and Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday and Wednesday (CUFC)

Dates for the diary:

Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Toy Day

Thursday 19th December 2024 – Christmas lunch and parties (non-uniform welcome)

Friday 20th December 2024 – Year 5 Carol Service at St Mary's Church at 1.30pm (non-uniform or festive clothing welcome for all pupils)

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