



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you for everyone's understanding following the disruption caused by the recent storm as it is always incredibly difficult to know what the best course of action is when faced with such challenging circumstances. I know many of you were affected by the water and power cuts over the weekend and hope that everyone has had this rectified and are able to return to normal. Thank you as well for your patience over the possible loss of water last night and I am relieved that this didn't affect school's ability to open today.

Damage to school

Unfortunately, the school building has sustained some damage which we are currently in the process of assessing. In particular, we have had a ridge tile and some slates come loose from the school roof above the staff car park and some damage to the fence panels around the perimeter. Whilst this is being looked at, we advise that staff and parents do not use the car park for the time being and that care is taken when approaching this area. As a result, there will be an increase in cars parked along the road and so we do ask that everyone ensures they park safely and considerately during this time.

Breakfast and After School Club bookings - NURSERY

So as we can ensure that we continue to have the correct staffing ratios during Breakfast and After School Club, we ask that all Nursery children are booked in to sessions with at least 24 hours' notice. Although booking for breakfast club is normally not required, we do now need to introduce pre-booking for Nursery children to ensure we have adequate staffing numbers in advance as our nursery numbers have increased with our January intake. Children can be added to the registers on a regular basis so please let us know if there are particular weekly sessions that you use.

Year 5 Forest School session – Wednesday 5th February 2025

Year 5 will be participating in a Forest School session led by one of our regular supply staff, Miss S Kendall on Wednesday 5th February. The children will spend a great deal of the day outside so we advise that the children come to school with waterproof clothing, a change of suitable footwear (wellies are ideal) and they are **welcome to wear non-uniform** for the day. They may also wish to bring changes of clothing / extra layers as the weather in High Hesket can be very unpredictable and they will be outside whatever the weather!

Mobile phones / smart watches

A reminder that children should not be bringing mobile phones in to school and that they should also not be wearing smart watches that can connect to the internet or have any form of audio or visual recording, including the ability to take photographs. On the very rare occasion where a child may need access to a mobile phone, such as when travelling to a different household after school, devices should be switched off and immediately handed in to the office on arrival to school. When the phones are returned to the individual, they should not be switched on or used until after leaving the school grounds.

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th January 2025 – Year 6 parent's evening (Y6 pupils to attend where possible)

Wednesday 5th February 2025 – Year 5 forest school session (non-uniform, waterproof coat & change of shoes)

Tuesday 11th February 2025 – Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February 2025 – Edinburgh residential information session for Y5&6 parents at 3.30pm

Friday 14th February 2025 – School closes for half term

Monday 24th February 2025 – School reopens

Monday 24th February & Tuesday 25th February 2025 – Year 5 & 6 'Voices for Equality' workshops

Monday 3rd March 2025 – Whole school project day (non-uniform and team colours are welcome)

Friday 14th March 2025 – Red Nose Day (non-uniform)

Friday 21st March 2025 – Year 6 UDance performance



Monday 24th – Thursday 27th March 2025 – Y5&6 Edinburgh residential
Thursday 3rd April 2025 – Y5&6 evening performance at St Mary's Church (more information to follow)
Friday 4th April 2025 – School closes for Easter holiday
Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – School reopens for summer term

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher