



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

The half term break is fast approaching and we have thoroughly enjoyed a range of activities in our classes over the course of the Spring term so far. I would like to extend a particular thank you to those Nursery & Reception parents and family members who came along to our EYFS 'Stay and Play' session and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to find out more about how we deliver early writing in our setting. The run up to Easter is particularly busy this year and so I have highlighted some of the upcoming key events below.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th February 2025

We will be engaging in a range of internet safety sessions during the course of the day in our classes at an age appropriate level, including some online live lessons where relevant. If you would like to know more about how to support your child with internet safety, please use the links on the E Safety part of the school website at <https://www.high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/e-safety>. There are also some useful online safety guides on the NSPCC website at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>.

Edinburgh residential meeting for parents – Tuesday 11th February 2025

A reminder that the upcoming parent's meeting for the Year 5 & 6 residential takes place on Tuesday at 3.30pm in the **school hall**. If you are unable to attend, we will be circulating the information shared at the meeting as well as sending home the medical and consent forms required.

World Thinking Day/Founder's Day – Monday 24th February 2025

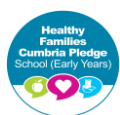
Every year, we are contacted on behalf of Scout and Guiding Groups within the Carlisle area to request that members of the local groups be permitted to wear their Scouting / Guiding uniform to school as part of Founder's Day and World Thinking Day which happen every year on the 22nd February. This year, the day falls on a Saturday but, if any of our pupils who attend groups such as Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies or Guides, would like to wear their relevant uniforms in recognition of this on Monday 24th February instead, they are very welcome to do so. Chloe Harrison, a representative from the Reivers District Program, will also be visiting school and sharing an assembly with our Year 3-6 pupils on the theme of World Thinking Day.

Project Day – Monday 3rd March 2025

This term, our Whole School Project Day will take place on Monday 3rd March and will be a day where the children move round a range of activities in their colour teams. The last few sessions have been real successes and have enabled the children to work together across the classes to complete a range of challenges. This term, we are delighted to welcome Carrie Ann Booth from The Science Booth who will be completing a range of exciting science activities with the children, kindly paid for by our fabulous PTA. We are also welcoming Lucy Monk, our dance coach, who will be delivering some cheerleading sessions with the children as well as some other activities led by school staff. The children will be spending time both indoors and outdoors so we advise that they have suitable waterproof coats and footwear available. The children are also welcome to wear non-uniform for the day and may wish to include clothing or accessories in their team colour (red, yellow, green or blue).

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2025

World Book Day is always an exciting day in the calendar and, this year, it coincides with the start of British Science Week. As a result, we will be engaging in some linked activities in our classes throughout the day and the children are also welcome to come dressed as a book character or theme if they wish. Alternatively, if they don't have a costume available, they are welcome to come in non-uniform.



Attendance

As you are aware, the school now has an attendance officer assigned who regularly monitors our attendance data and meets with myself to discuss any concerns arising. As part of this process, school does need to issue letters to any children whose attendance falls below certain levels and we are keen to offer support to any families as required. Please do get in touch if you have any queries regarding absence or attendance and further information can also be found in our school policy on the website.

Kitchen changes

After half term our school cook, Mrs Proud, will be absent following an upcoming planned procedure and Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Watson will be covering her in her absence. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery!

Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 11th February 2025 – Safer Internet Day

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

Wednesday 12th February 2025 – Year 6 NHS workshop

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

Thursday 27th February 2025 – Year 5 anti-racism workshop

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

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

Thursday 20th March 2025 – Year 3 & 4 trip to Tullie House

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