



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term! I hope the children have enjoyed their half term break and we are returning to another busy term! Please see below for details of some of the key upcoming events and we have also begun to add important summer term dates to the 'dates for your diary' section as we fully appreciate how much there is to fit in over the upcoming weeks.

PTA Film Night

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our PTA film night at the end of last half term. It was an excellent turn out and the children enjoyed the opportunity to watch a movie alongside their friends. The evening raised an impressive £157.50!

PE days

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

Nursery – Monday and Friday

Reception – Monday and Thursday

Year 1&2 – Tuesday (gymnastics at Richard Rose Morton Academy) and Wednesday

Year 3&4 – Thursday and Friday

Year 5 – Thursday and Friday

Year 6 – Tuesday and Wednesday

Project Day – Monday 3rd March 2025

A reminder that our Whole School Project Day will take place on Monday 3rd March and the children will enjoy a range of activities in their colour teams. These sessions will include science activities with Carrie Ann Booth from The Science Booth, cheerleading with Lucy Monk, our dance coach and additional activities led by school staff. As mentioned previously, the children will be spending time both indoors and outdoors so we advise that they have suitable waterproof coats and footwear available. Additionally, 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

We will be celebrating World Book Day in our classes this year and making links to British Science Week within our activities. To complement the World Book Day learning, as in previous years, the children are welcome to come dressed as a book character or theme if they wish. They may wish to take inspiration from fiction or non-fiction or, if they don't have a costume available, they are also welcome to come in non-uniform. Your child will also be coming home this week with a £1 World Book Day voucher. These can be redeemed in participating retailers until 23rd March against the cost of a book or can be used to purchase one of the special edition £1 books. More information can be found at <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books>.

PTA 'garden tidy up' event – Tuesday 11th March 2025

We really value the opportunity to learn outdoors and we are privileged to have a large number of outdoor spaces available on the school grounds. However, the upkeep of these has been tricky and we are hoping to dedicate some time to making the areas more accessible for the children. Our PTA team are kindly organising a 'tidy up' event where they are keen to encourage parent & community volunteers to come along and help with some general gardening and tidying. Any support with this would be very much appreciated and more information will be sent out shortly if anyone is willing to sign up to help.



Red Nose Day – Friday 14th March 2025

We will be fundraising for Comic Relief by holding a non-uniform day on Friday 14th March 2025. Children are welcome to come to school dressed in their own clothes and we will be collecting donations, suggested amount £1, for Comic Relief.

Birthday treats / items containing nuts

We are asked regularly if children can bring in treats from home for key celebrations such as birthdays or similar events. To ensure that we cater for all dietary requirements we recommend that, if children wish to bring in something to share, that these are individually wrapped packets of sweets (mini bags of Haribo are ideal). Please be aware that we are unable to have any items in school that contain nuts due to severe allergies within our school community.

Year 6 Leaver's events

After the Easter holidays, the Year 6 children will be involved in a variety of transition and leaver's events. As this is such an important part of their primary journey, we wanted to provide parents with dates for the key events with as much notice as possible although more details will be sent out nearer the time. The key dates to be aware of are:

Wednesday 9th July 2025 – Year 6 Leaver's Celebration Evening at 6pm

Wednesday 16th July 2025 – Year 6 Leaver's service at St Mary's Church at 9.15am

Friday 18th July 2025 – Leaver's farewell at 3.30pm

Dates for the diary:

Monday 24th February & Tuesday 25th February 2025 – Year 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

Wednesday 26th March 2025 - Year 3&4 Forest School session with Sarah Kendall

Thursday 27th March 2025 – Year 3&4 bike ability

Thursday 3rd April 2025 – Y5&6 evening performance at St Mary's Church

Friday 4th April 2025 – School closes for Easter holiday

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 – School reopens for summer term

Tuesday 29th – Wednesday 30th April 2025 – Parent's evenings (Nursery – Year 5)

Monday 5th May 2025 – School closed for Bank Holiday

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May 2025 – Year 6 SATs week

Wednesday 14th May 2025 - EYFS Forest School session with Sarah Kendall

Friday 16th May 2025 – Year 6 Keswick Mountain Festival event

Monday 19th May – Friday 23rd May 2025 – Wellbeing Week

Monday 19th – Tuesday 20th May 2025 – Reception 'pedal and scoot' sessions

Wednesday 21st May 2025 – Sports Day

Wednesday 11th June 2025 – Class photographs

Monday 9th – Friday 13th June 2025 – Year 6 Bike ability sessions

Wednesday 18th June 2025 – Whole school project day (non-uniform and team colours are welcome)

Thursday 26th June 2025 – Year 3&4 activity day and Year 4 sleepover (more information to follow)

Friday 27th June 2025 – Year 5 Caldew School activity day

Wednesday 2nd July 2025 – Year 6 Forest School session with Sarah Kendall

Wednesday 9th July 2025 – Year 6 Leaver's Celebration Evening at 6pm

Wednesday 16th July 2025 – Year 6 Leaver's service at St Mary's Church at 9.15am (Year 6 families welcome to attend)

Thursday 17th July 2025 – Toy Day

Friday 18th July 2025 – Leaver's farewell at 3.30pm (Year 6 children and families)

Friday 18th July 2025 – Last day of term (school closes at normal time – NO after school club)

Yours sincerely,
Mrs A Harvey
Headteacher