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HERON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO. 7

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are set to lose around £6000 unless you act now!

Friends of Heron Hill, our Parent Teacher Association, is in desperate need of support! Currently only the Chair with the help of an ex-parent and 2 or 3 other parents are doing all of the work. Obviously this cannot continue and unless some volunteers come forward it looks like the end of all the activities they organise, which include our summer and Christmas fairs and discos. We, the staff, are very happy to assist at these events, but we simply do not have the time to organise them. Unfortunately, if these valuable additional fundraising events do not take place, it will mean that your children may lose out on much-loved activities eg visits, visitors and residentials, or alternately, the full cost will have to be passed on to you.

FoHH raise money purely for the children; all profit made goes straight back to the children's educational experience. Each year about £6000 is used to subsidise visits so that I can keep the cost to you to a minimum. Without FoHH money, the Year 6 residential would cost each pupil approximately £20.00 more and for the Year 3 Vindolanda visit we would have to ask for £22.00 from parents instead of £16.00. In addition to visits, the money from FoHH subsidises the cost of many of the fantastic visitors who come to Heron Hill to enhance our curriculum. Without FoHH donations we would either have to ask parents for the full cost or not invite these visitors. The children would then not experience the ZooLab (Reception), Stone-age workshop (Y3), Reward afternoon (Y4), VE Day Party or Star Dome (Y5), Bright Sparks electricity workshop (Y6), or benefit from the piano and projector in the hall.

Ironically, during the recent Ofsted inspection, the children told the inspector all about the "extra" activities they enjoy and the final report letter stated... "The pupils I spoke to are very proud of their school and are particularly grateful for the range of extra-curricular activities that are provided for them." Please consider whether or not you could help Friends of Heron Hill. The tasks are not onerous or particularly time consuming, especially if there are many people. There is no need to attend lengthy or regular meetings, but if you offer to help to organise one event, that will mean so much. You will not do it on your own, you will be supported. It could make all the difference to the future of FoHH and the opportunities for our children.

FoHH will send out a letter before Easter. If you can help, please return the reply slip on it and one of the members will be in touch.

Peter Hicks

Dates for your Diary

Friday 16 th March	Friends of Heron Hill Disco, Infants 6.15 pm-7.00 pm, Juniors 7.15 pm-8.00 pm
Wednesday 21 st March	Sport Relief Day at Heron Hill. Visit from a Commonwealth Games medallist (note change in date from last newsletter. See back page for more information)
Thursday 22 nd March	Year 5 Enterprise Fair, 2.30 pm-4.00 pm
Friday 23 rd March	Nursery applications (for September 2018) closing date
Thursday 29 th March	End of term, 2.00 pm
Monday 16 th April	Return to school

Easter Egg Competition



Once again, we are running a competition at school for children to design and decorate an egg. The egg should be blown rather than hard boiled so it is empty and therefore will not smell after some time! There is no particular theme for the entry – just let your imagination and creativity flow. Any materials can be used. You can either decorate the egg, or make it into something else – the choice is yours.

Entries for the competition can be brought into school from Monday 26th March and the closing date is Wednesday 28th March at noon. All egg creations should be placed on the tables outside the computer suite, near the school foyer under the correct category. Judging will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 28th March. There will be 4 categories for entries: Nursery and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4, and Year 5 and Year 6. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for all categories, which will be announced during the Celebration Assembly on Thursday 29th March. Please collect your creation at 2.00 pm on Thursday 29th March. The competition is purely voluntary, however knowing how creative some of our pupils are, I am sure many will rise to this challenge. Good luck – we are looking forward to seeing your eggstravaganza!

Our snow-delayed but still fabulous

World Book Day Family Morning



1st



2nd



3rd

Overall Winners

Isabella Wells (Earth and Space), Lillian Allen (Elmer), Maddie Barsby (Mrs Tiggerlewickle)

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Class Winners

Alfie Goble (Very Hungry Caterpillar); Grace German (Snail on the Whale), Jamie Duffield (James and the Giant Peach), Lucy Wright (Owl Babies), Ella Wilson (Very Hungry Caterpillar), Logan Shaw (The Highway Rat), Luca Robinson (The Hobbit), Edward Hudson (101 Dalmatians), Evan Wilkins (Mad Hatter), Soraya Birch (Queen of Hearts), Ollie Shaw (Frog on Log), Max Bigland (Jack and the Beanstalk).



Years 3-6 Class Winners

Oliver Brooks (Diary of a Wimpy Kid), Fraser Dunn (Norman the Snail), Ellis Ion (Lewis Hamilton), Lexi Grundy (Emilia Fang), Gabriella Webster (Mad Hatter), Lachlan Shaw (Bookworm), Lucy Edmondson (The Day the Crayons Quit), Emma Hewitt (Professor Trelawney), Lexie Jannikos (Carrie's War), Keira Neill (Mary Poppins), Cameron Loan (Two Faces), Libby Clement (How to Train your Dragon)

Fairtrade Events and The Big Brew



Bring a Fairtrade Banana to school!



The Big Brew raised £217.70 for Fairtrade. Thank you for your support.



Our pupils used Fairtrade ingredients to make Big Brew traybakes:



The cake competition was won by Ellis Ion and Cole Mason.

Leisure Centre

On Tuesdays 20th and 27th March, Kendal Leisure Centre staff will be at the school gates at 3.15 pm to pass onto parents and carers information about activities and sporting opportunities available at the Leisure Centre.

Mathletics: Change in Settings

This information is for parents of Year 4-6 pupils who have log-on details. Mathletics has a new website and we have been told by parents that it is difficult to access it from home computers/tablets etc. You will need to enable 'Flash' in order to run the new website. Installation instructions are available on the Mathletics website but how you upload 'Flash' depends on which internet browser you generally use. We recommend 'Chrome' but other internet browsers are available. Contact the school if you continue to have problems with this website.

Book Review by One of our Champion Readers, Emma Hewitt, Year 6

Street Child by Bertie Doherty. This amazing book tells the true story of the Barnardo's charity. It is based on the story of Jim Jarvis, Dr Barnardo's first boy. It really shows how hard it was for the children at that time and makes me glad I was not one of them. It might not appeal to you at first but stick with it because you will really start to care about the characters. I recommend this book for all ages 9+ for there are lots of sad parts but at the end it is happy. In a film it would be a 12A. It is in my top 5 books.

Year 6 Visit to hear the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Year 6 grabbed the opportunity to travel to Carlisle to hear, along with children from many other schools, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra play a great selection of classical and modern music. The programme included 'In the Hall of the Mountain King', 'Flight of the Bumblebee', 'Firebird', 'William Tell Overture' and the themes from 'Pirates of the Caribbean' and 'Star Wars'. There was even a boxing match between 'Ed Sheeran' and 'Taylor Swift' to determine whose music would be played by the orchestra; Taylor knocked out Ed and the orchestra played 'Shake it Up'.



Kendal Schools Swimming Gala, 3rd March

On Saturday, 10 enthusiastic swimmers took part in the Kendal Schools Swimming Gala. There were 4 races in teams of 4 swimmers: girls, boys, mixed non club and finally mixed club swimmers. Unfortunately we just missed out on reaching the finals of 3 races; only our strongest club swimmers reached their final easily. In the end they placed a fantastic second, earning themselves silver medals. I was particularly pleased with Drew, Jack, Connor, Olivia, Keira and Amelia who swam brilliantly despite being very nervous. Fantastic teamwork by all.

Janette Foster



Cross Country, Windermere School, 7th March

It was a fabulous day to run around a very tough, hilly course with patches of slippery mud to negotiate.

There were exceptional performances from Louis Bigland, 1st in the Year 6 boys' race, Alfie Addison, 3rd in the Year 4/Year 5 boys' race and the boys' Year 6 team came 3rd overall. We are very proud of all the runners but must mention Holly, Roxanne, Isla and Will in their first races, who were brilliant.



Sports Relief

On **Wednesday 21st March** Stephanie Inglis, GB Judo Team Commonwealth Games 2014 Silver Medallist, will be at Heron Hill School. Stephanie will be leading an assembly for all the children where she will talk about fitness, healthy lifestyles, her career, perseverance and having an 'I can' attitude. She will also bring in and show her silver medal and talk about her dedication to the sport of Judo. We would like children to participate in a fitness circuit when Stephanie is in school, so if they are not in suitable sports clothing already (see below) they will need to have their PE kit in school on Wednesday 21st March.



We will celebrate Sport Relief Day on Wednesday 21st March while Stephanie is with us (not on Friday 23rd March). We would like children to come to school dressed in their favourite sporting clothes. We know that many children take part in sports outside of school and this is a good opportunity for the children to look at specific sports clothing and talk about sports that others may not know about. The children could inspire each other to have a go at something new.

We request a minimum donation of £2.00 per child, which will be shared between GB Athletes Without Sponsorship and Sports Relief. Please send your child in with their donation on Wednesday 21st March.

Music Mark: Information from Pam Lawson, Music Co-ordinator

Our school recently took part in a review of our music provision by the Cumbria Music Hub. We are pleased that this resulted in Heron Hill being recommended for membership of the Music Mark, which confirms that Music is valued within our school and that we work successfully in partnership with the Cumbria Music Service. The review found that:

- The music curriculum is broad and balanced across all Key Stages and meets national requirements
- All pupils experience a broad range of performance opportunities both within and outside of music lessons
- We are raising attainment in music
- Pupils experience a diverse music curriculum which is embedded into all areas of the school curriculum and wider school life, and this is enhanced by external visits
- Resources are well-used and provide good value for money

We have thoroughly enjoyed many musical activities so far this year and look forward to future events both in and out of school!



No Tramlines Please

We ask that hair is as unadorned and simple as possible. Please do not have lines/tramlines shaved into your child's haircuts during term time. Long hair should be tied back by plain hair bobbles and/or hairbands.

Boxes of Hope Cumbria

During March please donate a hairbrush, a comb and/or hair accessories. We have a collection point in the entrance hall and can still accept toiletry items.

