



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Hello and welcome to our first whole-school newsletter of the new academic year. This will be sent out weekly on Wednesdays and aims to ensure parents/carers are kept up-to-date with life in school. It will also provide reminders about calendar events, celebrate the achievements of our pupils and more. We hope you will enjoy reading it and that it will provide some useful conversation starters for home when your child inevitably tells you over your evening meal that they've done 'nothing' at school!

The academic year has started brilliantly. There is a fantastic, positive vibe around school and as the new Headteacher, I have been welcomed with open arms. Thank you for taking the time to say hi, introduce yourselves, smile on the gate each day and provide feedback. I really appreciate it. I have been so impressed by parent engagement so far and was thrilled to see so many of you attending the individual year group meetings this past week. These have provided some key information to get you started in new year groups and have signposted useful ways that you can support your child at home too. Well done to our superb team of teachers for organising and leading on these meetings.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Middleton**



## SCHOOL STARTERS

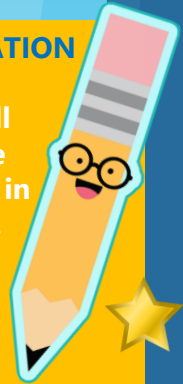
An extra-special mention is needed for all of our new starters last week. Starting school is a highly emotional time (for pupils and their parents!). The saying is true; time really does fly.

Whether your child joined Nursery, Reception or another year group, we are honoured that you chose us for your child's schooling and look forward to working with you in the years ahead. We are so proud of how pupils have settled into school life. Well done everyone!

## HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

Each week in our assemblies, we will be celebrating and highlighting the achievements of one child per class in their handwriting and presentation. Pupils may be chosen because of a marked improvement over time, immense effort or because of a specific piece of amazing work.

Each week, we'll be sharing the names of award winners on our newsletter. This will start next week.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

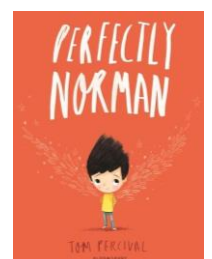
We've listened to your feedback and are keen to be showcasing all of the amazing things happening in school more regularly. Senior Leaders will be posting highlights from school on our school X/Twitter page so make sure you follow us @heronhillschool



## ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values: **RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS**. We looked at each of these words and what they mean. We then started to think about actions or behaviours that show we understand them.

Mrs Middleton is a self-confessed bookworm and loves to share stories with us in assembly. This week it was the turn of 'Perfectly Norman' by Tom Percival.





### ECO SCHOOLS AWARD:

We are so proud to announce that Heron Hill Primary have been awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag Award. This is in recognition of the hard work and efforts of Mrs Lawson, Mrs Patrick and the Eco-Council who have led incentives across school in this important area.

Our school values of RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS underpin this work beautifully. Several projects and incentives have encouraged our pupils to think carefully about their environmental impact and the difference that even the smallest of changes can make.

After submitting a wealth of evidence to the panel for consideration, many positive comments have been made by the panel. Some of these are collated below.

Well done to everyone involved!

It is evident that young people in your school are aware of environmental issues and passionate about protecting our planet - your large Eco-Committee, 27 members in total, clearly demonstrates this.

The quotations from the Eco-Committee members demonstrate their passion, engagement, and confidence that they can create positive environmental impacts in their school, local community, and beyond.

We loved the collaborative approach your Eco-Committee demonstrated when completing their Environmental Review. This cooperative mindset is exactly what is needed to address the challenges posed by climate change.

You have educated, inspired, and empowered young people in your school, and they are now carrying this passion into their homes and communities, sharing it with friends and family.

Your Action Plan contains a diverse range of activities aimed at creating positive behaviours, making an immediate difference to your local environment, and expanding your Eco-Schools' initiatives into your local community and beyond. Monitoring and Evaluation can be one of the more difficult steps of the Eco-Schools' framework, your Eco-Committee predicted this and proactively developed ways to monitor their projects from an early stage. Your curriculum links come from a variety of year groups and subject areas, they are very good examples of innovative and engaging cross-curricular environmental education! It is fantastic to see that environmental issues have become an integral part of your learning.

We loved reading about the planting of 100 rare species of trees across the school grounds and the link with a Kenyan School to work together to make both schools environmentally friendly - a wonderful collaborative project that reaches beyond the school building and communities.

Your final Eco-Code is an aspirational call to action, explaining exactly how your school and its pupils will look after our planet – we, especially like the lines 'We're an Eco-School – it's so cool; We'll save the planet – Let's make it our rule!'

**- RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY - RELATIONSHIPS -**



**ATTENDANCE:**

Attendance to school is important for all pupils. Primary-aged pupils rely on adults to get them to school each day and on time. Please ensure you do all you can to get your child into school daily. If you are experiencing any challenges, please let a member of the senior leadership team know so that we can endeavour to help you.

**Looking ahead to any holiday planning you may be doing, please remember that school will NOT authorise any leave during term time. Family holidays should be planned during school holidays.**

**Well done to Whinlatter, Outerside, Fairfield and Catstycam classes who all returned to school last week and earned 100% attendance for the first week of the new academic year!!!**

Registration Form	Class %
Reception - Latrigg	99.0
Reception - Mellbreak	94.8
Y1 Angletarn	93.3
Y1 Whinlatter	100.0
Y2 Outerside	100.0
Y2 Yewbarrow	97.6
Y3 Kentmere	99.3
Y3 Glaramara	98.8
Y4 Thornthwaite	93.1
Y4 Blencathra	95.2
Y5 Fairfield	100.0
Y5 Catstycam	100.0
Y6 Helvellyn	98.7
Y6 Scafell	93.2

**FRIENDS OF HERON HILL:**

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to the FOHH for all of their hard work and fundraising efforts last academic year. School funding continues to be a challenging picture nationally and the amounts raised last year are phenomenal!

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to continuing to work together to provide the best opportunities possible to your children.



**FOHH SCHOOL DISCOS:**

More information will follow shortly but please pop Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September into your diaries for the return of our school discos! This is the first FOHH fundraiser of this new academic year and will undoubtedly be a popular one. Timings will be as follows:

- Nursery & Reception: 4.00 pm-5.00 pm
- Key Stage 1: 5.15 pm-6.00 pm
- Key Stage 2: 6.30 pm-7.15 pm

**ASDA's CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS**

Our fabulous PTA have registered school for this new fundraising initiative. With an Asda in Kendal, I am sure that many of you already use the Asda Rewards app. Please consider signing up for this new incentive; it has the potential to raise some significant funds for school.

Thank you!





## CALENDAR DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – Nursery open afternoons 1.00 pm-2.00 pm (for January admissions)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Reception-Y6 nasal flu inoculations

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Bikeability week for Y5

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – FOHH discos

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September** – Torchlight parade

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Y6 SATS and residential meeting

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – FOHH AGM (5.30 pm)

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 6 residential trip to Manchester

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 2 visit from Chas Jacobs

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – FOHH pumpkin walk

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> AM and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> PM October** – Reception autumn craft stay and play session for parents/carers

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Celebration assembly

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October** – Half term



### **ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL:**

Even just one week into my new role, I have heard of so many amazing achievements of our pupils in extra-curricular activities. I am always keen to celebrate these things with the school community so if your child has participated in any competitions, special events, concerts etc please do let me know. I will then include photographs and a short description in this weekly newsletter.

Please email [admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk) with the subject 'F.A.O Mrs Middleton – Newsletter' to ensure your email makes its way to me.

***NB: By submitting photographs, you are consenting to your child's image being added onto the newsletter which is shared via ParentMail and online.***

[YOUR CHILD'S ACHIEVEMENT HERE]