



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

One of the highlights of last week was pitching our first 5m rainbow bell tent and then hearing the excitement around school about what it might be used for! Y4 asked me if the circus was coming to school and many classes wanted to get straight inside. Reading is something I am so passionate about so having the opportunity to bring a new reading outdoors incentive into school has been very exciting! Thank you to the FOHH and all who have supported their fundraising efforts for making this idea a reality. This week sees our first residential of this academic year taking place. Y6 have made their way safely to Manchester and are having an absolutely brilliant time. Staff are reporting back to me already about their exemplary behaviour and are proud to report that our school values of **RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS** are on full display for everyone in Manchester to see! Well done Year 6!



As the final week of this first half term is in sight, there is still plenty happening in school and lots to look forward to. I hope to see lots of you at the FOHH pumpkin walk next Monday... which reminds me, I must add pumpkins to my shopping list! Have a wonderful week everyone.

Mrs Middleton



HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

Each week in our assemblies, we celebrate and highlight 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. This week, we were proud to acknowledge the following children:

OUR SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

Thank you to all of the family members who attended yesterday's parent voice coffee events regarding our school travel plan. This important document will shape our plans for safe travel to and from school for our pupils. This relies on the support and cooperation of all school stakeholders so it was fantastic to hear from so many of you about your current concerns and ideas for new ways forward. I really appreciate your time and input.

We did not hear from any **drivers** to school sadly. We are not anti-car and know that many of our families need to drive to school. If you are a driver, please get in touch to share your viewpoints.

Next steps involve me collating all of the information and ideas received, so that we can begin to implement some changes. I will write to you all separately with an overview of the concerns and ideas shared.

Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Maya S
Y1 Whinlatter	Nell Z
Y2 Outerside	Emily T
Y2 Yewbarrow	Anna M
Y3 Kentmere	Aubree M
Y3 Glaramara	Frankie L
Y4 Thornthwaite	Riley J
Y4 Blencathra	Cara B
Y5 Fairfield	Tiffany S
Y5 Catstycam	Olivia G
Y6 Helvellyn	Residential
Y6 Scafell	Residential



ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

If there is something you'd like to highlight and celebrate for your child. Please email 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.

Ayla W from Y1 is super proud to have achieved her 100m swimming badge. She can do this with either front crawl or breaststroke! WOW! Well done Ayla 😊



YEAR 1'S LEAF MAN ADVENTURES

Thank you to the many parent helpers who enjoyed an autumnal walk to Fletcher Park with Y1 on Monday. It was the perfect day for exploration and adventure. Whilst there, the children collected a wide range of autumn leaves before heading back to class to make their very own 'Leaf Man'. They have been so inspired by this wonderful story!



FOHH UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

We have a large range of pre-loved school uniform building up in school so will be hosting a uniform stall just before the FOHH Pumpkin Walk. Come along and restock any uniform items you need from 5.15 pm on Monday 21st October. You will find the pre-loved uniform stall beneath the Year 4 canopy.

PREFECTS PRAISE

Our Prefects have been on duty during lunchtimes supporting pupils with their play. Harrison, Jasmine, Ben and Molly have been keeping an eye out for children who are being kind, building relationships and helping others. This week, they would like to say well done to the following children:



Key Stage 2:

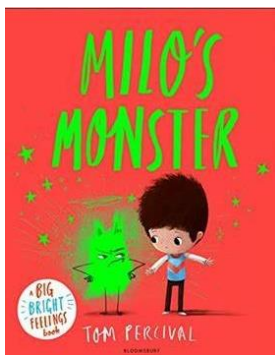
Josie W (Y6)	Clara J (Y6)
Max N (Y3)	Harriet P (Y4)





CHRISTMAS AT HERON HILL

Last week's newsletter included all the calendar dates you need (so far) for our Heron Hill Christmas! If you missed it, you can search this on our ParentMail app or find a copy of the newsletter here: [Heron Hill Primary School - Newsletters](#)
Please note there was a small typo and the Christmas Production on Tuesday 3rd December is for Year 2 only. Year 1 perform for families via the 'Carols Under the Canopy' event on Monday 9th December. Apologies for any confusion caused!



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS.

Our final Tom Percival story for this half term helped us to focus on our school value of **RESPONSIBILITY.**

Pupils were introduced to the character, Milo. Milo has a best friend who he has had all to himself for sometime. Then, one day, a new girl moves into his street and suddenly, he has to share his best friend with someone else. Milo finds this really tricky and experiences jealousy for the first time. The story tracks how he overcomes these negative feelings to widen his friendships and encourage others to play too.

FOHH PUMPKIN WALK

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us on Monday from 5.30 pm for the FOHH pumpkin walk. All you need to do is carve a pumpkin, bring it to school on Monday and let our fabulous FOHH volunteers use it to help create a pumpkin walk around our school grounds. It will be dark (and probably cold) so wrap up warm and bring a torch if you want to! Refreshments will be on sale and donations are welcome on entry.



WOODCHIP WANTED!

Our EYFS outdoor areas are in need of some woodchip topping up as the paths have worn over the past year with all of the amazing outdoor learning and exploration our pupils have been doing. If any of our wider Heron Hill family/community have any contacts in this area, we would be really grateful of your support. Please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Metcalfe in Reception. Thank you!

DO NOT USE



CLIMBING FRAME

We have noticed an increasing number of pupils and family members using the new wooden climbing structure on the Year 1 playground. This is **NOT TO BE USED** by any children unless a Heron Hill School staff member is present and supervising. Please do not allow your children to climb on these structures before or after school. The school accepts no responsibility for any accident or injury caused when this rule is broken.



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.

Term-time holidays cannot be authorised by school and in line with new guidance, fines can be issued. So far this academic year, an estimated 100 fines have been issued across Westmorland and Furness Council.

Well done Kentmere on your 100% attendance this week!

Registration Form	Class %
Reception - Latrigg	99.7
Reception - Mellbreak	98.4
Y1 Angletarn	97.9
Y1 Whinlatter	99.7
Y2 Outerside	92.4
Y2 Yewbarrow	95.7
Y3 Kentmere	100
Y3 Glaramara	98.5
Y4 Thornthwaite	97.6
Y4 Blencathra	99.3
Y5 Fairfield	95.4
Y5 Catstycam	99.7
Y6 Helvellyn	97.3
Y6 Scafell	97.8



CALENDAR DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM (Any added dates are highlighted in yellow)

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th October - Y6 residential trip to Manchester

Friday 18th October - Y2 visit from Chas Jacobs

Monday 21st October - Halloween Messy Play for Toddlers, 9.00 am-10.30 am

Monday 21st October - FOHH pumpkin walk, 5.30 pm

Monday 21st AM and Wednesday 23rd PM October - Reception autumn craft stay and play session for parents/carers

Wednesday 23rd October - Reception hearing checks

Wednesday 23rd October - Whole-school Harvest Festival assembly

Thurs 24th/Fri 25th October - Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability

Thursday 24th October - Nursery autumn craft stay and play session, 9.00 am-10.30 am

Friday 25th October - Celebration assembly

Friday 25th October - Half term holiday begins, 3.15 pm

Monday 4th November - Return to school

Tuesday 5th November - Sept 2025 Reception New Starters Open Morning, 9.00 am-11.30 am

Thursday 7th November - Sept 2025 Reception New Starters Open Afternoon, 2.00 pm-6.00 pm

Friday 8th November - Individual and family photographs

Saturday 9th November - Sept 2025 Reception New Starters Open Morning, 10.00 am-11.00 am

