



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome back everyone and what a brilliant start to this new half term! It has been great to welcome our pupils back into school and see them immediately engaging in learning, following our school rules, showcasing our school values and trying their best to show respect and responsibility in all that they do! I am once again a very proud headteacher!

Monday saw the launch of our 8.45 am staggered drop off and the end of our old lining up processes in a morning. Instant feedback on Monday was that this was a positive change for all involved. Parents have reported smoother dropping off procedures that are positively impacting on them getting where they need to more quickly and calmly after drop off. Teachers have enjoyed welcoming children into the classroom to begin starter activities and pupils are pleased they don't need to stand in the autumnal conditions of the playground for too long. This is a really positive start to this traffic plan trial and I urge you to keep offering feedback on whether this approach is or isn't working for you.

With just seven weeks to go until Christmas, today's newsletter includes a reminder of those all-important Christmas events in school. We are really looking forward to celebrating the festive season together at Heron Hill.



Mrs Middleton

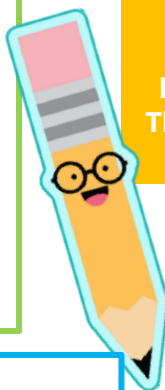


PARENTMAIL

Please remember to regularly check your ParentMail app for any important reminders from school. Our dedicated office team are really good at keeping on top of events happening in school and sending out useful reminders of what your child may need to take part. Thank you ☺

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:




Y6 RECEIVE BLUE PETER BADGES!

There has been much excitement over the half term break as many of our Y6 pupils received their silver Blue Peter badges through the post. These have been awarded in recognition of their Enterprise fundraising project during Y5. Well done everyone! We hope you enjoy wearing your badges with pride and that you make the most of the free attractions that are now available to you as official BP badge holders.


Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Zara S
Y1 Whinlatter	David D
Y2 Outerside	Molly M
Y2 Yewbarrow	Martha J
Y3 Kentmere	Joshua G
Y3 Glaramara	Charlie B
Y4 Thornthwaite	Harriet P
Y4 Blencathra	Ethan L
Y5 Fairfield	Katie R
Y5 Catstycam	Jimmy W
Y6 Helvellyn	Jasmine A
Y6 Scafell	Joan J



ENGLAND ROCKS



12TH - 14TH NOVEMBER
7:30AM TO 7:30PM DAILY



**PLAY IN ANY
GAME TYPE!**

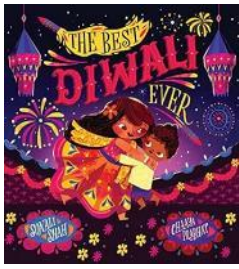
**1HR TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON!**



**WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE
HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT
ANSWERS PER STUDENT!**



**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS We talked about how we ‘belong’ to many groups, organisations and communities.

We talked about traditions and celebrations, focusing in on Diwali with our high-quality picture book. We love using stories as a hook for our assembly conversations!

FOHH FUNDRAISING:

The next fundraising event from our Friends of Heron Hill is a bake sale **this Friday** after school.

There is also a social event for parents, carers and wider family members planned. This will take place at The Heron pub on **Saturday 23rd November**. We thank The Heron for offering to support our school fundraising with one of their popular race nights.



**Friends of Heron Hill
Cake Sale!**

Friday 8th November



We would appreciate any donations for the sale, please drop them off at reception in the morning



PARENTS' EVENING AND PUPIL REPORTS:

In previous years, Heron Hill School teachers have written an autumn term report to be sent home to parents AND hosted several parents evenings just two weeks later.

As part of my commitment to ensuring the best provision for all pupils, and also my duty to protect the wellbeing and workload of teachers, I have removed the written report requirement for this term. A quality, face-to-face conversation with your child's class teacher at this point of the year is highly valuable to you and us as a school. Our focus therefore lies in this and no written reports will be sent home this month as a result.

The staff of Heron Hill School look forward to meeting with you to discuss how your child has settled into their new year group, their areas of strength, the areas of focus moving forward and of course welcome any questions you may have too. In line with many primary schools nationally, you will now receive one written report each year, in July. Thank you for your understanding and support with this change.



FAIRSHARE AWARD:

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the 'Fairshare Award' this week. This honours our commitment to Fairtrade in school, and celebrates the fact that we are part of a global movement where young people learn that, whatever their age, they have the power to make a difference in the world. Well done to all involved in achieving this important award.



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.



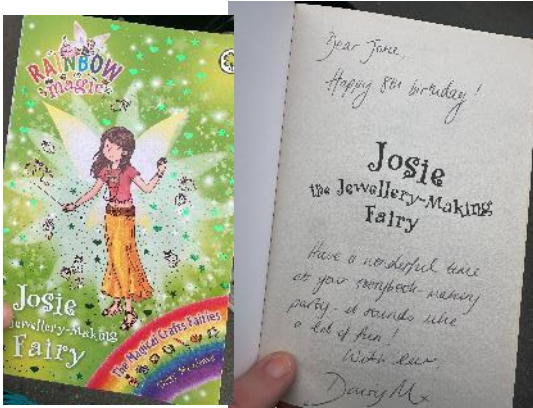
Harrison L from Y3 proudly achieved his 'Level 1 Swimming' badge for Beavers this weekend! What a fantastic achievement; well done Harrison!



Isla B from Y5 went to her cricket presentation over the half term holidays. She came away with the following awards:

- Girls under 9's Batting award
- Girls under 9's Fielding award
- Girls under 9 Players' Player award

Wow! Isla has had an amazing season at Burneside Cricket club and we are so proud of her! Well done Isla!



We are avid readers at Heron Hill and are always looking for ways to encourage reading for pleasure with our pupils. Josie in Y3 has recently discovered the Rainbow Fairy book series and was so surprised to receive a personal message in one of these books on her recent 8th birthday. What a fantastic birthday surprise!

Isla H (Y5) took part in the Spooky Spectacular Gymnastics event at City of Newcastle Gymnastics Academy during half term. The competition was very high and this was Isla's first competition after her broken collarbone! Isla came 7th overall in her category and placed 5th on bars, for which she got a ribbon.





CHRISTMAS AT HERON HILL

Christmas really is the most wonderful time of the year and being in school with pupils is always a complete joy around such a magical time. I spend most of December more excited than the children! We have lots of lovely plans for this year and want parents, carers, governors and family members to have as much notice as possible of these dates so that you can join in with the festivities. Please see the current Christmas dates that are booked in below. If other events are added, we will let you know in plenty of time.

Thurs 28 th November	Usborne Book Fair
Friday 29 th November	Friends of Heron Hill Christmas Fair, 3.30 pm-5.00 pm
Monday 2 nd December	Christmas card post boxes open
Tuesday 3 rd December	Year 2 dress rehearsal, 2.15 pm
Tuesday 3 rd December	FoHH Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, 7.00 pm-9.00 pm
Wednesday 4 th December	Year 2 Christmas Production, 2.15 pm and 5.30 pm
Thursday 5 th December	Christmas Lunch Day and also Christmas Jumper Day (staff will raise funds for Save the Children, no donations expected for children's Christmas jumpers)
Monday 9 th December	Year 6 to Box Theatre 'Peter Pan', 10.00 am
Monday 9 th December	Reception Christmas Craft afternoon
Monday 9 th December	Year 1 Carols under the Canopy, 4.30 pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 3 Christmas party
Wednesday 11 th December	Nursery stay and play Christmas craft afternoon
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 4 Christmas party
Thursday 12 th December	Reception Christmas Craft morning
Thursday 12 th December	Year 2 Christmas party
Friday 13 th December	Year 3-Year 6 Carol Service at the Parish Church, 2.00 pm
Friday 13 th December	Reception Christmas party
Monday 16 th December	Year 1 Christmas Party
Monday 16 th December	Last day for Christmas card post boxes
Tuesday 17 th December	Years 1 and 2 Carol Service at the Parish Church, 10.00 am
Tuesday 17 th December	Choir to Heron Hill Care Home, afternoon
Wednesday 18 th December	Nursery and Reception Nativity Service at Parish Church, 10.00 am
Wednesday 18 th December	Nursery Christmas party (afternoon)
Thursday 19 th December	Years 5 and 6 Christmas parties
Friday 20 th December	End of term, 3.15 pm

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

- Thursday 7th November - Sept 2025 Reception New Starters Open Afternoon 2:00-6:00pm
- Friday 8th November - Individual and family photographs
- Saturday 9th November - Sept 2025 Reception New Starters Open Morning 10:00-11:00am
- Tuesday 12th November - Reception Zoolab workshop (kindly funded by Friends of Heron Hill)
- Friday 15th November - Children In Need mufti day (dress in non-uniform, spots and Pudsey-themed attire for a £1 donation to this important charity)
- Friday 15th November - Parents evening online booking system goes live
- Thursday 21st November - Parent consultation meetings after school
- Friday 22nd November - Y5/Y6 Kendal Mountain Festival at Leisure Centre (AM)
- Monday 25th November - Mathletics parent session 2.30 pm-3.10 pm (In school hall, come along to find out more about this excellent resource!)
- Tuesday 26th November - Parent consultation meetings after school
- Thursday 28th November - Usborne Book Fair
- Friday 29th November - FOHH Christmas Fair, 3.30 pm-5.00 pm
- Monday 2nd December - Tree planting after school (all families welcome!)
- Tuesday 3rd December - FOHH wreath making workshop 7.00 pm-9.00 pm

