



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

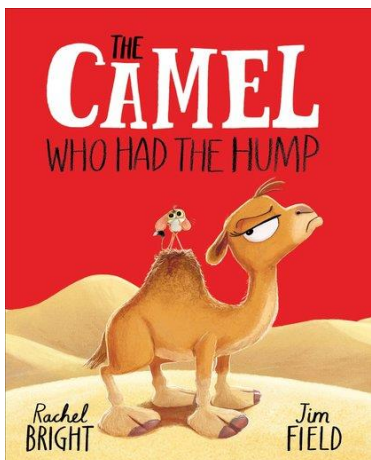
We are two weeks into the new term and thankfully, the weather is more on our side this week. Thank you to everyone for your time, care and patience in getting to school safely last week throughout the sub-zero temperatures, frost and ice that we experienced. I was extremely proud of our children for listening so carefully to rules during outdoor play and ensuring they kept each other safe.

Last week, a large group of children competed in cross country trials at Sedbergh School. They well and truly did Heron Hill proud with a total of 14 children qualifying for the next round. I would like to say well done to them all and thank them for representing Team HH with such determination, positive spirit and sportsmanship.

This week's newsletter is full of useful dates, exciting events coming up, pupil achievements outside of school and much more. I hope you enjoy reading it and catching up on the wonderful things happening in our very special school. As always, my door is open if anyone needs me. Have a great week!



Mrs Middleton (Proud HH Headteacher)



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values: **RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS** and also reminded us of new year's resolutions.

This week, we shared a story by Rachel Bright and Jim Field; this author/illustrator team is a favourite of Mrs Middleton's. 'The Camel Who Had The Hump' helped us to reflect on how working on our goals, targets, resolutions and aims isn't always easy, especially if we wake up feeling grumpy!

Zooming in on our **RESPECT** and **RELATIONSHIPS** values, we explored these in more detail and took a moment to share our gratitude for people who are important to us and help us to feel like we belong.



HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

We continue to celebrate achievements, progress and effort in all things presentation during our weekly headteacher assemblies. This week, the children below have been praised for their super efforts. Well done! 😊

Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Kayley K-C
Y1 Whinlatter	Taylor J
Y2 Outerside	Georgia G
Y2 Yewbarrow	Millie P
Y3 Kentmere	Kamogelo M
Y3 Glaramara	Hugo C
Y4 Thornthwaite	Sophie H
Y4 Blencathra	Oliver D
Y5 Fairfield	Ella C
Y5 Catstycam	Lisa G
Y6 Helvellyn	Olivia P
Y6 Scafell	Phoebe M

CROSS COUNTRY SPORTS REPORT

On Wednesday 8th January, 30 children from Y4, Y5 and Y6 travelled to Sedbergh School in Casterton to take part in the annual Primary Schools Cross Country event. Despite the extreme cold, every runner showed a huge amount of resilience and competitiveness to complete their races with fantastic results.

- **Y4 Girls** – Mia 12th, Sophie 15th, Ella 43rd, Jessica 46th, Harriet 56th out of 80 runners and were the 4th team.
- **Y4 Boys** – Finlay 5th, Harry 31st, Austin 42nd, Riley 71st out of 115 runners and were the 3rd team.
- **Y5 Girls** – Evie 10th, Sophie 14th, Ella 51st, Isla 57th, Sienna 74th out of 79 runners and were the 5th team.
- **Y5 Boys** – Harrison 2nd, Edward 5th, Finley 7th, Flynn 13th, Max 56th out of 92 runner and were the FIRST team.
- **Y6 Girls** – Poppy 5th, Clara 6th, Olivia 16th, Evie 17th, Elana 60th out of 61 runners and were the FIRST team.
- **Y6 Boys** – Yoan 15th, Ben 26th, Kassius 59th, Max 63rd, Noah 83rd out of 100 runners and were the 8th team.

This meant that half of our runners qualified for the next county level event back at Casterton on Wednesday 22nd January to do it all again!

We must give a huge shout out to HARRISON who placed 2nd in his race coming away with a superb silver medal. Well done Harrison.

Congratulations to all of them for their efforts and their impeccable behaviour representing Heron Hill School. Thank you also to the many family members who turned up to cheer them on too.

Mrs Foster





WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that we are a nut-free school which means that **no food items containing nuts** should ever be on the school premises. We have several children in school with life-threatening nut and peanut allergies so this is really important to keep them safe and well.

We have had several children with cereal bars containing nuts and some peanut butter sandwiches in lunchboxes too since our return to school in January. These have luckily been intercepted by vigilant staff to prevent any harm.



NSPCC NUMBER DAY:

On Friday 7th February, Heron Hill School will be joining thousands of schools and nurseries taking part in a fun-filled day of maths. In aid of NSPCC, pupils are invited to dress as numbers for the day. A separate letter, containing all of the information you need will be sent via ParentMail by Mrs Wilkinson. Thank you for considering supporting this worthwhile cause.

SPRING TERM DATES:

Spring term is here! Below are the main dates currently in the calendar until Easter. As we did last term, we will update these via the weekly newsletter and highlight any changes in **YELLOW** so that they are easy for you to track.



Date	Event
Wednesday 15 th January	Year 4 swimming begins
Tuesday 21 st January	2.45 pm-3.15 pm KS1 Healthy Choices with Sam Hill
Wednesday 22 nd January	9.00 am-9.30 am KS2 Healthy Choices with Sam Hill
Wednesday 22 nd January	County Cross Country (qualifiers only)
Tuesday 28 th January	Rock Kidz come to Heron Hill! See page 3 for more information.
Thursday 30 th January	Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' (Reception-Year 2)
Friday 7th February	NSPCC Number Day (see letter from Mrs Wilkinson)
Monday 10 th February	Nursery open session for September 2025 Intake, 1.00 pm-2.00 pm, come and visit!
Tuesday 11 th February	FOHH cakes and table top sale, 3.00 pm. Please donate cakes (no nuts)
Friday 14 th February	End of half term, 3.15 pm. Return to school Monday 24 th February
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day! (Mufti day - dress as your favourite book character)
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day - Mufti - wear something odd (e.g. odd socks, t-shirt inside out/back to front)
Mon 31 st Mar-1 st April	Y5 residential to York (one night)
Tuesday 1 st April	FOHH 'Break the Rules for April Fools' - Up to £2.50 for 5 rules
Thursday 3 rd April	FOHH Easter Treasure Hunt at 3.30 pm. Mufti - dress as a bunny/Easter costume
Friday 4 th April	Break up for Easter Holidays, 3.15 pm
Tuesday 22 nd April	School reopens after the Easter Holidays



ROCK KIDZ ARE COMING TO HERON HILL!

Are you ready to rock?! I hope so because the AMAZING Rock Kidz will be visiting us on Tuesday 28th January! They will be turning our school hall into a live rock concert venue, singing songs, playing very funny games and teaching us important messages about **self-esteem and diversity**.

Pupils across school are **invited to dress as rock-stars** on this day, instead of their usual school uniform. This can be anything from a t-shirt and jeans, to wigs, eyeliner, leather jackets and inflatable guitars. There is no pressure from us to wear anything in particular, we just want everyone to have fun!

At the end of the school day, the Rock Kidz will host a 'meet and greet' session for parents and carers and have Rock Kidz merch on sale too. The day promises to be a memorable one for us all!



SCOPAY:

Thank you to everyone who has now signed up for our new online payment/booking platform SCOPAY.

This is currently being used for wraparound care bookings but will eventually be your one-stop shop for school related bookings and payments.

Activation emails have been sent to all parents but if you need any assistance with activating your account, please do not hesitate to ask our friendly office team.

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.

Registration Form	Class %
Reception - Latrigg	92.3
Reception - Mellbreak	99.5
Y1 Angletarn	100.0
Y1 Whinlatter	96.7
Y2 Outerside	94.9
Y2 Yewbarrow	98.3
Y3 Kentmere	96.2
Y3 Glaramara	99.0
Y4 Thornthwaite	91.3
Y4 Blencathra	92.9
Y5 Fairfield	98.5
Y5 Catstycam	97.0
Y6 Helvellyn	94.4
Y6 Scafell	99.1

Our 8.45 am staggered drop off has been well-received and parent feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Remember: "Teachers close the door at 8.54!"





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.



Aubree M in Y3 is a huge Blue Peter fan and received some very exciting post on Friday. She entered the Blue Peter Earthshot Competition in the autumn term and has been awarded an extremely rare, orange competition winner's BP badge to add to her collection. She is one of only 45 children nationally to be awarded one. Well done Aubree!



Evie F (Y6) was awarded second place in the Kendal Amateur Swimming Club annual championship. This reflects her fantastic achievements in swimming in 2024. There was a celebration evening attended by other Heron Hill Y6 Swim Club members too – lots of dancing and fun all round! Well done Evie!



We are so proud of Jessica A and Jake D in Y4 who won the under 10 girl's and under 10 boy's 2024 championship awards for swimming this weekend. They've proudly shown their trophies in school this week. Well done - keep up the super work!



Our Y6 super swimmers! Sophie A, Evie F, Poppy C, Josie W, Evie Mc and Clara J.

Sophie A in Y6 won the girls 'Coaches Award' for her swimming squad this weekend. A fantastic achievement – well done Sophie!

