



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We are in the middle of another delightful week at Heron Hill and we are all making the very most of the weather we have been gifted this week! I'd like to say a huge thank you to our parents and carers for sending children into school prepared for the hot weather. Sun cream, sun hats and water bottles continue to be essential bits of kit for school this week!

This week's newsletter is missing some of the regular parts as the Y6 SATs testing schedule has meant no whole-school assembly this week. However, please do not be alarmed, our 'Presentation Praise' and assembly story sections will both return next week. There is still plenty happening in school though and lots to celebrate and share with you from our fantastic school. I hope you enjoy reading this week's updates and with the warm weather set to stay with us all weekend, I hope you all have some lovely, outdoor plans ahead. Thank you for your continued support.



**Mrs Middleton**



## PARENT VIEWS WANTED!

School currently uses X/Twitter as a social media page but understands from parent feedback that many of you are not on this site.

We are looking to branch out onto other social media platforms and would like to hear from you about which you would prefer us to use. There are 3 super-quick, multiple choice questions to answer here:

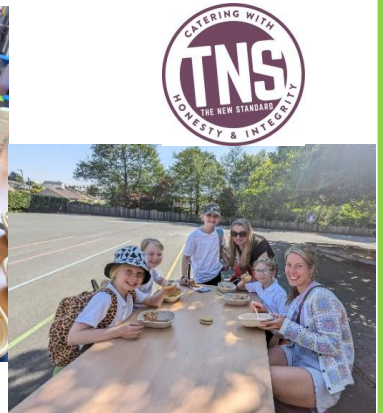
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Y6 Prefects have approached me about bringing back 'houses' and naming these after our school values. (There is more information about this on page 4 of this newsletter.) This led to conversations about white t-shirts for PE and they appear to be unpopular with pupils. Several reported their parents do not like them either.

We are therefore seeking your opinions on the possibility of moving away from plain white t-shirts from September. Please follow this link to share your views:

<https://forms.office.com/e/dqQMkhd1hw>

Both surveys will close next Wednesday at 12.00 midday. Thank you!



## TNS TASTING SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who joined us after school on Friday to sample our delicious new school meals. We were thrilled to see such a great turnout and are really grateful to our brilliant kitchen team for all they did to prepare a usual lunch offering AND so many tasters for the afternoon event, all in one day!

Parent feedback was unanimously positive and it is clear the new lunch offerings are a hit with all stakeholders. If you would like a paper copy of the current menu to support your child in making their choices, please just pop to our school office.

And don't forget... as we enjoy this current, ongoing dose of Cumbrian sunshine, there is a daily grab bag option available too for children in Years 3-6! Cross 'packed lunches' off your list of things to do; simply order your child's selection via our SCOPay app and let our fabulous kitchen team do this job for you!



### 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](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.*



Aaron P (Y6) and his football team (the U11 Carnforth Rangers Reds) won the challenge cup final 6-1 on 11.05 25. Here is a picture of Aaron with his trophy. Well done Aaron!



Another great result for George E (Y5) this week with a 4th place at the national freestyle ski competition, 'K-jam'. We are really proud of all you are achieving in your skiing, George. Well done!



Three Heron Hill pupils performed in a Carmina Burana performance at Kendal Parish Church on Saturday. Clara J, Freya H and Aubree M were proud to wear their Amabile uniforms and sing for this special occasion. Well done girls!



Max N & Freddie G (Y3) played in the Challenge Cup Final this weekend for Kendal United U8's. They won 10-4, winning the Challenge Cup for the second year in a row. Well done boys!



Lily N in Year 3 had her second grading at Judo this week. She is now a red & white belt after successfully passing the next tag! Well done Lily!



Jasper S and Hugo C (Y3) recently attended their end of season rugby presentation at Kendal Rugby Club. They have played this year for the under 8s and received a medal each for their progress this year. They are now moving up to under 9s which includes contact and proper tackling! Good luck boys!

## LEAVE DURING TERM TIME

We are concerned about a rising number of families who are not completing leave forms and are instead suggesting their child is poorly, when we believe they are on holiday.

Children often tell friends in school about holiday plans or tell staff all about it on their return. Our school office are also able to detect international dial tones when making absence or wellbeing calls.

As part of our safeguarding duty, home visits can be completed by senior leaders when we have not seen children in school for several days. It is a huge waste of school resources to be visiting homes when families are actually on holiday.

Honesty is an important part of our home-school partnership; please be truthful with school about any absence and please don't encourage your child to share untruths with us about where they have been.

We understand the fining approach is unpopular with parents but this is a national approach, not a school one. (All schools are following the same legislation.)



## 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.

**The table shows the number of school days missed in each class last week.**

Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Reception - Latrigg	2
Reception - Mellbreak	4.5
Y1 Angletarn	2
Y1 Whinlatter	1
Y2 Outerside	0
Y2 Yewbarrow	0
Y3 Kentmere	2
Y3 Glaramara	1
Y4 Thornthwaite	3
Y4 Blencathra	4.5
Y5 Fairfield	2
Y5 Catstycam	3.5
Y6 Helvellyn	0
Y6 Scafell	2

Well done to Outerside, Yewbarrow, Glaramara and Helvellyn classes who did not miss a single day of school last week!

BRILLIANT! 😊



## SPRING IS SPRINGING!

Bradley and Molly have a bird box full of chicks on their tree. Has anyone else got a new wild family in their garden?





### YEAR 6 SATS WEEK:

Our Y6 pupils have done us all proud this week as they've tackled their SATs papers with determination and great pride! They are over halfway through now with just one maths paper remaining tomorrow morning.

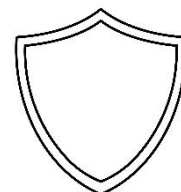
We are so proud of each and every one of them for the resilience they have shown. They really are superstars!

### OUR SCHOOL VALUES:

Pupils across school have been considering whether another 'R' might be needed for our school values. Following lots of assembly input on our values and stories also themed around resilience, our children have voted to add this as a fourth R.

Our Y6 Prefects have also expressed a desire to see 'Houses' return to Heron Hill. They would like these to be named after our 4 Rs:

- **Respect**
- **Responsibility**
- **Relationships**
- **Resilience**



All pupils are now invited to design house logos for these 4 values. We will be working with a local graphic designer to turn the winning entries into house shields which will be used in school display and digital communications.

This exciting project is open to all pupils and entry forms are on the table outside my office. Children can help themselves to one and should return any completed designs to the post box on the table. I look forward to seeing their creativity shine and to this new chapter of 'houses' for Heron Hill!

### SUMMER TERM DATES

Below are the main dates currently in the calendar until half term.

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
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Pollinator Sponsored Walk (pupils invited to dress as a pollinator) 9.15 am-10.15 am: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. 2.00 pm-3.00 pm: Years 3-6
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 day visit
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Fischy Music workshop and whole-school assembly (morning) Choir to Kendal Parish Church for the 'Sing Up for Climate Justice' event (PM)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Celebration assembly (9.00 am). Break up for half term at 3.15 pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Return to school. Kenya week begins.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Family Learning 'Ready, Steady, School' course begins, 9.00 am (Nursery parents)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Year 1 day visit</b>
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> /Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 day visit (Catstycam Wednesday, Fairfield Thursday)
w/b Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Walk to School Week, Monday to Friday</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception sports day, 1.30 pm (reserve date Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June, 1.30 pm)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Nursery sports day, afternoon</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 and Year 2 sports day, 1.15 pm (reserve date Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 3 and Year 4 sports day (reserve date Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June)</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 5 and Year 6 sports day, all day (reserve date Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July, all day)

## YEAR 4 PHOTO DUMP!

You'll know from last week's newsletter that Year 4 have had a busy and exciting time these past few weeks! Here are a selection of photos that showcase how brave they've been and all of the wonderful sights they have seen on their outdoor adventures!





## **WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK**

From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, we would like every Heron Hill School family to ditch the car and walk, cycle or scoot for Walk to School Week 2025. Willing volunteers will be standing on the route to school to hand out a different coloured sticker each day to the school and nursery pupils who are walking, cycling or scooting.

Please be one of the willing volunteers. You would need to be in position by 8.30 am at one of the four points on the routes to school, and your child's participation in handing out the stickers is strongly encouraged. Mrs Lehane will get the stickers to you in advance, via your child. If you can help, please email [admin1@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin1@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk) or phone 01539 721276, even if you can only do one morning; that help would be really appreciated. If Mrs Lehane does not get enough offers of help this way, she will be the playground with a clipboard, to make eye contact with adults.

Please note, only children who have passed Level 2 Bikeability training in Year 5, and whose parents have signed to give consent, can cycle independently to school, all other child cyclists need adult supervision.

It would be great if this week helps you to get into the habit of walking, scooting or cycling your school commute for the rest of the summer term.



## **DRESS LIKE A POLLINATOR & FOHH FUNDRAISING WALK**

We are really looking forward to our sponsored walk and 'dress like a pollinator' day on Friday. Pupils have brought home a pale yellow sponsorship form with all the details you need to support our brilliant FOHH group with this school fundraising event.

As with all mufti/themed days, pupils are welcome to dress up or wear their normal school PE kit. Fancy dress is not compulsory and we know that this can unsettle some children.

The main aim of Friday is to have fun, raise funds and get moving! We hope to see lots of you joining in with the walk.