



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we approach the end of this half term on Friday, it is once again lovely to reflect on the half term we have enjoyed here at Heron Hill. We've been busy making memories, including: Ghyll scrambling, hillwalking and rock climbing, an Ambleside residential, Easter messy play, a spring concert, castle visits, sponsored walks, Y6 SATs, the Y5 Enterprise launch, a trip to Orrest Head, a concert for Climate Change and more! Time really does fly when you are having fun!



On Friday we will once again gather in the school hall for our half-termly 'Celebration Assembly'. This one will include the usual certificates, praise, dance off battle between my side of the hall and Mrs Wilkinson's, and a special goodbye to Mrs Gill Johnson who is retiring after many years service to our school. Gill has fulfilled several different roles in her time at Heron Hill from head cleaner to wraparound care to lead lunchtime supervisor. Many children have benefited from her love, care and kindness; we all wish her a long and happy retirement.

Wishing you all a happy, restful Whitsun week break; Team HH look forward to welcoming your wonderful children back into school on Monday 2nd June. Thank you for your continued support.

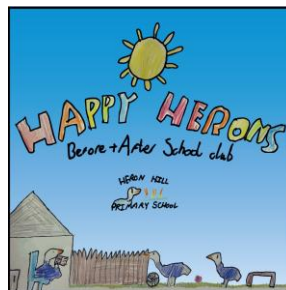
Mrs Middleton (proud HT)

BUILDING WORK BEGINS ON OUR NEW OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

If you drop off children to the Upper KS2 playground and Nursery area, you may have spotted the beginnings of a new, outdoor building. This has been funded using a childcare grant from the Local Authority and will provide an additional space for the Happy Herons wraparound team to use each day. We are hoping that work on this building will be completed during the May half-term holiday and look forward to sharing pictures of the finished article with you soon!

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Parents received a letter just over a week ago explaining the difficult but unavoidable closure of our holiday club this summer. We are so grateful to our parents for your understanding in this matter and your support in our decision to prioritise the health and safety of our staff and pupils whilst proposed, extensive building work takes place on site.



We know that finding alternative provision is not always easy and hope that the information we have been sending about alternate clubs in the area has been helpful in finding childcare for the days you needed it this summer. We will continue to share any other clubs and schemes we are made aware of as quickly and efficiently as we can.

Our parent partnership is something we are extremely proud of and all staff work hard to maintain strong, effective relationships with all members of our school community. We really appreciate your understanding - thank you.



FOHH SPONSORED WALK

It was great to see so many family members on site last week joining in with this annual fundraising event for our school. We had some amazing pollinator costumes on display and loved seeing family members joining in with this theme too. We were extremely lucky with the weather and many children exceeded the planned number of laps for their age range. Well done and thank you to all who took part!

You now have until Friday 20th June to collect in sponsorship money and can pay the total amount raised quickly and easily via this link:
<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q9QH3QDG>

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	4
Reception - Mellbreak	3
Y1 Angletarn	8
Y1 Whinlatter	3
Y2 Outerside	2.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	0
Y3 Kentmere	8
Y3 Glaramara	0
Y4 Thornthwaite	9.5
Y4 Blencathra	2.5
Y5 Fairfield	4
Y5 Catstycam	5
Y6 Helvellyn	0.5
Y6 Scafell	6

Well done to Yewbarrow, and Glaramara classes who did not miss a single day of school last week for the second week in a row!

ABSOLUTELY AMAZING! 😊



HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

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



PARENT FEEDBACK THANKS

Last week's newsletter shared two hyperlinks to quick parent surveys on two matters: social media and school PE tops. When both surveys closed at midday today we had received the following number of responses:

- 26 for social media
- 46 for PE uniform



Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views. We will now collate these responses and make decisions about how we move forward with these matters as a school.

Class:	Pupil:
R – Latrigg	Millie L
R – Mellbreak	Hugo H
Y1 Angletarn	Flynn L
Y1 Whinlatter	Reggie G
Y2 Outerside	Everlyn C
Y2 Yewbarrow	Amelia W
Y3 Kentmere	Freya H
Y3 Glaramara	Amelia-Rose S
Y4 Thornthwaite	Raquel S
Y4 Blencathra	Jake D
Y5 Fairfield	Max H
Y5 Catstycam	Courtney C
Y6 Helvellyn	Harrison N
Y6 Scafell	Ben S



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 R (Y5) travelled to Northampton on the 22nd March to compete in the National Primary Schools/Yr7 Cross Country Championships. He represented Cumbrian schools and Heron Hill. The race was run over a very fast, dry and hilly circuit of 2.5km. There were 220 boys in the race and Harrison finished 64th, which was fantastic as he was delayed by others falling at the first corner. Harrison has continued to enjoy his running and is working hard training at Kendal Athletics Club. This weekend he competed in the second round of the English Fell Running Championship Series at Sedbergh, he came away with a fantastic 3rd place and bronze medal.



Leo N and Max S (Y6) got through to the final at Warwick Football Tournament on Sunday. Congratulations to them both and their team, Kendal United Colts U11.



Jace R (Rec) did a 1.6K run in Manchester this weekend and has another medal for his growing collection! Well done Jace!

YEAR 2 VISIT ORREST HEAD

Year 2 pupils had a thoroughly enjoyable Tuesday this week as they went on their trip to Orrest Head. Starting with an exciting train ride to Windemere, the sun shone for them all day and staff were so pleased with their behaviour and interest throughout the day. Well done Year 2!





WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

From Monday 9th June until Friday 13th 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 or phone 01539 721276, even if you can only do one morning; that help would be really appreciated. Mrs Lehane has received some offers of help but more offers are needed – it is a lovely thing to do!

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.

CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER

After half term teachers will begin the tasks of completing all remaining curriculum content for this academic year and preparing pupils for September too. Behind the scenes end-of-year reports will be being written, a warm welcome for new Nursery and Reception 2025 starters will be prepared, transition meetings will begin and much more!

We are not yet in a position to share confirmed staffing or classes for September but will do so in plenty of time for our annual transition morning on Thursday 3rd July. Some parents have approached staff suggesting they have heard classes could change in September or asking about which class their child will be going into. None of this information has been sorted yet so please do not ask, as staff will not be able to answer you.

I am aware that previously classes have not been mixed at Heron Hill and that this differs from approaches at other schools where children are mixed to encourage friendship groups and wider collaboration. Should there be any changes to our approach for September, you will be informed in full, with plenty of notice. Class groupings are always completed by the professionals working in school and consider the needs of all pupils. The staff working with your children in school know what is best for them in the school setting (both pastorally and academically).

HOUSE LOGO COMPETITION

Children can still collect house shield sheets from the desk outside my office week if they wish to have a go at designing our new house logos.



These will officially launch in September and we are excited to see what amazing ideas the pupils of Heron Hill can come up with!

Completed entries must include the name and class of the designer, and should be posted into the grey tray on the table outside my office. I know we have some brilliantly creative young people in our school - good luck everyone!

UNIFORM REMINDER

We understand that as we approach the end of an academic year children can experience sudden growth spurts and grow out of key uniform items such as school shoes and jumpers. However, in recent weeks we have noticed a significant number of children attending school in clothing which is not part of our school uniform policy.



We have a carefully considered, affordable uniform policy and expect all families who attend our school to follow this. Uniform is an important part of 'belonging' to Heron Hill and is worn to show pride for being part of our school. We intentionally avoid branded items and compulsory logos to ensure that all children feel that sense of belonging and parents are not placed under unnecessary financial pressure. To ensure the correct uniform is available to all families we also hold extensive stock of pre-loved uniform which is available free of charge from school.

If you are unsure of what your child should be wearing, please visit: <https://www.heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=73>

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 23 rd May	Celebration assembly (9.00 am). Break up for half term at 3.15 pm
Monday 2 nd June	Return to school. Kenya week begins.
Monday 2 nd June	Family Learning 'Ready, Steady, School' course begins, 9.00 am (Nursery parents, 3 week course)
Tuesday 3 rd June	Year 1 day visit
Wed 4 th /Thurs 5 th June	Year 5 day visit (Catstycam Wednesday, Fairfield Thursday)
Thursday 5 th June	Year 6 cricket team to tournament
w/b Monday 9 th June	Walk to School Week, Monday to Friday
Tuesday 10 th June	Reception vision screening, morning
Tuesday 10 th June	Reception sports day, 1.30 pm (reserve date Thursday 19 th June, 1.30 pm)
Wednesday 11 th June	Year 5 experience day at Queen Katherine School
Friday 13 th June	Year 3 day visit
Friday 13 th June	Nursery sports day, afternoon
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 1 and Year 2 sports day, 1.15 pm (reserve date Tuesday 24 th June)
Thursday 19 th June	Year 3 and Year 4 sports day (reserve date Thursday 26 th June)
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 5 and Year 6 sports day, all day (reserve date Tuesday 8 th July, all day)