



Heron Hill Primary School

Whole-school newsletter -
Week beginning
8th September 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

What a joy it was to welcome our pupils back into school last week! They have all settled into their new classes well and teachers are already so impressed by their efforts – a great start! Following your positive feedback in the parent survey this summer, my weekly newsletter will continue to be sent to you every Wednesday this year. It aims to keep you updated with life in school, events coming up and key areas such as school attendance, assemblies, awards and more.

I really appreciated seeing so many of you at last night's 'Meet the Team' evening. This is the first time we have tried this informal drop-in approach and your feedback was overwhelmingly positive on this opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, find out about the year ahead, ask any questions and try our delicious new dinner menu. I am so pleased this new opportunity was beneficial and will ensure we continue to plan this into our September calendars moving forward. If you missed out, please don't worry - you will find year group information on our school website and can collect paper copies of the annual calendar dates from our friendly school office team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Middleton (Proud HT)

SCHOOL'S USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA:

You may have noticed that our school X/Twitter page is now closed.

We are looking forward to launching Class Dojo in the autumn term. This platform will give you great insight into the daily goings-on at our lovely school. More information will follow shortly and the platform will be live from October.



Updated photo consent forms will be sent home soon.



HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

Next week will see the return of our 'presentation praise' awards in assembly. Each week we will be celebrating how practice makes progress in pupil work, handwriting and presentation. A child from each class will be chosen and their names shared here on our newsletter.

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE.



This week we enjoyed the latest story from Tom Percival's 'Big Feelings' series, called 'Sammy Feels Shy'. We discussed how feeling shy is a normal feeling and is often felt at the start of a new school year.

This story is a fantastic way to navigate shyness and build confidence and was a huge hit with our pupil. We always enjoy a Tom Percival picture book!



SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Our school uniform is listed on our school website here: [Heron Hill Primary School - Uniform](#)

We have a HUGE amount of pre-loved uniform available in school free of charge. If there are any remaining uniform items on your list for this new school year, please do consider checking the items in school first.

You could save yourself some money and do a little bit of planet-saving too!



Introducing our new Houses

We are so pleased to reveal our new house logos for our 4 school values. These were designed by pupils last term and look fantastic! Each class will be assigned a house in the next few weeks and begin earning house points for their team. We look forward to sharing house point totals with you, hosting house competitions and more in this first year of launching!



Designed by Isla H

We show respect and consideration to all members of our school community; this is important.

We look for role models to inspire us to be the best we can be. We also know that we can be role models; we aim to set a good example to others.



Designed by Sophia D

We value the chance to work together on new learning, new challenges or new experiences.

We are all important parts of the Heron Hill jigsaw puzzle.

We encourage each other to do the best we can; practice makes progress!



Designed by Theo O

We recognise the responsibilities we have as members of our school community.

We take responsibility for our actions, especially when something goes wrong.

We learn from our mistakes; we say sorry and change it.



Designed by Lotte A

We know that things at school aren't always easy; from challenging learning tasks to tricky friendships, we value the chance to keep trying when things get tough.

We celebrate little steps along the way to progress and (with the help of school staff) focus on what we can do and what we can control.

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

We have implemented new consent procedures for walking home alone and bringing mobile phones to school for Y5 and Y6 children. We thank parents and carers for their cooperation with this new process.



End-of-day dismissal:

Across all year groups, staff dismissing children at the end of the school day will look to see the adult who is collecting and make eye contact with them. This is an important part of the safeguarding duty of our teachers; ensuring children go to the right, trusted adult at the end of the day. Please be vigilant and ensure you wave and make eye contact when your child is next in the line as this will support staff to dismiss quickly and safely, thank you.

Asthma and inhalers:

Children who have a diagnosis of asthma must have their own inhalers in school at all times. Staff have chased any missing inhalers with parents last week and these now MUST be in school. The school does have an emergency inhaler but this is for emergency use only (such as if a child's inhaler fails) and should never be relied on for a child with known asthma/inhaler needs. If your child's inhaler is still not in school and available for use, you will be asked to collect them. Our staff take their medical duties seriously and need to know that all of the correct, in-date medication is in school so they can take good care of your child if a medical situation arises. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Medicines:

School can only administer medication that is provided by parents and is accompanied by the relevant, signed safeguarding forms. School is not able to administer Calpol or any other children's medications without this procedure being followed. Please note the school office will not offer Calpol over the phone if your child presents as this is not an emergency medicine kept in school. Thank you.

It is important to me and the whole team in school that we are able to fulfil all of our duties to your children in school; safeguarding is our number one priority. We thank you for your support as we ensure robust procedures in school that keep everyone happy, healthy and most importantly, safe!

GOVERNING BODY

Could you be a school governor?
Are you interested in volunteering some of your time to support your local primary school?



Our governing body are a team of dedicated volunteers who support the running of our school, offer challenge, check compliance and hold us to account for the decisions we make as leaders. We currently have two vacancies on our governing body and are particularly interested to hear from anyone with a background in education.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in one of these vacancies, please contact Mrs Lehane (Clerk to Governors) via email (admin1@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk) or in person at the main school office.

A PLEA FROM OUR NEIGHBOURS

Despite only just starting the new school year, I have already received a complaint (and video footage) from one of our neighbours on Hayfell Avenue.

The video shows a Heron Hill parent and two pupils walking across their grass and garden verges to climb into parked vehicles on the road.

Please be considerate to our local community and ensure your children are not running across people's properties on their way to or back from school. Thank you.



THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

If your summer was busy and you didn't quite get to the library to enter their summer reading challenge, there is still time! The incentive finishes soon and we will be celebrating all of the pupils who achieved their 6 book challenge in a special reading-themed assembly during the week of the 22nd September.

KS1 children = Monday 22nd September

KS2 children = Wednesday 24th September

If your child has their medal, please allow them to wear it on these dates.



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

Are you ever worried about your child's behaviour and aren't sure how best to help?

Do you want to better understand their needs and support them through those tricky times?

These workshops help parents think about strategies and to come up with a plan that focuses on a good life for your child and your family.

ONLINE - DAYTIME

Monday 3rd, 10th and 17th November

10am - 12.30pm

Online via Zoom. **Please note, you need to attend all three sessions.**

I wish it was available to all parents.

I loved hearing other people's stories about their own families!

I felt valued and supported.



If someone in your family is **under 18**, and is **autistic**, has a **learning disability** or is **waiting for a diagnosis** of autism or a learning disability, please come along.

To book your place, get in touch with Skills for People and ask for the PBS team.
Tel: 0191 281 8737 or e-mail: information@skillsforpeople.org.uk



Health Education England



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ECO-NEWS:

We are extremely proud to share with you that Heron Hill continues to be a green flag, Eco-School. Thanks to all of the hard work of the Eco-team staff and pupils, we have once again been awarded green flag status and received some brilliant feedback from the panel of judges too:

Your greatest overall success:

Your biggest success this year has been how your Eco-Schools work has grown beyond the Eco-Council, blossoming into a whole-school movement. You've embedded environmental issues meaningfully throughout the curriculum — from Science and Geography to Art, DT, Maths, Writing, and even singing. Your partnership with Sandgate Special School has broadened your impact, with your pupils playing a direct role in inspiring composting efforts there.

We also loved...

- It's so encouraging to hear how passionately you're tackling the issue of lunchbox litter—it's a challenge many schools face, and your approach sets a hopeful tone. By centring pupil education and behaviour change, you're laying the groundwork for a shift that's not just about tidying up but about cultivating responsibility and care for shared spaces. Regular litter picks add a powerful layer of visibility and collective action, showing both pupils and the wider community that small steps can lead to big impact.
- The Year 5 art display looks absolutely stunning—a vibrant fusion of creativity, environmental awareness, and global empathy. By drawing inspiration from Dolan Geiman's intricate paper collages the children used discarded materials to build a coral reef collage. They not only showcased their mastery of layering and texture, but also made a powerful statement about waste, marine protection, and biodiversity.
- Your video link with Open Arms Academy, Kenya is a beautiful example of global citizenship in action. By sharing pictures and singing environmental songs together, pupils from both schools celebrated their efforts to reduce litter and protect their local environments.



Eco-Schools
Green Flag 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 with all parents/carers electronically and online on our school website.



Freya H (Y4) donated a whopping 10 inches of hair to the Little Princess Trust at the start of the summer holidays and raised £305 for doing so. This is the second time that she has donated hair and raised money; so far, she has raised over £1000 in total for the LPT. She was inspired by a former Heron Hill pupil and she has also passed this inspiration onto friends and relatives who have also gone on to donate their hair. Well done Freya!

Oliver T (Y3) enjoyed some bikepacking over the holidays and cycled the Bay Cycle Way over 3 days. We started from Glasson Dock and cycled to Silverdale, the following morning we set off for Cartmel and the final leg was a few days later once the storms passed from Walney Island to Cartmel. In total, we covered 137km!

We are incredibly proud of him and his determination to keep going when the hills got tough! Well done Oliver!



Ezra H (Y2) spent a month this Summer fundraising for Young Lives Vs Cancer walking/scooting at least a mile a day throughout August. He raised £110 and clocked up 55 miles in all. Well done Ezra!



LEO'S FUNDRAISING REQUEST

We are all so proud of Leo AI from Y3 who, alongside his family, is turning a really sad event in their lives into something positive for others.

Leo's brother Romeo was born sleeping during the Easter holidays and Leo is now working super hard to raise money in his memory. There is an event this weekend which is part of this fundraising campaign - please see the flyer below for more details.

Chelsea (Leo and Romeo's mum) has also launched a fundraising raffle which has amazing prizes. She will be selling raffle tickets for this worthwhile cause after school on the infant playground on Friday this week and Monday next week. Tickets are £1 each or £5 per book.

They are well on their way to their £6,000 fundraising goal so please do support them if you can.

REMEMBERING ROMEO RAFFLE



RAFFLE TICKETS £1 EACH

All proceeds towards Abigail's Footsteps fundraising for an Abi Cooling Cot for Furness General Hospital

TO BE DRAWN ON SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER AT 9.30PM AT IBIS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB, KENDAL

PLEASE FOLLOW ALONG ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE 'REMEMBERING ROMEO' FOR UPDATES, FULL RAFFLE PRIZE LISTS AND NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRIZES INCLUDE:

2 Hospitality Tickets for Liverpool v Sunderland on 3rd December
2 Full Weekend Adult Tickets for Kendal Calling
Signed Carlisle Utd. Football
Hospitality Package with 3 Course Meal, Q&A with a Football Legend and Unlimited Drinks for Manchester Utd.
£25 Voucher for Food & Beverage at Crooklands Hotel
Afternoon Tea for 2 at Abbey House Hotel
Afternoon Tea with Prosecco and Leisure Access at The Damson Dene
Golden Ticket to the World of Beatrix Potter
£50 Koala Tea Tattoos Voucher
Plus many many more! Over 50 prizes to be won!



Nearly New Baby & Children's TABLE TOP SALE



Sunday 14th September 11am - 1pm

Ibis Sports and Social Club, Kendal LA9 6DE

Shop for nearly new baby & children's items!
Clothes • Toys • Books • Equipment • And more!

 **Tables: £10 each** 
 **Entry: £1**
(Children FREE)
 Refreshments Available 

In loving memory of Romeo Mackenzie Horn
All proceeds will go towards an Abi Cooling Cot for South Lakes Birth Centre at Furness General Hospital

To book a table or for more information:
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