



Heron Hill Primary School

Whole-school newsletter -
Week beginning
15th September 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The weeks are already speeding by and lots of fantastic things are happening at school each day. This week, myself, Mrs Wilkinson and Mr Corrie have really enjoyed our learning walks; it has been great to see classes so settled, working hard, listening well, joining in with discussions and presenting their work to a high standard in their books. The team have made a brilliant start to the year and we are looking forward to seeing progress every step of the way.

After a slight delay caused by some technical issues behind the scenes, we are pleased to report that all online platforms for children's homework are now back up and running. We thank you for your patience as we worked through the issues at the beginning of the term.

Today's assembly saw the relaunch of our 'Presentation Praise' certificates with 12 children being chosen for their superb presentation efforts. Their work is proudly on display in the school hall and their names are listed on this newsletter so you can celebrate with your child when they receive it. There was also huge anticipation in the assembly today as each class found out which house they will be representing this academic year. A table of all of the classes and their assigned houses is included in today's newsletter. House point tables will soon be included as a regular feature in this newsletter - let the house point earning begin!

I hope you all have a wonderful week. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Middleton (Proud HT)



HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

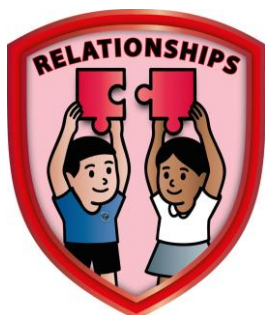
Each week we celebrate how practice makes progress in pupil work, handwriting and presentation. A child from each class is chosen and their names shared here on our newsletter. Well done to this week's superstars! Their work is proudly on display in our school hall.



Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Harper-Rose W
Y1 Whinlatter	Joshua T
Y2 Outerside	Zara S
Y2 Yewbarrow	Ezra H
Y3 Kentmere	Sky S
Y3 Glaramara	Alfie H
Y4 Thornthwaite	Lily N
Y4 Blencathra	Joshua G
Y5 Fairfield	Imogen V
Y5 Catstycam	Evie F
Y6 Helvellyn	Sienna R
Y6 Scafell	Isla H

HOUSES ANNOUNCED FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

Following last week's newsletter where I shared with you the AMAZING house shields designed by our pupils, I am pleased to share with you which class will be representing which house this year.

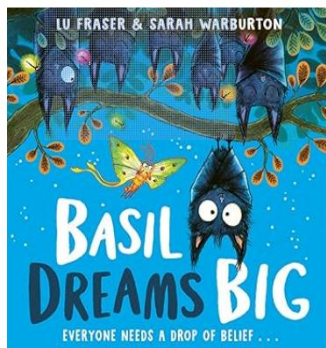


Year Group:	Class Name:	Assigned House:
1	Angletarn	RESPECT
	Whinlatter	RELATIONSHIPS
2	Yewbarrow	RESPONSIBILITY
	Outerside	RESILIENCE
3	Kentmere	RESPECT
	Glaramara	RELATIONSHIPS
4	Thornthwaite	RESPONSIBILITY
	Blencathra	RESILIENCE
5	Fairfield	RESPECT
	Catstycam	RELATIONSHIPS
6	Scafell	RESPONSIBILITY
	Helvellyn	RESILIENCE

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE.



This week we enjoyed a newly-released picture book called 'Basil Dreams Big'. This links to our school value of RESILIENCE as Basil is a bat who doesn't believe he can fly. All of his bat friends can but each time he tries, he simply falls down. The story tracks his progress as he tries to find the courage to keep trying and to believe in himself too. Helped by his friend Moth, Basil does indeed learn to fly and he saves Moth's life in the process too!

ANOTHER PARKING PLEA

Senior leaders on gate duty have **noticed a number of parents parking on double yellow lines** this week during drop off and collection times.

This is not only illegal, but is also really unhelpful when so many young children are walking around the roads. It significantly increases the danger and risk of a child being injured.

Please don't do this! There are double yellow lines painted outside school for a reason!



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 since we returned in September.

Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Reception – Latrigg	6
Reception - Mellbreak	1
Y1 Angletarn	0
Y1 Whinlatter	1
Y2 Outerside	5.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	3.5
Y3 Kentmere	0.5
Y3 Glaramara	11.5
Y4 Thornthwaite	1.5
Y4 Blencathra	1.5
Y5 Fairfield	5
Y5 Catstycam	5.5
Y6 Helvellyn	3
Y6 Scafell	4

Well done to Angletarn class who made it into school every day from 3rd to 12th September! Awesome!



FOHH SCHOOL DISCOS: THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

Our summer term calendar dates included the first FOHH disco of this academic year and has been advertised on their Facebook page too. We have ensured that there is capacity for **ALL pupils** in each year group and you have a choice of ways to pay to ensure quick entry to the disco.

Tickets are on sale in the playground regularly before/after school and are the quickest way to gain access into the hall. There will be 2 entrances for each disco slot: 1 for pre-paid tickets (please ensure you bring the actual ticket to speed this route up!) and 1 for pay-on-the-day entry.

Tickets cost just £3 which includes disco entry, a drink and a snack. School staff support these events but FOHH also rely on parent volunteers to ensure their risk assessments are actioned in full. If you can spare some time to help, please contact one of the FOHH team or let them know via their volunteer WhatsApp group if you are signed up. Thank you!



DISCO THEMED MENU

Come Join us at lunch time and fuel up ready for the disco on 25th September.

Disco dog and fries with crudites and ketchup

(Premium hot dog or Veggie dog served in a soft white roll, with fairground onions, ketchup. A side of seasoned fries and the salad bar)

Followed by a choice of rainbow jelly pots and cream or sprinkle cookies.



TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

Thank you to everyone who has signed the electronic form sent to you via ScoPay to confirm you will be joining the Heron Hill team at this year's Torchlight Parade. If you haven't done this yet, please don't worry! You have until this Friday morning to complete the form.

Last year, we had approximately 50 people representing Heron Hill and the event was brilliant! We already have 26 children and their parents signed up for this year but would love to see as many families as possible joining us for this year's parade. We have a brand-new Heron Hill Torchlight banner and some new Heron Hill flags to wave too!

To save you time in searching for the letter containing all the details you need, I have copied it below. Huge thanks go to Mrs Altounyan and Mrs Metcalfe for all of their hard work and preparations for the event. [I am really excited to take part in my second Torchlight procession - I hope to see lots of you there! Mrs M ☺](#)



Dear Parents and Carers

Torchlight Procession

Our Year 5 pupils have been busy making lanterns in school that will be used in this year's Torchlight procession. In return, all our children and families from Heron Hill School have been invited to join the Torchlight Procession on Saturday 27th September.

Here are the details if you are interested in taking part:

The lantern procession will commence at Abbot Hall Park. You will need to arrive at 6.15 pm on Saturday 27th September for a 7.00 pm start. The children can walk in the procession and we will also need some adults willing to help carry the larger lanterns on the night. The procession usually finishes around 8.30 pm so younger children may only want to walk part of the way.

The theme this year is "Seasons". Heron Hill School has been asked to carry a large Peter Rabbit and Jemima Puddleduck lantern. We are entered into the spring section of the procession and we would like children and adults (optional) to dress as follows:

Spring flowers/spring animals/Peter Rabbit theme - or brightly coloured clothes and lights.

Note that adult supervision is required, as Kendal Torchlight nor the school cannot assume responsibility for individual children. You must walk with your own children and supervise at all times.

Please complete the ScoPay form before Friday 19th September if you plan to join us so we can forward our total number of participants to the organisers.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Altounyan (Year 5) and Mrs Metcalfe (Reception)

LEO'S FUNDRAISING REQUEST

We are all so proud of Leo A 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.

Leo and Austin are shown in the picture below with Leo's auntie Keira. Their Nearly New Fundraiser last weekend was a huge success, raising £1,022.70. Both boys had a great time, and contributed massively to the set up and running of this event. The fundraising from this event took us over our £6,000 revised target and we have ordered a second Abi Cooling Cot for the Cooperative Funeralcare in Kendal.

Raffle tickets sales are also going well with £55 worth of tickets sold after school on Monday and £41 sold on Friday. We will have a final 'last chance' for raffle tickets on Friday 26th September from 3.00 pm onwards. This is your last chance to buy before the draw on Saturday 27th September.



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!

