



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

House-fever has begun at Heron Hill Primary! Pupils found out last week which house they would be representing this year and they are keen to earn house points for their teams. Our stunning new House shields (designed by pupils) are now on proud display in our main entrance and we are just days away from launching Class Dojo which will tally both individual and class house points each week. I look forward to sharing weekly house points totals with you in this newsletter from next week.

Our 4 values of respect, responsibility, relationships and resilience permeate all that we do here in school. We are proud to be Team Heron Hill and work hard to ensure that each and every day we are following 'The Heron Hill Way'. I continue to be extremely proud of the positive start that both our super pupils and our wonderful staff have made to the new school year.

I wrote to you in a separate letter last week regarding some alterations to our INSET days for this academic year - thank you for your understanding in this matter. I have updated our school calendar dates document for this academic year and it can be found on our school website here: [HH CALENDAR DATES](#)

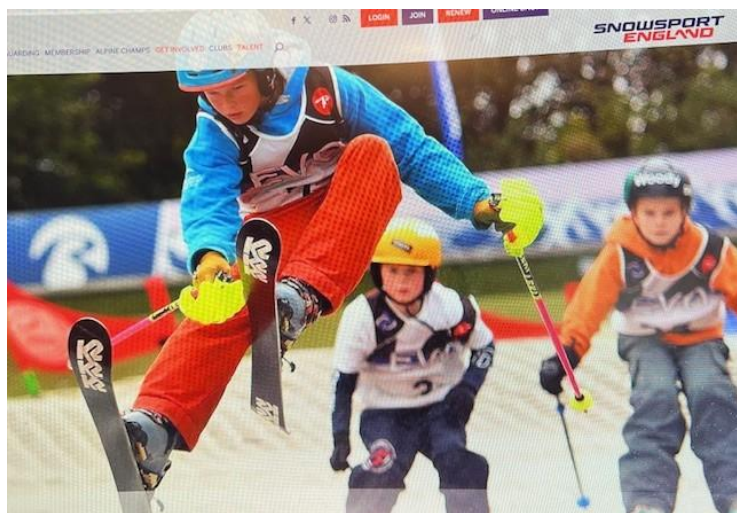
We have a busy few weeks ahead with several year groups looking forward to trips, visitors and workshops. Torchlight is this Saturday and we can't wait to showcase the artistic talents and pride of Team Heron Hill. The discos this Thursday are also the talk of the playground! Remember, if you don't have tickets, you can pay on the door; we have catered for all pupils this time around to save any disappointment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Middleton (Proud HT)

BREAKING NEWS – HERON HILL PUPIL MAKES IT IN TO THE SNOWSPORTS ENGLAND FREESTYLE SKIING TEAM!

We are full of admiration and pride as we share the exciting news with you that George E in Year 6 has been selected for the Snowsports England Freestyle Skiing team! What a phenomenal achievement at just 10 years old! We can't wait to hear of his successes as this exciting chapter in his skiing begins. Well done George!



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

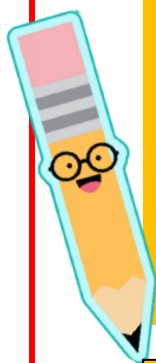


...allowed us to celebrate all of the pupils who completed the Kendal Library Summer Reading Challenge this year. Mrs M was so impressed to see pupils wearing their 'Story Garden' medals with pride. We also shared the story of 'Little Red Reading Hood' by Lucy Mantle, a modern twist on a classic tale. Pupils enjoyed hearing about how Wolf made some changes to his choices and decided not to be a typical big, bad wolf. We were reminded of how lucky we are to have access to a wide range of books in school and how important it is to take good care of these so that others can enjoy them too.



SCOPAY AND PARENTMAIL

Last year, our admin team launched SCOPay as a one-stop-shop for parent permissions, wraparound bookings, trip payments and lunch ordering. Whilst parents and carers got used to this, we continued to use ParentMail for other communications and letters. This year SCOPay is our one-stop-shop for all admin team communications. We have now phased out Iris ParentMail and will no longer send school communications via this provider. Thank you.



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	Zara M
Y1 Whinlatter	Jace R
Y2 Outerside	Seren R
Y2 Yewbarrow	Juliet R
Y3 Kentmere	Freya L
Y3 Glaramara	Seren E
Y4 Thornthwaite	Sophie B
Y4 Blencathra	Freddie G
Y5 Fairfield	Luca S
Y5 Catstycam	Ethan L
Y6 Helvellyn	Kasim Y
Y6 Scafell	Isla B



ClassDojo

CLASS DOJO LAUNCH

On Friday, you will be receiving a letter that outlines our plans to use Class Dojo as a new communication platform. This will include the link you need to sign up and connect to our Heron Hill Primary School story. We welcome both parents/carers to sign up and connect to your child's avatar; this enables everyone to keep up to date with school events, celebrate successes and receive key messages.

Please note, there is no requirement for parents to pay for Class Dojo access. The free subscription is all you need to be able to engage with school. Class Dojo will try to sell you an enhanced package called Dojo+ so please be alert to this to avoid any unwanted costs.

You will also receive a new paper copy of our updated photography consent form. This will enable you to provide differing levels of consent for school photography and the use of your child's image in our promotional materials. Please read it carefully and return it to school as soon as possible (by no later than next Friday please.)

We hope that Dojo will be a great enhancement to our school communication and know that many parents were keen on us adopting this platform instead of continuing to use Twitter/X.

EAR PIERCINGS AND PE

Our preference is always that children do not wear earrings to school. This ensures that whether they are playing outside, playing on our apparatus, completing outdoor challenges or taking part in PE, they are safe from any harm caused by piercings.



If your child's piercings are still healing and cannot be removed, plasters or micropore tape MUST be placed over their earrings on PE days. This must be done by parents/carers before school as staff are not allowed to interfere in any way with ear piercings. Pupils are not permitted to take part in PE lessons whilst wearing uncovered earrings.

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	0
Reception - Mellbreak	2
Y1 Angletarn	4.5
Y1 Whinlatter	1.5
Y2 Outerside	6
Y2 Yewbarrow	7.5
Y3 Kentmere	3
Y3 Glaramara	8
Y4 Thornthwaite	1.5
Y4 Blencathra	2.5
Y5 Fairfield	4.5
Y5 Catstycam	9
Y6 Helvellyn	6.5
Y6 Scafell	2.5

Well done to Latrigg class who made it into school every day last week! Superstars!



TNS SCHOOL DINNERS

The rain may have stopped (for now) but the temperature is most certainly dropping! Why not book a hot school dinner for your child to warm them up midway through the school day? The menu offer from TNS is delicious and varied with a 3 week autumn menu cycle to choose from.

All meals can be booked via SCOPay and remember, **if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, their meal is completely FREE everyday**, thanks to the government's universal infant free school meals grant.

TNS are supporting us with an increased number of themed menus this year. We have a special disco-themed menu this Thursday and another Census-day special on Thursday 9th October. On this day, pupils will decide which is better: pizza or pasta.



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.



PIZZA & PASTA PARTY

COME JOIN THE PARTY THIS CENSUS DAY 2ND OCTOBER AT LUNCH TIME WHERE WE WILL BE HAVING A PIZZA AND PASTA PARTY!

Which side will you choose Pizza or Pasta?

PASTA OPTIONS

Tomato and Basil Penne Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread and Salad

Or

Maccaroni Cheese With Garlic Bread and Salad

VS

PIZZA OPTIONS

Margarita Pizza with Vwedges and Salad

Or

Pepperoni Pizza with Vwedges and Salad

TORCHLIGHT

We are so excited to be part of this annual community event this weekend (Saturday 27th, 7.00 pm start).



Year 5 have worked exceptionally hard on their spring-themed lanterns and our new school banner and flags have also arrived. Team Heron Hill are going to look AMAZING in the spring section of the parade.

We hope to see many of you there supporting school and other Kendal groups/organisations. Thank you to everyone who has completed the form to say they will be walking the parade with us on Saturday. Further information about our meeting point and timings has been shared via email with you all. Remember to wear bright spring colours and as many glittery, sparkly, flashing, twinkly items as you possibly can!

PREFECT PRAISE

Our newest Prefect team (Isla, Max, Finn and Holly) are keen to continue recognising the best efforts of pupils during break and lunchtimes. They have been really proud of the following children who they have seen showing our school values, caring for others and being kind. Well done!

Year group:	Names:
1	Josh T, Izzy W
2	Jack W, Ezra H
3	Frazer P, Lucas S
4	Harry H, Wren
5	Imogen V, Matilda B
6	Jack S, Evan S



VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies in our midday supervisor team. If you could provide nurturing care and engaging play for our pupils during their lunchtime, please contact Mrs Wilkinson or Mrs Harte to find out more. Please also pass this information on to others who may be interested.

LOST PROPERTY

We've only been back at school for 3 weeks but you wouldn't believe how many stray jumpers, cardigans and hoodies have been found around school already! In the next week, we are going to create a lost property base in the main school reception area. This will ensure there is one base for unclaimed items. If your child is missing an item of their uniform, you can check here quickly and easily. If you haven't had chance yet, please take a moment to name your child's uniform this weekend; there are so many unnamed items and these aren't cheap to replace.



westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Logo Competition

Create the logo for Child Friendly Westmorland and Furness!

- Are you creative?
- Would you love your work to be shared all over Westmorland and Furness?
- Can you create a simple and effective logo?

Then submit an entry today!

We are launching our Westmorland and Furness Child Friendly Community journey – and we need you to create our logo!

The best designs will link to:

- Children.
- Children being safe, healthy and happy.
- The Westmorland and Furness area.
- Or all these things!

Competition rules

- You must be under 18, or under 25 with SEND, to enter.
- You can use any medium: drawing, painting, sculpting – anything!
- Entries must be submitted to: rightsandparticipation.waf@cumbria.gov.uk
- Your logo could be displayed at our launch event on 30th October 2025!

Closing date for applications is: **24 October 2025**

