



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I can't quite believe that I am writing the final newsletter of this academic year; the summer break seems to have crept up on us out of nowhere! My second year in post has zoomed by and we have achieved so much across school this year. School improvement is a continuous journey and a job that is never 'done' but as I sit and reflect on the changes we have implemented, the progress we have made and the general 'feel' of our school each day, I feel exceptionally proud of our school community.

Next term, Ofsted will visit us for the first time since my headship here began and I look forward to showing them our school. Thank you to everyone who completed the recent parent survey. Your feedback will shape our priorities for next year and will be read in full by myself and the Chair of Governors during the summer break.

I have been so pleased to hear your positive feedback on our new school report format. Many parents have come forward to share how much they enjoyed reading these last Friday. As I read through them, I was so impressed by the reflective comments, awesome self-portraits and varied dreams for their futures. I'd like to say a huge thank you to the teaching team for embracing this change and for all of their hard work and efforts in writing such highly-detailed, personalized comments for each child.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a wonderful summer break. School reopens to pupils on Thursday 3rd September at 8:45am. The team and I will look forward to seeing you then. Thank you for your support this year; I continue to be so proud and grateful to be headteacher of our wonderful school!

Mrs. Middleton

OPAL PLAY IN SEPTEMBER

September will see the full launch of our OPAL play project. **Please remember that a set of waterproofs and a pair of wellies are needed for ALL children in September.**

Please send these into school, named, on the first day back so that your child can join in with the OPAL fun!



CALENDAR DATES AND CLASS DOJO

Following lots of positive feedback on our annual calendar dates approach, parents will be receiving calendar dates for next year before we break up on Friday. These will also be published on our school website.



Class Dojo will be updated at the end of this week/early next week so that you are able to access communication with your child's new teacher instantly in September.

Following feedback from parents about Dojo calendar notifications, we will only be setting reminders for whole-school events on this platform.

Specific events for specific year groups will still be listed in the 'calendar' section of the platform but push notifications will stop for these. We appreciate parents feeding back about this – thank you!



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Focused on our school values: **RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE.**



This week's high-quality picture book was called 'One More Try'.

This book linked brilliantly to our RESILIENCE value as it celebrates the importance of keeping going, trying things a different way and not giving up on your aim/mission.

Circle was desperate to build a tower with her shape friends but no matter what she tried, the tower always wobbled and fell. Eventually, with some innovative thinking and lots of determination, she did it!

ADULT LEARNING RETURNS NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Our popular 'Adult Learning' courses will continue to be offered in school next year. Many parents and carers have joined these this year and have found them to be extremely useful.

Please see the flyer below for details of our first course: Focus on English KS1. If you are interested in joining this, please contact our friendly school office team.

Adult Learning

Focus on English KS1



Monday 14 Sept to 12 Oct

9.15am - 11.15am

5 weeks

Heron Hill Primary School

FREE

Led by Karen, our fully qualified Family Learning Tutor

On this interactive course, parents and children work together on games and activities that can be followed up at home. The course content includes: sharing stories, help with handwriting, listening skills and punctuation. Open to parents/carers of children in Years 1 and 2.

FRIENDS OF HERON HILL END-OF-YEAR MESSAGE



The Friends of Heron Hill have had another busy year of fundraising! This year we've held school discos, a paint & sip evening, a pumpkin walk, our summer fair, raffles and more! The money we raise is used to enrich the experience of children at school and we're happy to have funded various trips and workshops this year.

We'd like to say a huge thank you to our Chair Charlotte, and Vice Chair Becca for everything they've done at FOHH and the enormous amount of time they've given up. Charlotte and Becca are stepping down from their roles at the end of this school year.

We are now an even smaller committee of only 4 members at a school of over 400 students! We need your help to continue raising funds to benefit the school and its pupils.

Please consider joining the committee - you do not have to help at every event - any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated. Please email fohhteam@gmail.com to find out more about what's involved, or look out for details of our AGM in September which all are welcome to attend.

Bekah, Amy, Katherine & Dez

LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Every year, our local library service host a summer reading challenge. This year's is creatively themed around music and is completely FREE to join! We spoke about this in assembly and I have encouraged as many children as possible to take part.

In September, we will celebrate all those who have completed the challenge and been awarded their medals by the library in a Monday assembly. Last year, we were the top school in Kendal for completing this challenge so fingers crossed, we can win this prize again!

THE READING AGENCY

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Summer Reading Challenge 2026

READ to the BEAT

Join FREE at your library and earn rewards for reading!



ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

We'd love to continue celebrating any out-of-school achievements on our weekly newsletter and had so many things to celebrate last year!

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 ScoPay and online.



Ezra H (Y2) took part in his first 2 KDA performances this weekend. He did fantastically getting up and dancing in front of a huge audience and even came away with an 'outstanding student' trophy! Well done Ezra!



Everlyn C (Y3) blew us away with her performances in the Kendal Dance Academy annual dance shows on Saturday and came away with an award for Star dancer for her commitment and growth in confidence this term. She also picked up her certificate and plaque for her Acro exam which she took within only a matter of weeks of joining KDA and smashed it.



Leo, Samuel and Theo from Yr 3 all took part in the fell race at Langdale Gala on Sunday 5th July. Leo and Theo had never done a fell race before. Samuel came 1st!



Alfie and Reggie G (Y2 and Y4) took home seeds they had planted in school. Reggie's pumpkin is doing brilliantly and Alfie's sunflower is almost twice the height he is. Great growing boys, well done!



Teddy H (Reception) earned his first belt promotion in his taekwondo class (mini ninjas) at Core Taekwondo Academy. We're very proud of how his confidence is growing. Well done Teddy!





Local news, events and initiatives:



Carlton's DAY
IN MEMORY OF MARTYN CARLTON

A family fun day to support  **rosemere** and  **The Christie Charity**

Sunday 26th July From 2pm at **Netherfield Cricket Club**

We have lots of exciting events happening on the day

GT7 - Under 11's
5-A-Side Football
Tournament

Kendal Dance
Academy Show

Sports Day Event
Sponsored by Good 220
(Lynsey Goodyear)

Playing for the 'Carlton Cup'

PLUS

Rides from Taylor's Funfair • Giant Inflatable Slide & Bouncy Castles

Face Paints • Games & Stalls • Raffle • Tombola • Caricatura • Penalty Shootout
Craig Howarth DJ • BBQ/Refreshments • Much Much More

If you'd like to be involved or would like more information
please call Claire on 07495 048145



Summer Activity Sessions
- **Back to the Beach!**

Aimed at children aged between 0 and 8 years old

- Seaside-themed sensory area for babies
- Explore our sand and water sensory experiences
- Come shopping in our role-play area 'the surf shack'
- Get creative and make mermaid shells, a seaside dream catcher or sea monsters

Thursday 30th July, 10:30am - 12:00pm Flookburgh Family Hub (next to Flookburgh School), Winder Lane, Flookburgh, LA11 7LE

Thursday 13th August, 10:30am-12:00pm Ulverston Family Hub, Lund Terrace, Ulverston, LA12 9BE

Thursday 20th August, 10:30am-12:00pm Kendal West Family Hub (in the grounds of St. Thomas' school) Kendal Green, Kendal, LA9 5PP

Thursday 27th August, 1:00 - 2:30pm Sedburgh Family Hub, Settlebeck High School, Long Lane, Sedburgh, LA10 5AL

Please scan the QR code to book on, for all enquiries or help booking on please call 01539 713070 or email SLakesFamilyHubs@cumbria.gov.uk



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yoga in the park

Breathe, move, enjoy nature and support your community.

Kendal

Wednesdays 6 - 7pm
Abbot Hall Bowling Club

Who is Yoga in the Park for?

Open to all. Each session is designed to be relaxed and inclusive, with experienced instructors offering clear guidance and options so you can move at a pace that feels right for you.

How much does it cost?

Sessions are £8 full price or £4 concession for students, low-income households, single-adult households and over-65s on a low income.

We also offer funded places for anyone experiencing financial or health-related barriers. Every full-price ticket also helps support free and subsidised community yoga sessions across Cumbria.



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