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HERON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a great start to this half term! World Book Day dressing up as a book character, early morning runs and a packed 'Big Brew' yesterday afternoon. See inside for pictures galore.

If you would like to join the 100 or so runners any morning, do come along. It is not a race, it is just for fun and fitness! It has been a lovely atmosphere with regular 'every day runners', occasional 'joiners-in' and those who have set regular days. It has been great to have a run with the children, parents, friends, staff and governors.

If you would like to see even more examples of our exciting and fun activities, do please click on the Twitter link on the home page of our website and scroll through our recent pictures and posts. If you sign up for Twitter and follow us @heronhillschool, you will get tweets as we send them!

Peter Hicks

Dates for your Diary

Monday 13 th March	Red Noses go on sale - £1.00 each
Monday 20 th March	'Big Pedal' begins: 10 days of families cycling or scooting to and from school
Wednesday 22 nd March	Last Y3AH swimming lesson
Thursday 23 rd March	Last Y4P swimming lesson
Thursday 23 rd March	Year 5 Enterprise Event, 3.15 pm
Friday 24 th March	Bags2School collection - please save old/unwanted clothes, shoes, soft toys etc to raise funds for the school.
Friday 24 th March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
Friday 24 th March	Friends of Heron Hill Disco
Thursday 30 th March	'Travelling by Tuba' performances at Heron Hill
Friday 31 st March	Dress as a Superhero to mark the last day of the 'Big Pedal'
Friday 31 st March	Y2H (Mrs Hudson) class assembly, 10.00 am. All family and friends welcome
Friday 7 th April	Last day of spring term, school closes at 2.00 pm

Mobile Phones in School

Our school policy is that children should not bring mobile phones to school. If, for very rare and exceptional circumstances, your child will need a phone after school, the phone must be handed in to the office at the start of the school day and collected at 3.15 pm. This is in line with other schools' policies.

Nursery Admissions for September 2017

All children born between 1/9/13 and 31/8/14 (3 year olds) are entitled to at least 15 hours of free nursery education. The government will be extending free childcare entitlement for working parents to a total of 30 hours per week from September 2017. The additional 15 hours will be available to families where both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family) and

- each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage (NMW) or national living wage (NLW);
- and earns less than £100,000 per year (when one parent in a household has income of £100,000 or more, that family will not be eligible to take up the extra free hours).

Attendance at nursery is usually for 5 sessions per week, either mornings or afternoons (15 hours entitlement). Heron Hill Nursery currently offers daily Lunch Clubs and additional nursery sessions on a regular or occasion basis (chargeable and childcare vouchers accepted); however we will be accepting the free funded hours for these additional provisions from September. The Beck Out-Of-School Club, operating on the school site, can also provide childcare both before the start and the after the end of the school day.

Please contact Mrs Roberts, Business Manager, to discuss your nursery requirements in more detail and nursery admission packs are available from the school office. The closing date for applications for September nursery admissions is 31st March 2017.

Bags2School

Please send in bags of clean old clothes, shoes, belts, bags, curtains and soft toys from Monday 20th March. The collection van will come on Friday 24th March, please do not bring donations after 9.00 am that day.

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World Book Day - 2nd March 2017

See also The Westmorland Gazette and our Twitter feed!



Nursery

Book Tokens Winners

Jamie Duxbury	Lego Man
Logan Shaw	Very Hungry Caterpillar

Reception

Book Tokens Winners

Annabel Haley	Witch – Room on the Broom
Tristan Bagnall	Gruffalo
Harry Wrigley	Shark in the Park

Pencil Winners

Luca Robinson	Mr Tickle
Jasmine Teasdale	Stickman
Lilly Herd	Aliens love Underpants
Daisy May	3 Little Pigs
Isabell Kok	Fairy
Joshua Dowker	Scarecrow's Wedding
Leah Thomas	Meg and Mog
Evan Wilkins	Pirates love Underpants
Ayda Hayton	Alice
Edward Hudson	Detective Dog
Lucas Rea	Winnie the Pooh
Louis Armstrong	Mario
Leo Beck	Harry Potter
Ruby Higginson	Alice
Alfie McKnight	Baby Bear
Summer Ogilvie-Booth	Goldilocks
Jack Gibson	Playing Card (Alice in Wonderland)

Reception Pencil Winners (continued)

Juno Lawson	Dorothy (Wizard of Oz)
Seth Hadwin	Robot the Nobot

Year 1/Year 2

Book Tokens Winners

Aimee Lowings	Paddington
George Sharpe	Pinocchio
Sam Livingstone	Gruffalo
Amelia Carlton	The Owl who was afraid of the Dark
Simon Kok	Dragon Riders of Berk

Pencil Winners

Dylan Williams	Mr Bump
Ellis Robinson	Ninja
Ollie Shaw	Stick Man
Blue Walton	Mr Bump
Ben Cottam	Mr Bump
Ned Brayshaw	Wind in the Willows (Toad)
Finley Goodyear	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Wonka Bar)
Izzy Middleton	Gangsta Granny
Kieran Duxbury	Lego City (A Lego robber)
Darcy Westwell	Worst Witch
Melissa Wright	Grace the Glitter Fairy
Charlie Lowings	Highway Rat
James Edmunds	Cat in a Hat
Euan Purslow	Stick Man
Reuben Robinson	Mr Strong
Dominic Sutton	Golden Ticket, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

World Book



100 Mile Challenge

Great fun, exercise, atmosphere and company. If you would like to join the early morning run around the school field, just let Mr Murphy know.



Mark Making

In the Great Blizzard of 2017, before the centimetre of snow had melted by lunchtime, Nursery pupils were out writing in the snow, developing their fine motor skills.



Fairtrade Awareness

From selling Fairtrade fruitpots at breaktime, through sourcing ingredients for cakes and biscuits, to drinking ethically-sourced drinks and looking at information about Fairtrade issues after school, we did our best to share the Fairtrade message on our Big Brew day. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Fairtrade 'Let it Grow' Bake-Off Cake Competition Entries

These cakes are sooo good, as were all the entries we received. Well done everyone and in particular to Dylan Williams who was judged to be the overall winner.



Day Winners

Year 3/Year 4

Book Token Winners

Jolie Hayton	Alice
Abbie Gibson	The Mad Hatter
Lachlan Shaw	Mr Twit
Madison Clement	Marshmallow Man
Finley Eaton	Billionaire Boy

Pencil Winners

Lexie Grundy	Malificent
Sebastian Melville	The Snowman
Lily Dixon	Little Miss Sunshine
Lilly Aplin	
Macie Friar	
Grace Irving	The Magic Faraway Tree
Molly Higginson	Alice in Wonderland (The White Rabbit)
Molly Wrigley	
Olivia Goundry	

George Williams	Gangsta Granny
Ruby Metcalfe	Tinkerbell
Scarlett Birch	Malificent
Abbie Ireland	
Jameson Lawson	Yellow Brick Road/Emerald City
Isabella Wells	Demon Dentist
Jessica Wilson	The BFG
Lily Parkin	
Jess Saunders	

Year 5/Year 6

Book Token Winners

Aimee Davis	Pippi Longstocking
Willow Brooks	Fantastic Beasts
Connor Chislett	Grandma/Little Red Riding Hood
Amelia Mitchinson	Lion (Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe)
Ruby Ashurst	Alice

Pencil Winners

Mikey Newell	Dumbledore
Chloe Procter	Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Adam Bostock	Professor Quirrell
Georgia France	Mr Bump
Sammy Birch	Willy Wonka
Alex Grabek	Batman (The Joker)
Jess Liness	Mrs Twit
Heidi Melville	How to Train a Dragon
Ella Hollingham	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (Fiona)
Beth Hodgson	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (Olive)
Isabel Matthews	The Twits (Mrs Twit)
Maddy Brooks	Gangsta Granny
Daisy Walton	Sally – the Cat in the Hat
Eve Wood	The Addams Family (Wednesday)
Oliver Smith	Cat in the Hat (Thing 1)
Sarah Smith	Cat in the Hat (Thing 2)
Lauren Gorst	Lyra (Northern Lights)

Easter Egg Competition

Once again, we are running a competition for children to design and decorate an egg. The egg should be blown rather than hard boiled so it is empty and therefore will not smell after some time. There is no particular theme for the entry – just let your imagination and creativity flow! Any materials can be used. You can either decorate the egg, or make it into something else – the choice is yours.

Entries for the competition can be brought into school from Monday 3rd April and the closing date is Wednesday 5th April at noon. All egg creations should be placed on the tables outside the computer suite, near the school entrance under the correct category. Judging will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 5th April. There will be 4 categories for entries: Nursery and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4, and Year 5 and Year 6. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for all categories, which will be announced during the Celebration Assembly on Friday 7th April. Please collect your creation at 2.00 pm on Friday 7th April. The competition is purely voluntary, however knowing how creative some of our pupils are, I am sure many will rise to this challenge! Good luck – we are looking forward to seeing your creations.



The Big Pedal: Monday 20th-Friday 31st March

Have you dusted off your lycra and oiled your penny farthing? It is nearly time for The Big Pedal! We need as many of our pupils, parents, siblings, staff and governors to cycle or scoot to school for 10 days, from Monday 20th March. We will add up the numbers each day, log them on The Big Pedal website and be in with a chance of winning some great prizes. We will do well if we have a big percentage of our school population taking part, so that is why we need you all to scoot or cycle during the 2 weeks. The main prize is a visit by a BMX stunt team to the winning school! It would be awesome to win that prize!

Please remember that if your child is coming to school on a bicycle, they must wear a helmet.

To celebrate our super heroic effort cycling in all weathers and with all our bags etc, we can all come on our bikes and scooters (or in cars) dressed as superheroes on Friday 31st March. To continue the superhero theme, we ask you to help to save a little bit of the planet, by contributing £1.00 per child on superhero day towards 2 environmentally friendly charities, the Toilet Twinning Charity and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Red Noses and Comic Relief

Red Noses will be on sale from Monday 13th March; please provide your child with £1.00 and they can buy their nose from the nose sellers who will come around the classes in the afternoon. Noses will also be available from the school office. On Comic Relief Day - Friday 24th March - we will have a non-uniform/mufti day when pupils are invited to wear their own clothes (which, if possible, should include something red) and to make a donation of £1.00 to the charity.

In school we are going to have a joke competition. Please help your child to pick their best joke and write it down on a piece of paper with their name and class on it. They should bring it in on Red Nose Day and post it in their classroom's joke box.



Mathlete of the Year

Please encourage your Year 4, Year 5 and/or Year 6 child to do their best in Mathematics and to collect as many points as possible, so that they have a chance of winning one of the many prizes on offer, in the run-up to the Mathlete of the Year award at the end of this term.

Governor Insight by Ian Vermeulen

I have spent the past 4 years as a member of the Heron Hill School governing body and now that my time as a governor is coming to an end, I would like to share my reflections of the past 4 years.

Under the leadership of Mr Hicks and his fantastic team I feel that the school continues to make large steps forwards in terms of improving. In the past four years the school has undergone an Ofsted inspection and come out with a well-deserved Good result. Achieving this result requires constant hard work from all the staff and I have been continually impressed by the level of commitment and dedication I see among everyone on the team; the maintenance and kitchen staff, the supervisors, admin team, teachers and assistants and the senior leadership team. Everyone seems to be pulling in the right direction to provide the best possible support for the students.

The last 4 years has seen some staffing changes to the leadership team, all of whom have made a positive contribution to the running of the school on a day-to-day basis and all of whom show a great dedication to their roles. This allows Mr Hicks to focus even more on the bigger picture of continually improving the school.

We have also seen changes to the infrastructure of the school, with a much improved kitchen allowing the kitchen staff the ability to provide a wider number of options for the students and greater flexibility in terms of meals. The new workroom for the teachers has given them more space to plan, and has freed up room elsewhere in the building to allow the students more room to work too.

Finally, I would also like to thank my fellow governors; they are very professional within their roles, providing guidance and assistance that has helped to achieve these improvements. I wish you all continued success, and thank you for allowing me to play such an enjoyable role within the school community since 2013.

