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HERON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO. 10

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Dear Parents and Carers

We appear to have left winter behind and returned after the Easter break to summer. The children can now spend lunchtimes on the field, so please remember sun hats and hayfever medication when needed.

With the summer term comes even more educational visits and, of course, sports days. Dates are below; please do join us for your child's sports day if you can. It is great fun and the children love to have some support from spectators.

On the subject of visits and trips out of school, Friends of Heron Hill (FoHH) contribute over £3000 each year to subsidise the cost of all visits, enabling us to keep requests for parental contributions as low as possible. Simply put, without Friends of Heron Hill we would have to ask parents for significantly more or the visits would not take place.

However, the team of parents who are active on the FoHH committee is very small and desperately in need of new members. Could you help? We are thrilled that some parents have stepped up to be new joint Chairpersons, new Vice-Chair and new Treasurer, so the 'big' roles are filled. We just need more people - you - to come and support them. You do not have to commit to every event FoHH organises and tasks can be broken down between many people so that no one has too big a burden to bear; simply an hour here and there makes things happen. We are a friendly bunch in FoHH and bringing an event together is fun and gives a sense of achievement too.

There is a FoHH committee meeting at school on Tuesday 16th May at 6.00 pm. Everyone is invited and it would be fantastic to see you there. You will not be 'landed' with a job to do, but if you could help a little, it would be much appreciated. The next 'big' FoHH event (after the disco on 19th May) is the Summer Fair on Friday 7th July. This is always a great way to spend a summer evening and every year new, different and exciting activities are added. Why not be involved and make a difference?

Thank you in advance, I hope to see you on Tuesday 16th May.

Peter Hicks

Dates for your Diary

Monday 8 th May	SATs week: please ensure your Year 6 is at school this week Year 2 children need to be in school every day during May
Thursday 11 th May	Closing date for Parent Governor Nominations
Friday 12 th May	Year 1J (Mrs Jones') Class Assembly, 10.00 am. Family and friends welcome.
Monday 15 th May	Walk to School Week begins (until 19 th May)
Tuesday 16 th May	FoHH Meeting, 6.00 pm (see above)
Friday 19 th May	FoHH Disco, Infants 6.15 pm-7.00 pm, Juniors 7.15 pm-8.00 pm
Wednesday 24 th May	Heron Hill choir taking part in 'The Big Sing' at the Brewery Arts Centre
Thursday 25 th May	Reception Sports Afternoon, 1.15 pm
Friday 26 th May	Sponsored Walk, afternoon
Friday 26 th May	End of half term, school closes at 3.15 pm
Monday 5 th June	Return to school
Tuesday 13 th June	Years 3-6 Sports Day, 9.30 am
Tuesday 13 th June	Parents Maths Meeting, 2.30 pm
Friday 16 th June	Nursery Sports Day, morning and afternoon
Monday 26 th June	Years 1 and 2 Sports Afternoon, 1.15 pm



Other web browser charities, eg 'easyfundraising', 'giving a bit' and 'give as you live' all offer just a miserable 1.5% from Amazon. School Angel returns on average 5%, making it easily the most efficient way for schools to fundraise. School Angel is a not-for-profit organisation so schools benefit fully from the income School Angel receives. Help to raise funds for Heron Hill School by internet shopping via our page on School Angel: <http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/heron-hill-primary-school-kendal.html>



PHOTO GALLERY



Kendal Snowsports Club Schools Event

This is Heron Hill School's ski and board team, who entered in Kendal Snow Sports Race Day for Primary Schools in late April. This year Daisy, Oliver, Libby and Madison represented our school. Unfortunately, this year we did not win, but at least we gave it our all. (Next year, we would love it for any pupils who are skiers or boarders to get a team of 4 together).

Report by Daisy Walton, Year 6

Year 5 Willow Project

Aided by willow experts, Year 5 have built a dome which will provide shade for the blistering hot summer we are going to have. This project has been funded by profit made by pupils in the Year 5 Enterprise project and a contribution from Friends of Heron Hill.



Travelling by Tuba

Some weeks ago, the duo called 'Travelling by Tuba' came back to Heron Hill School to lead a couple of assemblies. They informed, entertained and educated through a wide variety of musical instruments. Ask your Reception-Year 6 child what they remember from the visit.



Deep Thought

Reception pupils are making the most of the good weather to do their thinking and writing outside.

As part of their topic 'Growth and Change' they have been planting seeds, writing instructions and predicting what the seeds will grow into.



Heron Hill Nursery children are involved in a fantastic music session, delivered by Annie Whitehead on Wednesday mornings.

The children are learning lots about pitch, pulse, tempo and dynamics through a variety of simple chants, rhymes and songs.

And they get to play parachute games!

Kendal Rinteln Association Big Band Night

On Saturday 27th May, Ernestinum Big Band from Rinteln and Kendal Big Band will be performing in a concert at Kendal Town Hall. There will also be a special performance by Dance Atikk. If you would like to be in the audience, tickets cost £5 at the door and it will start at 7.30 pm.

Music Lessons

We offer a range of musical instrument lessons which take place during the school day and are provided by music specialists, who are either private tutors or employed by Cumbria County Council. These lessons are offered to pupils in Years 3-6. We distributed a letter earlier this week to pupils in Years 2-5 to inform them of next year's music lesson provision. Please return the form on the letter if you are interested in your child having music lessons; this is an 'expression of interest' form, you will be asked to commit to pay for lessons in a further letter later this term. Families which qualify for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium are entitled to subsidised lessons.

Old £5 Notes

Please do not pay for school visits or sweatshirts etc with the old £5 note after this weekend, as they will no longer be legal tender. Banks and building societies may change old £5 notes for their customers for a little while longer, if you need some changing.



Bag Packing at Morrisons in aid of Muscular Dystrophy

Well done to some of our Year 6 pupils (and parents!) who packed bags at Morrisons to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy charity. They worked all day and raised over £600. Lennon did his job so well, he was rewarded with a chocolate bar by one of the customers he helped!



We wish ALL Year 6 pupils, especially ours, a clear head and a chance to shine in next week's SATs. All the best!

Tag Rugby Festival at Kirkbie Kendal School - 26th April 2017

Heron Hill sent 2 tag rugby teams to Kirkbie Kendal School for a friendly festival of coaching and some games. The children were coached by Kendal Rugby team members and then split into groups of different schools. Both Heron Hill teams won all their games convincingly using many team tactics including 'give it to your fastest runner'! All the children played in a competitive yet sporting manner and were a credit to their school.



BREAKING NEWS! Year 3/Year 4 Hockey Finals at The Queen Katherine School, Thursday 4th May

Yesterday, one of our hockey teams played so well that they won their group matches with the highest points final game, to then be entered in the Cumbria Hockey Festival in Penrith, which will take place in July. Well done to Corey Goodyear, Alfie Addison, Dan Wallace, Sophie Hartley, Grace Airey and Maya Stephens.

The PE teacher at QKS commended our other team (Grace Irving, Rosemary Wilson, Abbie Ireland, George Williams, Oliver Park and Joshua Dickinson), in how well they played and umpired their games (4 players on the pitch and 2 umpires – with their own whistles!). They gave a confident and efficient air as they worked hard to call each decision the right way whichever team was in control! All remained positive despite losing to some tough opposition.

Thank you for representing the school so well.

Please do not let your child bring toys into school, especially if they have not been asked to, as we cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage.

Parent Governor Election: Closing Date for Nominations is Thursday 11th May

If you would like to have a voice in the governing body and have unique access and insight to the workings of the school, being a governor may be the role for you!

Exercise Classes at Heron Hill

Tracy Dixon will be starting exercise classes in Heron Hill School's hall from Monday 5th June. There will be a variety of exercise options between 5.00 pm-9.00 pm. Look out for more details soon.

Staff News

- As you may know, Miss Hildrew has now begun her maternity leave; we wish her well in the weeks, months and years ahead. Mrs Corbett is now in her maternity cover post in Year 3.
- Mrs Patrick, who came to us on a temporary contract, is now a permanent member of staff.
- Mrs Haddath has given notice of her intention to leave Heron Hill at the end of the summer term (she is keen that we are all aware, this is NOT retirement!). We are all very sad that she is going to leave. We are now advertising a vacancy for a full time, permanent class teacher in Year 2 or Year 3. More details can be found on our website.

Sunhats, Sun Cream and Sunglasses

This message is sure to bring an end to this run of sunny weather, but it has to be written... Please make sure your child has a sunhat with them at school and that you apply sun cream before they come to school. If your child suffers from hayfever or their eyes are sensitive to strong sunlight, they may wear sunglasses at playtimes but please write a note giving permission for your child to wear them.

Walk to School Week

Please could you support Walk to School Week by enabling your child to walk, cycle or scoot to school during the week 15th-19th May? We reward all the pupils who take part with a sticker that they collect en route to school. If you are able to help to give out stickers (8.30 am-8.50 am), please let Alison Lehane in the office know.

Take Care with Scooters

A resident has come to the school to say that there have been some near misses when she has been reversing out of her drive and has nearly collided with children on scooters, moving at speed, along the pavement.

This is a difficult situation to manage, as no party is in the wrong. Please talk to your child about the hazards they should watch for when they are scooting ahead of you or when they are on their own.