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HERON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO. 10 25th MAY 2018



Dear Parents and Carers

It seems we are always talking about the weather. It has been great that the recent dry spell has helped to make our many outdoor activities and out of school visits all the more pleasant. There is some evidence of this to be found in this newsletter and even more photographs have been tweeted; check out our Twitter feed on the home page of the school's website if you have not done so recently.

The children have also been involved with lots of 'work' in the classrooms too, especially Years 2 and 6, taking their end of key stage tests. It was a big week for Year 6, but they gave a great account of themselves and some even admitted that they enjoyed it! This could have been because of the homemade cakes and doughnuts provided to give energy and brainpower before each test, fun afternoon activities and the appearance of an icecream van, but it is probably because this Year 6 group just loves sitting tests! All our pupils deserve the next week off, they have all worked so hard.

I do hope the weather is kind during the coming week and you have time to spend some quality time together as a family.

Peter Hicks

Relief Mid-Day Supervisors

We like to have a bank of relief Mid-Day Supervisors who can work on an as-needed basis to cover absence, but there are not many people in the bank at present. Please contact the office if you are interested. Hours of work are 1¼ hours over lunchtime Monday to Friday and the rate of pay is £8.82 per hour.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25 th May	Half term holiday begins, 3.15 pm
Monday 4 th June	Return to school
Tuesday 12 th June	Years 3-6 Sports Day, from 9.30 am
Wednesday 13 th June	Reception Sports Day, 1.15 pm
Thursday 14 th June	Nursery Sports Day, 1.30 pm
Friday 15 th June	Years 1 and 2 Sports Day, 1.15 pm
Tuesday 19 th June	New Reception Starters' Parents' Information Evening, 5.30 pm
	New Nursery Starters' Parents' Information Evening, 6.30 pm
Thursday 21 st June	Reception Assembly, 2.30 pm (current parents)
Friday 22 nd June	Reception Assembly, 10.00 am (new parents)
Wednesday 27 th June	Family Day
Thursday 28 th June	Summer Music Evening, 6.00 pm
Friday 29 th June	Mufti Day (wear own clothes) for FoHH Summer Fair
Friday 29 th June	Reports will be sent home
Tuesday 3 rd July	Year 3/Year 4 Production, 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm
Friday 6 th July	Friends of Heron Hill Summer Fair, 5.00 pm-7.00 pm
Tuesday 10 th and Wednesday 11 th July	Parent Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 13 th July	Heron Hill's Got Talent
Friday 20 th July	End of term and end of the school year, 2.00 pm



Well done to Year 6, who worked SO HARD and SO WELL during SATs week.

Mathlete of the Year 2018

Congratulations to this year's Mathlete of the Year, Harry McKee of Year 4 with 258,030 points! Harry follows in the respected footsteps of Millie Reed (2015), Ashleigh Elvey (2016) and last year's winner, Harry Sharpe, as our Heron Hill Mathlete of the Year 2018.

Well done also to Harry Sharpe, Fynlay Dodd-Hemingway, Jessica Park, Stefan Lewin and Chloe Procter for getting incredibly high scores as well.



Year 2 Owl Visit



Year 2 children had a really lovely visit from Nicola of The Owl Sanctuary in Barrow. They all had their photo taken with their chosen owl.

After-School Bike Club Cycle-Out

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils accompanied by staff and parent helpers, cycled along the canal path up to and beyond the County offices.



Histrionics Theatre Visit

Heron Hill's School Council won an 'Active Travel - Design a Banner' competition to promote healthy school runs. The prize was a fun visit from 'Cumbriana Jones' of Histrionics Theatre, who encouraged all his audience to help him with dinosaur noises and actions as he promoted walking and cycling to school.



Year 4 Arnside Residential Visit, 23rd-24th May 2018



The best bit? Ice cream!

Year 4 Water

United Utilities came into Heron Hill to lead workshops with Year 4 on all things to do with water. This was just in time to prepare Year 4 for their river-centred residential visit.



Year 5 Greeks

Togas, recorders, singing, information galore, musical instruments, drama; the Year 5 assembly was a feast of culture. Let's all wear togas.



The Big Sing at the Brewery: 22nd May

Heron Hill Choir beautifully sang 'Do-Re-Mi' in English and French, then joined other schools to perform a musical version of 'The Tempest'.



Year 3 had a great time playing team-building games as part of their reward afternoon.



Bookbag and PE Bag Price Increase

The unit cost of new PE and bookbags has increased over time and we have absorbed the price rises. However, the unit cost is now more than what we charge, so from 4th June, the price of bookbags will be £4.50 and PE bags will be £4.00.

School Meals Price Increase

From September 2018, the price of a school meal will be £2.40, a rise of 10p a meal. This is due to increased charges by our meals provider Orian, to offset their commitment to pay a living wage to their employees. We believe our meals provision is still excellent value and 3 meal choices will continue to be offered.

School Angel



Summer holiday clothing upgrade? Accessories for the garden now that we have an endless summer of sunshine ahead of us? If you are going to shop online, please go to our page on School Angel first and help to get the total raised for the school over the £2,000 mark. See all the major brands that can be accessed via School Angel at: <http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/heron-hill-primary-school-kendal.html>

SUMMER!

Please can we remind you that during these summer months, please make sure your child has:

- A sun hat
- Sun cream applied before they come to school (preferably 'once a day' sun cream), especially if it is going to be a sunny day
- A light rain coat
- A water bottle

Governor Insight: Sarah Woodhouse

I love this time of year. The flowers, the longer days and the sunshine. I have particularly enjoyed the feel of sun on my face over the last couple of weeks and have tried to get out in it as much as possible (with appropriate sun protection of course). I hope you have also been enjoying the dry, warm weather. I know that many of you have been taking part in our Walk to School Week and I hope you will continue to walk/bike/scoot to school after the half term holiday. By then our new scooter and bike park should be up and running so please make use of that, or the Park and Stride arrangement we have with the Leisure Centre. We hope you make the most of chances to get active and enjoy the fresh air.



On a governing body note, we want to warmly welcome Mr Ian Vermeulen and Mr John Haley who will be filling our parent governor vacancies; as there were only 2 nominations for the 2 vacancies, there has been no need to call an election. We look forward to working with Mr Vermeulen again and with getting to know Mr Haley as they both help the governing body fulfil its role.

Book Review by Reading Champion Cameron Loan, Year 6

'The Finest Pharaoh of All' by Stewart Ross

I really liked this book; it seems complicated but it makes ancient Egypt even more understandable. I liked how the family is very hard to follow. I really like how it is like a normal story with a slight twist - villains and heroes. I disliked how it was quite slow but it still had a nice rhythm. I liked how it was not well-known, like Cleopatra or Tutankhamun. It was really fun to read and this is my book report.



Mrs Lehane has planted her pumpkin seeds!

The competition has officially started. Mrs Lehane is determined to actually grow a pumpkin this year (last year was a complete debacle). Please join her, plant your pumpkins and grow some beasts. Sunflowers are also on the way in the Lehane plantpots. Home-grown flowers and vegetables (including beans) will be judged in the autumn term.

Boxes of Hope Cumbria

During June please donate a plastic mug or small water bottle. We have a collection point in the entrance hall, which is filling up slowly, but can still accept toiletries, hair items, paper/notebooks, pencils, crayons, pens, rubbers/rulers/pencil sharpener etc.

