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## HERON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER NO. 11

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back for the final half term of the school year. We now have almost 7 weeks to squeeze in a huge array of activities, visits and visitors coming into school, some of which are mentioned in this newsletter. And of course, we shall fit in Nursery, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 sports days in between the summer showers.

Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to the many events at school and it is always lovely to welcome you to come and see/experience what opportunities the children have here. There are often a large numbers of adults around at the end of the event, especially during the summer term. Can I please ask that you take your own child only *after* you have personally spoken with their teacher, so that we can ensure the safety of all our children at all times.

Many thanks,

*Peter Hicks*

#### Dates for your Diary

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents Maths Workshop, 2.15 pm (please note change of date from previously advertised)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends of Heron Hill meeting, 6.00 pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Years 3-6 Sports Day, 9.30 am
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> /Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Robolab (rescheduled)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Sports Day, morning and afternoon
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception (5.30 pm) and Nursery (6.45 pm) New Parents Information Evening
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Family morning (children work together with siblings/in mixed age groups)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Reception Assembly for current parents, 2.00 pm. All family and friends welcome
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Years 1 and 2 Sports Afternoon, 1.15 pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Music Concert, 6.00 pm. Heron Hill Choir and instrumentalists will perform
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3/Year 4 production, 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm (letter to follow)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	'Heron Hill's Got Talent' auditions, 3.15 pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends of Heron Hill Summer Fair, 5.00 pm-7.00 pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	'Heron Hill's Got Talent' final and mufti day: pupils wear non-uniform clothes and bring in £1 to support 'New Beginnings' charity
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports will be sent home
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Open Afternoon, 1.00 pm-3.00 pm (for January 2018 admissions)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Barbecue and Ceilidh, 7.00 pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, in the afternoon. Family and friends of Year 6 pupils are invited to come to this event
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term, school closes at 2.00 pm

#### Friends of Heron Hill Update

FoHH would like to say a huge THANK YOU for supporting the events this year! As at May 2017, the fundraising total stood at £3,570, which is fantastic! This has been raised through the discos, the Christmas Fair and second-hand uniform sales. Funds raised from the sponsored walk are still coming in, and so are yet to be added to that total, and of course we have the main event of the term, the Summer Fair, to come! We will also be holding ice-lolly sales on Fridays during this coming half-term.

Every penny of the funds raised by FoHH goes towards paying for trips and workshops within school. Without your support at our events, some of these amazing experiences just would not be possible. This year, FoHH have contributed towards the following activities: Residential visits for Years 4, 5 and 6 (£3000), the Zoolab (£140), the Stardome (£200), Bright Sparks Robotics Workshops (£500), the Year 4 Ghyll Head visit (£365), a willow workshop (£280) and Spellbinding books (£96). We are also planning to buy the children some bee suits to keep them protected whilst they care for and learn about beekeeping in our new apiary.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events, and if you are interested in helping, even just a little, please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you! There will be a Summer Fair planning meeting in the staff room on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00 pm, all welcome!

*Caroline Airey, Treasurer*



# PHOTO GALLERY



## Reception Sports Day: 25<sup>th</sup> May



Children and parents had a fabulous time at the Reception Sports Day, in the heat of the sun! We had lots of exciting races and fantastic help from our Year 4 children. We all cooled down with refreshing ice pops at the end, provided by Friends of Heron Hill.

## Reception Visit to Brockhole: 16<sup>th</sup> May

Determined to show that rain does not stop fun, our Reception pupils had a great visit to Brockhole, where they spied mini-beasts and birds and dried off in the soft-play/climbing wall room.



## Year 3 Visit to Vindolanda: 25<sup>th</sup> May

The sun shone on Mrs Haddath's last year group visit to Vindolanda. A great time was had by all.



## The Big Sing at Brewery Arts Centre

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 43 choir members from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in the 'Big Sing' at the Brewery Arts Centre. We enjoyed participating with 4 other schools in a vocal and music session in the main theatre, followed by rehearsals for the evening show. Our choir performed a medley of part-songs in the first half of the show to a full auditorium, singing in 2 or 4 parts. We then joined with the other schools and the Brewery Young Actors to perform Roald Dahl's amusing version of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves'. Our song was 'The Masquerade Ball' – hence our eye masks! The great weather meant we were able to picnic in the Brewery gardens and we had a wonderful time. Well done to all!

*Pam Lawson*



## Music Lessons: Some Spaces Still Available

Pupils in Years 2 to 5 still have the opportunity to express an interest in musical instrument lessons during school time, as there are spaces available with the brass, woodwind and violin teachers. If you would like more information or to sign your child up, please contact the school office.

## School Meals: Advance Notice of Price Increase

Due to an increase in the cost of providing the meals, we are going to have to raise the price of the meals in September. It will increase by 10p a day, to £2.30 per meal. Meals for pupils in Reception to Year 2 will continue to be free.

## Staff News

- Mrs O'Neil has given notice of her intention to leave the school at the end of the summer term. We shall miss her and wish her well in the future.
- Miss Watson, who came to the school on a temporary contract, is now a permanent member of staff.
- Following the recent vacancy interviews, we have appointed 2 new teachers; Mrs Sarah Corbett (currently temporarily covering Miss Hildrew's maternity leave) and Miss Jenna Dollard. Congratulations to them and we look forward to them joining the staff on a permanent basis from September.
- We will be advertising a Year 3 maternity cover vacancy from this week, to begin in September.

### Girls' Kwik Cricket Tournament at Burnside: 24<sup>th</sup> May

Heron Hill girl's cricket team won 2 matches, against St. Mary's School and Greystoke Primary, and lost one close match to progress to the tournament final. After another tight match we lost to Vicarage Park School.

Fantastic team skills were shown, with Katie and Jessica being amazing leaders. I was very impressed with their sportsmanship and attitude to keeping the team's spirits up. They helped with coaching and advising their team mates when needed and they boosted morale as they all took turns to master the bowling technique.

I was very impressed with how quickly Sophie, Amy, Maddy, Darci and Alexi picked up the skills needed as they played each game. Well done girls!

*Janette Foster*



### Go Ride Cycling Event: 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils represented the school at a cycle race event held here at Heron Hill, which included pupils from other schools. By the end of the evening, our pupils had amassed a number of first, second and third places. It was a very successful night and a good chance to showcase the cycling skills our pupils have been learning in school time and in the after-school cycling club.



### Lacrosse Festival: 17<sup>th</sup> May

Heron Hill played a round robin of matches against several local schools at Vicarage Park School. They worked well as a team and cheered each other on. Heron Hill won 2 games, lost one and drew 2. A lucky goal in our net in the final few seconds meant that we just missed out on the final tournament. I was very impressed with the children, they represented the school well and were a great credit to us.

*Carly Dodd-Hemingway*



### Year 3/Year 4 Hockey Finals at The Queen Katherine School: 4<sup>th</sup> May

We managed to include a report about the hockey finals in the last newsletter, but did not have space for photographs of our stand-out teams. Well done all of you, you are a credit to Heron Hill School.

Our team of Dan, Sophie, Alfie, Maya, Corey and Grace won the final game of the tournament, so they are now through to the county finals in Penrith in July; have a great day and enjoy the experience.



### Governor News

Following the recent parent governor election, we welcome Ms Jo Yates to the governing body. We thank both Ms Yates and Mr Metcalf for being willing to stand as a governor.

Mrs Morag Knight will step down as Chair of Governors and will finish in July, after 12 years of being a governor of Heron Hill School. Mrs Knight has been a rock for the school, tireless in her support and a fierce advocate in front of Ofsted, with a firm grasp of the information needed to prove the strengths of Heron Hill School. We are delighted that she will continue to volunteer as a classroom helper and that this is not goodbye.

### Parents Maths Workshop - THIS WEEK!

Parents of pupils in Years 3-6 are warmly invited to come to the school hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June for a Maths Workshop. The session starts at 2.15 pm and will finish in time for you to collect your child. Come along and see why we say 'Maths is Fun!'.

### Relief Mid-Day Supervisors

We are looking to recruit more relief Mid-Day Supervisors who can work on an as-needed basis to cover absence. 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 £8.1932 per hour plus a supplement to increase the rate to the 'UK Living Wage' rate of £8.45 per hour.