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## HERON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO. 11 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018



**Gardening Blitz on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 1.00 pm-3.15 pm  
CAN YOU HELP?**

**All help will be gratefully received. We cannot let the weeds win!**

Dear Parents and Carers

What a great start to our final half term this year. The children have been involved in so many activities, visits and events it is hard to keep track! From bear hunts in the woods (Reception), sports days on the field, to our Bee Club taking their exam. Also, there are many, many more fun and exciting opportunities yet to come before the summer break.

You will be aware of our fantastic new scooter and cycle parking area. Please make use of it and we ask that no bikes or scooters are now brought onto the playgrounds. This makes it safer for everyone (and a little tidier). From Monday we will move bikes and scooters left on the playground to the parking area.

On the subject of safety, I have asked the Highways Department to repaint the yellow zigzags outside school. They are becoming faint but are still visible and should not be parked on, especially at the corner near the bike/scooter park. Please do take extra care dropping off as there are so many children to look out for!

You will have no doubt heard about General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and hopefully are receiving fewer unwanted emails as a result. GDPR came into force at the end of May and even schools are included. We therefore are including with this newsletter our updated 'Privacy Notice'. We are also updating our systems so that when we ask you for permission to take your child on a visit, for example, our forms will be compliant. I do hope it will all remain straightforward and we will be able to keep communications simple.

*Peter Hicks*

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Gardening afternoon: help needed! 1.00 pm-3.15 pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Starters' Parents' Information Evening, 5.30 pm
	New Nursery Starters' Parents' Information Evening, 6.30 pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Reception Assembly, 2.30 pm (current parents)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Reception Assembly, 10.00 am (new parents)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Tag-rugby match v Stramongate (at Heron Hill), 3.30 pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Music Evening, 6.00 pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Mufti Day (wear own clothes) for FoHH Summer Fair
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Reports will be sent home
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Transition morning (new teachers visit pupils in current classroom)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 3/Year 4 Production, 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition afternoon (pupils to new classrooms)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Heron Hill's Got Talent Auditions, 3.30 pm-5.00 pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends of Heron Hill Summer Fair, 5.00 pm-7.00 pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Consultation Meetings, 3.30 pm-6.00 pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Heron Hill's Got Talent Dress Rehearsal, 3.30 pm-5.00 pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Heron Hill's Got Talent
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term and end of the school year, 2.00 pm



## Year 3 Visit to Vindolanda

It was a long, packed day, but Year 3 had a great time at Hadrian's Wall and visited the museums at various points along the way. They even saw a real, live archaeological dig!



## Nursery: People who Help Us/ Mrs Carlton Visit

Nursery children have been enjoying visits from people who help us, including the fire brigade and the police and also learned how to make posies with Poppy's mum.



## Reading Champions

Our Year 5/Year 6 Reading Champions wrote to several authors and J K Rowling wrote back!



## Bake Sale

Year 6 pupils organised a Bake Sale to benefit Alder Hey Hospital. They raised a fabulous £230!



## Reception Visit to Brockhole



## Kwik Cricket at Netherfield Cricket Ground, 5<sup>th</sup> June

The Year 5 boys had a great time playing exciting and tactical cricket. The sun shone on us and we ended up with very close matches. We warmed up with a friendly against Arnside then played our first game against Milnthorpe B – we won by 10 runs! Our last game of the group was against St. Oswald's B team and this time we lost by 10 runs! Unfortunately we did not score enough runs in the group stage to make it through to the semi-finals. So we had more friendly games against Dean Gibson in the afternoon which we both won and lost. All in all a very evenly contested day!



## Go Ride Cycle Event, 11<sup>th</sup> June

On Monday evening we hosted a Go Ride race evening with Kendal Cycle Club. Sixteen of our children entered the event and each took part in 3 races; a speed lap, an endurance race and a slow race. The children scored points for each event and at the end of the evening 6 of our children came away with medals.

- Year 5/6 Girls: Mia Lees - Gold, Eve Atkinson - Silver, Lexi Stanley - Bronze
- Year 5/6 Boys: Cameron Dunn - Gold, Alfie Addison - Silver
- Reception/KS1: Harrison Dodd-Hemingway - Bronze

Also, well done to Sam Crosher, who as a Kendal Cycle Club team member, won bronze in the Year 3/4 race. We will hopefully be taking part in another race event before the end of the summer term.



## Past and.....

Hrothgar came and pitched his tent in the school grounds for the day and led our Year 6s on a fascinating journey into the world and lives of Vikings.



## ...Future

Engineers and scientists from STEM Cumbria, came into school to lead an absolutely brilliant robotics workshop with Year 6.



## Year 5 at QKS, 13<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 had an activity day at The Queen Katherine School. In the morning they learned survival skills and took part in team work tests. They had lots of fun trying to pitch a tent, set up a gas stove and light it to make their own hot chocolates.

In the afternoon the children were with Mr King in the science department. They each passed their Bunsen Burner test and used acids and alkalines to create a rainbow. The children then enjoyed making their own toxic slime and bouncing it and then ending the day exploding Jelly Babies.

There are lots of photographs on Twitter to show how much fun the children had.



## Reception Weighing Scales

Thank you to Mr Graham Fell (Jake and Molly Pearse's Grandad) who kindly made us a large set of balance scales to use in the Reception outdoor classroom. The children have already spent many fun sessions estimating and weighing various items.

## Junior Bee Keeping Certificate

Last week, 7 Heron Hill pupils sat the Junior Bee Keeping Certificate exam and 3 former pupils will also be taking it. This is the most any school or organisation has ever put forward. Our other 'claim to fame' is that we will (fingers crossed) have the youngest children in the country ever to sit the exam, the usual age range is 14-18.

It was a very long day but the examiner, one of the very few 'Master Beekeepers' in the country, was very friendly and put the children at ease, although she asked them some very challenging questions. During their exam, each child presented their diary and their bee-related project then had an oral assessment where they were asked about everything from Varroa to swarm management. They all gave a word perfect explanation of anaphylaxis and what they would do in an emergency in the apiary. Each exam ended with the child examining a colony of bees, showing her the various elements and commenting on the health of the bees and comb. Mrs Cottam was there too as the children quietly, confidently and independently managed the colonies, and she was very, very proud of all of them. The results will be through in 6 weeks, after being ratified by the National Board at Stoneleigh, so we will let you know how they got on in the autumn term.

Our next family day, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, will focus on 'Bees', so all children in Reception to Year 6 will be learning more about these fascinating creatures for the whole day.

## Family Day - Picnic Lunch

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June we will have a picnic lunch within family groups (see above). If you wish to order a school lunch that day, the only meal on offer is turkey burger served with potato wedges and carrot sticks, and a banana and *HERON HILL HONEY* muffin! The meal will cost £2.30 for Years 3-6, £1.75 for Nursery, as normal. Please order on Lunch Shop, or provide your child with a packed lunch.

## Nursery, Reception and Years 3-6 Sports Days



Results and Year 1/Year 2 Sports Day photographs will be in the next newsletter.



## National Leader in Education/National Support School

Mr Hicks has been designated a National Leader in Education (NLE) and Heron Hill School is now a National Support School (NSS), in recognition of the high level of leadership here.

