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End of Year Newsletter—Part 1

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the penultimate edition of our newsletter. Next week will be full of results from our sports days, Heron Hill's Got Talent and many more reports and photographs of our broad and varied curriculum and life here at the school, so I thought I would share some of our academic results with you today.

Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs results were published this week and all the effort and hard work put in by the children and staff has really paid off. The scores below are the percentage of children who achieved or exceeded the expected standard.

	<u>Heron Hill</u>	<u>Nationally</u>
Reading	85%	75%
Writing	87%	(not yet known, last year this was 76%)
Maths	85%	76%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPAS)	87%	78%

The percentage of children who achieved expected standard or exceeded it in all 3 reading, writing and maths subjects was 72% at Heron Hill, 61% nationally. We are very proud.

Peter Hicks

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Ceilidh
Thursday 19 th July	BBC Radio Cumbria broadcasting from Heron Hill
Thursday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, family and friends are invited, 2.00 pm
	Friends of Heron Hill Nearly New Uniform Sale, from 3.00 pm
Friday 20 th July	End of term and end of the school year, 2.00 pm
	Friends of Heron Hill Ice Pop Sales, 2.00 pm
Monday 3 rd and Tuesday 4 th September	Staff training days. Book your child's meals on 'Lunch Shop'!
Wednesday 5 th September	Return to school
Wednesday 5 th September	Year 4 Parents Information Meeting, 2.30 pm
Thursday 6 th September	Year 1 and Year 2 Parents Information Meetings, 2.45 pm
Friday 7 th September	Year 3 Parents Information Meeting, 2.30 pm
Monday 10 th September	Year 5 Parents Information Meeting, 2.30 pm
Monday 10 th September	Year 6 Parents Information Drop-In Session, 3.15 pm-4.15 pm
Thursday 13 th September	Reception Parents Meetings: Mrs Foster's Class at 8.50 am Mrs Barber's Class at 2.45 pm

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR FAMILIES IN YEAR 4 FROM SEPTEMBER: The Year 4 residential visit will take place 22nd and 23rd May 2019. Please do not book anything else on those days!

Look out for next week's edition of the Heron Hill Newsletter:

Sports Day Results! Heron Hill's Got Talent Photographs! Year 6 Leavers!
 World Cup Winners! And much more - do not miss it!
 (There will be no 'Dates for your Diary', make a note of the dates now.)



Westmorland Horticultural Show Winners

Heron Hill School was represented at the Westmorland Horticultural Show in the Parish Church Hall on Sunday 8th July, by a display of decorated paper plates and some handwriting created by Heron Hill's Gardening Club. Frida won 2nd prize with her decorated plate.

Some of our pupils independently entered some of the competitions. Jake won a great trophy for his 'garden in a tray', which he brought into school to show to his class.



Summer Evening Musical Concert

On 28th June our annual show piece concert for our musically gifted children was held outside on a beautiful and hot evening. It is wonderful to see how the children gain in confidence and ability each year. A collection for St John's Hospice, NW Air Ambulance and the School Music Fund raised £116.65.



Family Day: Bees

What a great day! We think this was one of our best family days, what did your child think?



Kwik Cricket

On a gloriously sunny Monday morning on 25th June, a group of our Year 5 and 6 girls headed to Burnside for a county tournament. We had the expertise of a county cricketer in the afternoon to run some excellent training....diamond and machine gun cricket are both highly recommended and lots of fun was had by all. The girls displayed brilliant team work and did themselves and the school proud. Our A team qualified to play in the County finals.



So on another gloriously sunny morning on 9th July, our Year 5 and 6 girl's cricket team made the journey over to Cockermouth for the County Kwik Cricket Final. Eleven teams had made it through to the final and we played 4 games winning 2 and losing 2. There was some wonderful cricket on display: brilliant bowling, fantastic fielding, confident catching and brave batting. The girls played with a great team spirit throughout. Well done to you all - you represented Heron Hill well.

Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day - 15th June



Cycling News

On Wednesday 11th July our cycling teams took part in a cycling tournament at Kirkbie Kendal School. The children took part in 3 team races; a slow race, a one-lap team relay and an exhausting 12 minute endurance race. The children all rode well, worked fantastically in their teams and cheered on each other. At the end of the afternoon we had 2 gold place teams, winning both the boys and girls medals for the 2nd year in a row. We also placed silver and bronze for the boys and silver and 4th place for the girls teams. Well done to all our riders!

After the tournament, our cycling club headed off for their last bike ride of the school year, down the canal path to Hansen's Ice Cream Parlour for a double scoop ice cream treat. The children have all been so keen with their cycling and have taken part in many events this year. I am extremely proud of them all and hope that the Year 5s will continue with cycling club when it returns next year.

Mrs Dodd-Hemingway



Year 3/Year 4 Performance of 'Great Explorers'



Donations following the performances to our chosen charities, North West Air Ambulance, St John's Hospice and New Beginnings, raised £222.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Year 4 at the Rainbow Roundabout



Year 4 enjoyed a wide variety of activities during their visit to Kendal United Reformed Church.

Friends of Heron Hill Summer Fair

Last Friday's Summer Fair raised over £3,200!!!

Friends of Heron Hill would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who came along to the fair to join in the fun and support this important fundraising event. We hope you all had a fun evening with family and friends.

Thank you for the kind donations of bottles, chocolates and sweets, and for the delicious cakes. In particular we would like to thank the local businesses that donated raffle prizes. Many congratulations to the lucky winners!

FOHH are especially grateful to Halifax plc, Kendal branch, for the generous £1,000 donation made via their Match Funding scheme.

And finally, thank you to the amazing and hardworking team of parents, school staff and volunteers who organised, set up and ran the fair. This fundraising event just would not be possible without you all.

In addition, the sponsored walk held earlier this term raised a huge £1,237!! This means that together with last year's sponsored walk fundraising, FOHH have donated £2,445 towards the cost of the new scooter and bike racks at school.

All the money raised by FOHH goes towards providing workshops, trips and equipment for the children at Heron Hill School. If you would like to get involved, even in a small way, we would love to hear from you.

Thanks again for your support.

Caroline Airey, Treasurer, on behalf of FOHH

Junior Bee Keeping Certificate

We are delighted the 7 of our pupils who took the Junior Bee Keeping Certificate exam earlier this term have heard that they all passed! Well done to Lily, Lily, Amy, Tyler, Finley, Mason and Mia on this achievement. They are the youngest children in the country to have passed the exam and we are very proud of them.



Pierced Ears

The school's health and safety policy is that pupils cannot take part in PE lessons if they are wearing earrings - we do not cover earrings with plasters and we cannot remove earrings on your behalf. If you would like your child to have pierced ears, please arrange for the piercing to take place at the start of the summer holidays, so that the ears have a chance to heal before school resumes. Please remember to remove earrings in the morning of days when your child will have their PE lessons.

Hair Styles

Extreme hairstyles, including closely shaved heads less than a number 3, hair of very different lengths, and hair dyed un-natural colours are not allowed. Some of our lessons (eg PE, art, design technology) require long hair to be fastened securely. Hair should be secured using plain, dark, unobtrusive hair accessories.

School Angel

We are not promoting Amazon Prime Day or summer sale bargains (there could be some good deals on M&S waistcoats due to a marketing glut), but if you are shopping online anytime soon, please go to our page on School Angel first and help to raise money for the school. See all the major brands that can be accessed via School Angel at: <http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/heron-hill-primary-school-kendal.html>



Boxes of Hope Cumbria

During the summer holiday please look out for items that could go in a shoe box, which will be sent as a gift to Romanian children at Christmas; we will be sending out the official appeal leaflets in October. We have collected some items over the last few months but we need many more of the following if we are to match our great collections of the last few years: toiletries, hair items, paper/notebooks, pencils, crayons, pens, rubbers/rulers/pencil sharpener, small waterbottle/cup/beaker, toys, stickers, sweets (with long best before dates, not chocolate), gloves, scarf, socks, woolly hat etc.

