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HERON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term 2019, see below for how full it promises to be!

We are all really looking forward to our visitors from Kenya arriving on Friday. The two teachers from Open Arms Academy will spend next week with us and we are having a dedicated 'Kenya Day' on Tuesday. If you would like to join us in an assembly that day, you are very welcome. The theme of each assembly will be getting to know a little more about Kenya, Open Arms Academy and I expect the emphasis will be on learning and singing Kenyan songs and stories. A letter was sent out last week, with information about Kenya Day and it would help up with preparations if you could indicate on the reply slip which assemblies you would like to attend. The times of the assemblies are: Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) 9.00 am, Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) 9.45 am and Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) 2.30 pm.

Peter Hicks

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 7 th November	Parent consultation meetings, 3.30 pm-6.30 pm
Monday 11 th November	Boxes of Hope shoebox sorting morning (see page 3)
Monday 11 th November	Reception open afternoon, 1.00 pm-5.30 pm, for September 2020 starters
Tuesday 12 th November	Kenya Day and wear black, green and/or red day and bring a £1.00 donation
Tuesday 12 th November	Parent consultation meetings, 3.30 pm-6.00 pm
Thursday 14 th November	Reception open afternoon, 1.00 pm-5.00 pm, for September 2020 starters
Thursday 14 th November	FoHH Christmas Shopping Event, 6.30 pm-9.00 pm
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day: pupils can come in non-uniform clothes but are asked to wear something spotty and bring in a £1 donation
Thursday 28 th November	Bags2School collection date (bring in bags from Monday 25 th November)
Wednesday 4 th December	Family morning

Christmas Dates

Monday 9 th December	Reception Nativity dress rehearsal, 10.00 am
Monday 9 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity dress rehearsal, 2.15 pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Choir to Kendal Care Home, afternoon
Tuesday 10 th December	Reception Nativity performance, 2.15 pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performance, 6.00 pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity performance, 2.15 pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Choir to Elephant Yard, afternoon
Thursday 12 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas party
Friday 13 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party
Monday 16 th December	Nursery Christmas party, morning
Monday 16 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party
Tuesday 17 th December	Nursery Crib Service at Kendal Parish Church, 9.45 am
Tuesday 17 th December	Reception Christmas party
Wednesday 18 th December	Reception-Year 2 Carol Service at Kendal Parish Church, 9.45 am
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 3-Year 6 Carol Service at Kendal Parish Church, 2.00 pm
Thursday 19 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 th December	Friends of Heron Hill Christmas Fun Event, 3.15 pm-5.00 pm
Friday 20 th December	End of term, 2.00 pm



Orian Solutions are currently looking to recruit two

TEMPORARY CLEANING OPERATIVES

At Heron Hill Primary School
£8.26 per hour

Vacancy 1: 10 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 7.00 am-9.00 am

Vacancy 2: 15 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 4.00 pm-7.00 pm

We are looking for energetic, confident and sociable people with an eye for detail to join our team.

You will be responsible for ensuring a high standard of cleanliness is achieved and maintained throughout the establishment.

Interested and want more information? Contact Jill Ellwood on 07825 340494.



Reception Stage

Graham Fell and his intrepid band of Men in Sheds constructed a stage for the Reception children to use.

We are very grateful for his hard work and enthusiasm in designing and then making this stage!

The children have already been rehearsing and performing their own shows using their singing, musical and acting talents.

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OPEN AFTERNOONS

For children starting school in September 2020

Monday 11th November 2019

1.00 pm-5.30 pm

Thursday 14th November 2019

1.00 pm-5.00 pm

Come and see our recently remodelled and refurbished reception unit and the wider school, meet our friendly staff and take the opportunity to view our exciting and rich environments.

If you would like to visit on an alternative date please contact us.



"Teachers are successful in providing a rich and varied curriculum which offers children the chance to learn effectively both indoors and outside."
"Pupils are enthusiastic about their learning and make good progress as a result."
Ofsted (January 2018)
"It's a delightful school, I'm so pleased my children are taught and are happy here."
Parent Questionnaire (2019)

Application packs with further details are available from the school office.

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FRIENDS OF
HERON HILL

CHRISTMAS

Shopping Evening

Thursday 14th November 2019
6.30 - 9.00pm

FRIENDS OF HERON HILL SCHOOL PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

Lots of amazing stalls for all your Christmas gifts. Tickets £3.50 in advance or £4.00 on the door (includes a festive drink & mince pie). Tickets can be purchased from school. Look out for us in the infant playground or outside the reception classrooms. Or email fohhchair@gmail.com or fohhsecretary@gmail.com for other ways to get tickets. Book your babysitter - adult only event. Remember all funds raised go towards enrichment activities for your child.

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Maths Calculations Methods

We have a colourful, easy-to-follow Maths Calculation Policy on the school website. It helps you to understand the written methods being taught for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in each year group. The route to finding it (it is a bit hidden away!) is:

General Information/School Policies/Maths Calculation Methods

Helpful Website

Staff have found the 'Kidshealth' website very helpful when needing further information about health issues. It is an American site so you do need to keep that in mind, but descriptions of conditions etc are very clear and helpful. <https://kidshealth.org>

Dog Posts

You may have noticed some new posts on the grass outside the main school entrance. These are to tie dogs to if you have brought one with you when you are dropping off or collecting your child.

Please use these posts for your dog. Please do not tie your dog to the security barrier, the signs or anywhere else near to the path and especially the gates, so that we can keep dogs away from all pedestrians. No dogs should be brought inside the school gates, carried or otherwise, except by appointment.

Boxes of Hope Cumbria

We would still appreciate contributions of shoebox contents which can be brought in up to and beyond Monday 11th November. On Monday 11th November, we would welcome help to build our shoeboxes, please come anytime that morning. If you have no time to buy contents or to come in and help build the boxes, donations of money will be gratefully received to cover transportation costs.

Filled shoeboxes will be collected from Heron Hill School on Friday 15th November.



Tree Donation



Here are some former pupils helping current pupils to plant apple trees in the grounds of Heron Hill, in memory of Margaret Bethel, who donated money in her will to conservation in the local community. The school is very grateful to be a recipient of this generosity.

Christmas Wrap Around Care

We are now taking bookings for our Christmas Holiday Club and the Hive will be open from 7.30 am until 6.00 pm on the following dates:

- Monday 23rd December
- Thursday 2nd January
- Friday 3rd January
- Monday 6th January (INSET Day)

Please note we are not open between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day.

Full days can be booked or just morning (7.30 am-1.00 pm) or afternoon sessions (1.00 pm-6.00 pm).

Booking forms are available from the school office, the Hive and the school website. Alternatively, you can email your requirements, stating which days and sessions you wish to book, to:

admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk

Please make your booking by Monday 9th December; we cannot guarantee places for bookings made after this date.

Year 1 Leafman



Shockingly, last week Leafman blew into school to drop off a taunting message for Year 1, leaving a trail of beautiful tawny leaves in the entrance hall as he left.

Year 1 then went outside, on a gorgeous crisp autumn day, and made some 'photo-fits' from leaves to show what they think he looks like.



Sports Report: High Five Netball Tournament at Heron Hill School, 1st November

Last Friday, 9 schools (with 12 teams in total) played exciting and competitive netball in rather wet and dreary weather. Heron Hill A team won 3 games and drew the 4th which means that they are through to the next round at Queen Elizabeth School on Wednesday 13th November. Heron Hill B team played brilliantly as a team but were unable to qualify this time.

We also had the chance to assist some children from Sandgate School. Due to illness they could not put out a full team so 5 very willing volunteers helped out in their games by assisting with showing the girls what to do and by passing the ball to them. The staff from Sandgate were thrilled with how supportive and encouraging our children were. Thanks to Molly, Lucy, Clara, Ollie and Toby.

Janette Foster



Kenya Day - Tuesday 12th November

We will be studying urban and rural settlements on Kenya Day and would like to make models of towns and villages. We would appreciate donations of small cardboard boxes (up to cereal box size) and toilet roll tubes to help us to do this, can you help?

Family Morning - Wednesday 4th December

The focus for this term's Family Morning will be preparing decorations for Christmas. Reception to Year 6 pupils will go into their all age family groups; this allows brothers and sisters to have a morning working together in a classroom.

Learning Means the World



We have recently made some exciting changes to our curriculum in Years 1 to 6 which will be introduced fully after Christmas. Indeed, in many of our classes the changes have already taken effect. We have taken a fresh look at how we teach separate subjects and remapped the curriculum in order to teach through a number of exciting themes. We are calling this new curriculum 'Learning Means the World' and, as the name suggests, the themes all have a global feel and an emphasis on teaching children about issues around the world.

The curriculum continues to be built around the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum so the content will be similar, however the sequence and structure of the lessons will be slightly different to what the children have experienced up to now. As with everything at school, if you are interested in finding out more, the best people to ask about it are your children. If you have any more specific queries, your class teacher will be more than happy to answer these for you.