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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to you all! Welcome back to spring term 2020. Hopefully, any resolutions made are still in place; certainly, the children and staff are doing their best to start the year positively. In our assemblies, we have been discussing how important it is to support each other and help others when they are in need. Many children have expressed concern over the fires currently causing destruction in Australia and the plight of the animals. The children have told us they would like to 'do something' and have suggested raising money to support the rescue and care of animals caught up in the fires.

Therefore, on Friday 24th January we will have a 'mufti day' when children can wear red, white and blue (the colours of the Australian flag) clothing in return for bringing in a donation of at least £1.00 to school. As this is the children's request it is, of course, not compulsory and anyone who would prefer to come in their uniform that day are welcome to do so and do not then need to make a donation.

This is a great demonstration of how thoughtful and caring our children are, so please give your support to this if you are able.

Peter Hicks



Dates for your Diary

Monday 20 th January	Year 2 at the 'La'al Big Sing'
Friday 24 th January	Help Australian animals non-uniform/mufti day: wear red, white and blue and Bring in a donation of at least £1.00 per child
Tuesday 28 th January	Year 5 parents' meeting re Year 6 residential, 5.30 pm
Wednesday 29 th January	Nursery Open Morning for September 2020 starters, 9.30 am-11.30 am
Wednesday 29 th January	Nursery Open Afternoon for September 2020 starters, 1.00 pm-3.00 pm
Friday 31 st January	'Sleeping Beauty' Pantomime for Nursery-Year 2 pupils, in school
Monday 10 th February	Year 6 parents' meeting re Key Stage 2 SATS, 6.00 pm
Wednesday 12 th February	Nursery Open Afternoon, 1.00 pm-3.00 pm
Friday 14 th February	Kenya Day, bring in £1.00 per child donation
Friday 14 th February	Half term holiday begins, 3.15 pm
Monday 24 th February	The Hive wrap around care provision will be open each day of the holiday
Wednesday 26 th February	Return to school
Thursday 27 th February	The Choir participates in 'The Big Sing'
Friday 28 th February	Fairtrade Big Brew, 3.15 pm-4.30 pm
Thursday 5 th March	Termly reports to parents
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day family morning. We would like pupils to dress up as favourite books or book characters
Tuesday 10 th March	Parent Consultation Meetings, 3.30 pm-6.30 pm
Friday 13 th March	Parent Consultation Meetings, 3.30 pm-6.00 pm
Saturday 14 th March	Sports Relief Day
Friday 27 th March	Rotary Swimathon
	End of term, 2.00 pm

The Hive Wrap Around Care

We are now taking booking for our February Half-Term Holiday Club and the Hive will be open from 7.30 am-6.00 pm every day (Monday to Friday).

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 dates and sessions you wish to book, to: admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk Please make your booking by Monday 3rd February, we cannot guarantee places for bookings made after this date.

Please do not park in the school car park to drop off/collect children who are attending the Hive, nor walk through the car park gates to get to the Hive. Please use the safe fenced walkway around to the nursery building.

Parking around the School

Since the start of January, Cumbria police have been monitoring the parking situation in the streets near the school, in response to many complaints about inconsiderate parking and driving. We understand that some drivers were given advice and a warning.

The police have asked us to pass on to you that they and the traffic wardens will continue to monitor parking arrangements around the school and from now on if they see illegal road use, they will be issuing parking tickets.



News from Friends of Heron Hill

Friends of Heron Hill would like to say a big thank you for the support you gave us in our first term with a new committee. Following the success of our Christmas Shopping Event which raised £3,000, we also raised £630 at the end of term fun event.

We have lots of exciting plans in place for the next couple of terms so look out for the FOHH newsletter and on our Facebook page where we will be publicising upcoming events. As always, we welcome any support even if it is just for the odd event so please contact us on fohhchair@gmail.com or through Facebook if you would like to get involved.

Photography and Videoing in School

The school policy is that parents and carers can only photograph and video their children within the school grounds if they have the express permission of the Headteacher and on the understanding that if the images include children other than their own, they are not shared via social media. The Headteacher usually gives permission for family members to photograph/video assemblies and productions on this understanding.

If you see that images of Heron Hill pupils in school clothing are being put on social media by people other than the pupils' parents/carers, please let the school know.

Asthma and Nutrition

Heron Hill School is participating in a research project on nutrition science and practice, related to asthma, which is being carried out by Lin Petry.

All parents who have children with a diagnosis of asthma are invited to take part. This is a great opportunity to contribute to a better understanding on how asthma information may influence asthma management and symptoms.

A questionnaire will be distributed on Tuesday 21st January to parents of the children we know have an asthma diagnosis. The questionnaire and further information will also be available on the school website for you to view or download. We request that completed questionnaires are returned to the school office by Monday 27th January. The responses will not identify you or your child.

If you would like to receive further information, you can contact Lin via linpetry@nca.ac.uk Lin will be organising some open evenings later in the term to share information about nutrition and asthma.

Year 4 Firebirds

We have an absolutely splendid display of homework by Year 4 pupils in the school entrance. Inspired by the Russian folk story, the children were set the task of depicting the bird in their own way and now the hallway is ablaze with bright, flaming firebirds. Stunning.



Maths Toolkits



A toolkit full of resources to help your child with maths at home is available to buy from the school office. It costs £4.00 and is suitable mainly for pupils who are in Reception to Year 3.

Year 5 Sharing with Year 4

In preparation for the Year 4 residential visit to Malham later this year (first time our pupils have a residential visit is during Year 4), Year 5 pupils visited Year 4 and shared their experiences of their Year 4 residential visit. It looks like Year 5 did a great job at keeping Year 4 pupils engrossed in their tales.



Fun Spelling Activity Booklet

The school has produced a booklet full of fun ideas to help your child with learning to spell. Call at the office to pick up a free copy.

Kendal College Bake Off

If you like a challenge and a competition, this could be for you! Great prizes!

THE GREAT KENDAL BAKE OFF

Friday 31st January 2020
at Kendal College Restaurant

To Enter: Please register at www.trybooking.co.uk/NEL before Mon 27th Jan
Bakes must be delivered between 8:30-10am on 31st Jan
Spectators welcome from 10:30am. Winners announced at 12:30pm

Professionals £5 • Amateurs £5 • Vegans £5
Under 18's £2.50 • One Entry Per Ticket

All bakes will be sold off in a mega bake sale from 1pm onwards
Proceeds from this event go towards promoting positive recovery

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This event is kindly sponsored by **Lakeland**
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OUR FAB PRIZES

The highly coveted **Kitchenaid** courtesy of our sponsors, Lakeland

1 An overnight stay in a Scandinavian lodge at Brathay Hall

Lakeland Segway Voucher for Two

The Create Escape Course Voucher

Hawkshead Relish Hamper & signed book

Friday 31st January 2020
The Restaurant at Kendal College

For more information & to enter, please visit www.trybooking.co.uk/NEL

Open Arms Academy

Following the very successful visit in November to Heron Hill School by our friends from Open Arms Academy, this February we will be continuing to develop our link with the school. Mrs Jones (Year 1) and Mrs Broomby (Year 2) are going to travel to Eldoret, Kenya and will spend a week (8th-15th February) supporting the children and teachers in Open Arms Academy, teaching lessons and training staff. While there, we are planning to link up via FaceTime/Skype so that our children can 'meet' some of the Kenyan children.

On Friday 14th February we will have a 'Kenya Day' in school in order to raise funds for this important and deserving cause. The children are invited to come into school in non-uniform and donate £1.00 per child. All money raised will go to our Open Arms Academy charity fund. There is no theme for this mufti/non-uniform day.



Open Arms Academy teachers Brian and Joab at Heron Hill in November

Train to Teach in Kendal

The Kendal Primary Partnership School Direct programme is currently recruiting for September 2020. Students complete a full time Postgraduate Certificate in Education with the University of Cumbria. The course is based in and around local schools.



This exciting programme provides opportunities to experience critical and creative approaches to teaching in Early Years and Primary settings. Our Primary Programme Lead, Rachel Esposito, won The People's Choice Golden Apple Award 2018 for her work developing the course and supporting our students.

Currently recruiting for its seventh year, the course has established partnerships with local schools who support placements and academic modules.

For further details contact Rachel at resposito@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk or come along and meet us at the Westmorland Shopping Centre on Saturday 8th February from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm.

Our website also provides lots of information www.kendalprimarypartnership.org

Governor Insight: Douglas Rathbone

Well, here we are in 2020 already and all of a sudden this May is fast approaching. Why is that important? This May, it becomes serious and unless circumstances change, I will become Mayor (and after Andy Blackman led the way, Heron Hill School's second recent Governor-and-Mayor).

I could never have imagined myself being anything like a Mayor when I was the age of the children at Heron Hill. At this time of year I would still be disgruntled that I had only been a donkey in the Nativity play and the closest I had got to seeing a Mayor was watching 'Trumpton' on telly! I would not even have dreamed it 5 years ago. It just shows that we never know where our lives will carry us and what changes will happen to who we are as people and what we do.

It is a great honour to be Mayor, especially as the first of 'the 2018 intake' of Town Councillors to be chosen by the Town Council. The role is really nothing about me as an individual in the sense that I am there to represent Kendal and what is best about our town, to give recognition to all the people who contribute so much to what Kendal is, in the town and surrounding area. To take on that role in your own town is quite a responsibility and to wear the Chain will be a bit gobsmacking for me, especially when the bling will be a lot better (and heavier) than the current Chain I have as Deputy Mayor (see picture).

While Mayor I will focus on Kendal's heritage and history as a theme and I also want to get the school involved in a couple of Mayoral events, but more on that later... Despite this, there is still work to do as a Governor and I had better make a start with the next school Travel Plan!

