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HERON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

In a few weeks time two members of staff will be travelling to Kenya to work with the children and staff of our partner school, Open Arms Academy, following on the plans I helped to put in place with the headteacher there last October.

If you came to any of our events over Christmas, you will already be aware that we have adopted Open Arms Academy as one of Heron Hill's 'chosen charities', alongside our other regular charities, some near to home (St John's Hospice, North West Air Ambulance), and others further afield and abroad (New Beginnings).

In order to support the work of Open Arms Academy, we are inviting all children to take part in a mufti day (non-uniform) on Friday 25th January. For just a £1 donation, each child can choose what to wear that day.

Obviously, we do not use school funds to send staff to Kenya. I have made an application to the British Council this week for a grant for international collaboration and I have already received a small grant towards this next visit.

The two staff going in February are Mrs Lawson and Mrs Turner and they are paying much of the costs themselves. They are spending two weeks away and so will not be in Heron Hill for the week before February half term. I will, of course, cover their absence by staff the children know and are familiar with.

I am sure you will join me in wishing both Mrs Lawson and Mrs Turner a safe journey and if you would like to know more about Open Arms Academy, please do ask me or follow this link:
<http://www.openarmsinternational.org/academy>

Peter Hicks

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 22 nd January	Year 5 parents 'Real Adventure' meeting , 5.30 pm
Friday 25 th January	Mufti (non-uniform) Day for Open Arms Academy (see above). £1 per child donation.
Friday 25 th January	Friends of Heron Hill disco, Nursery-Year 3 at 6.15 pm, Years 3-6 at 7.15 pm
Wednesday 30 th January	Wonderful Welly Walking Wednesday (part of 'Feet First')
Friday 1 st February	Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 pantomime at Heron Hill
Thursday 7 th February	Year 6 parents SATs information meeting, 6.00 pm
Friday 8 th February	Year 5 Assembly, 2.30 pm. All Year 5 family and friends welcome.
Friday 15 th February	End of half term, 3.15 pm
Monday 25 th February	Return to school
Thursday 28 th February	Bags2School collection day
Thursday 28 th February	Fairtrade Big Brew event, 3.15 pm
Friday 1 st March	National Offer Day (secondary school allocations announced)
Friday 1 st March	Travelling by Tuba (visiting musicians/storytellers)
Friday 1 st March	Nursery Open Afternoon, 1.30 pm-4.30 pm (for September 2019 admissions)
Friday 1 st March	Termly reports to parents
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day Family Morning
Thursday 7 th March	Parent consultation meetings, 3.30 pm-6.30 pm
Tuesday 12 th March	Parent consultation meetings, 3.30 pm-6.00 pm
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Day
Monday 25 th March	Big Pedal begins (2 weeks of being encouraged by Mrs Lehane to get on your bike)
Thursday 28 th March	Year 5 Enterprise Project sale, 3.15 pm
Friday 29 th March	Closing date for September 2019 Nursery applications
Wednesday 3 rd April	Music concert, 6.00 pm
Friday 5 th April	Super Hero dressing up day, to mark the last day of the Big Pedal
Friday 5 th April	End of spring term, 2.00 pm



WONDERFUL WELLY WALKING WEDNESDAY

On **Wednesday 30th January**, we would like your child to join with many thousands of children across Cumbria in walking to school while wearing their wellies; if they decorate their wellies, all the better!

Your child will also have a chance to win a prize for the best design for a welly boot, on a paper template that they will work on either in the classroom or they will come home with it. Entries need to be returned to the school office by Friday 1st February.



Can You Help Friends of Heron Hill?

Friends of Heron Hill are always hoping for more help, running stalls at the Christmas and summer fairs, collecting raffle prizes, setting up the hall for discos etc. One key important role all year round is that of treasurer and in order to remain as a charity, Friends of Heron Hill must have a named treasurer.

Our current treasurer, Mrs Caroline Airey, will be standing down next September and we are looking for a replacement to work alongside her with a view to taking over in the autumn term. If you would like to help the school in this role, Friends of Heron Hill are very keen to hear from you. The role of treasurer is not a big one, but is very necessary. It only takes up a few hours a few times each term. For more details or to volunteer, please speak to Mr Hicks or contact Mrs Airey, (email: cairey75@gmail.com).

Interested in Teaching?



If you would like to find out more about training to be a teacher in Kendal, join Pippa Leslie and Rachel Esposito at Kendal Library **on Monday 21st January**. Drop in anytime from 2.30 pm until 4.30 pm.

For more details see the website www.kendalprimarypartnership.org or

email resposito@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk



Bella Mae Hunter

We are delighted for Mr and Mrs Hunter, on the safe arrival of their daughter, Bella Mae, on 23rd December.

Mrs Hunter is very well and very pleased that she is fitting into her pre-baby jeans already! Hopefully Bella will be visiting the school along with her mum in the near future, to say hello to Year 6.



School Angel Each Time You Shop Online: Every Click Helps

By clicking on Heron Hill's 'School Angel' link at the bottom of our website pages (and on the logo below), a small percentage of the value of any purchases you make online comes to the school (that small percentage would otherwise go to Google or the other search engines you use). Please remember to click on our School Angel link first when you shop online.



Casterton Cross Country Event: 9th January

On a beautiful, sunny but cold afternoon 22 children ran in 6 races over the afternoon. Fantastic running by everyone – with some even exceeding their own expectations. Well done to all, we are very proud of you! Leon was in medal-winning 3rd place in his race. James, Fraser, Harry, Elissa, Leon, Will, Lachlan, Alfie and Corey ran well enough to qualify for the county finals, which take place later this month.

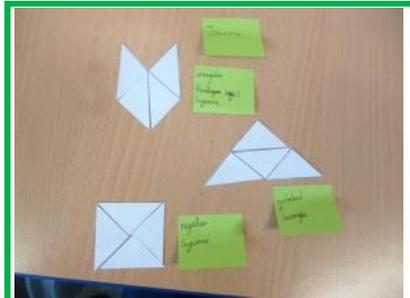




Elle
Mrs



Year 1 pupils have been learning to solve maths problems in lots of fun ways!



Year 5 pupils have been learning about shapes.



Year 3 pupils are learning facts about shapes too, especially cubes, using a range of materials (giotto modelling clay, multilink and straws) and about right, acute and obtuse angles, using masking tape.



Nursery Extension

It may be surrounded by building site barriers, cement mixers and builders, but our Nursery has continued to be open while the extension works take place and 12 new children joined us in January - welcome!

Mrs Metcalfe is very excited about how she is going to use all the extra space Nursery will have from February.



Musician Visit

Rock on!! Years 3 and 4 had a lovely surprise on Tuesday morning when local rock star, Andrew Roze, paid them a visit. He played lots of songs on his electric guitar, acoustic guitar and electro-acoustic ukulele and taught them about how different sounds are made with each. He also spoke about what inspired him to become a musician and why music is an important part of his and many people's lives.

All of the children in Years 3 and 4 are learning to play the ukulele this year so this was a great way for them to see where learning a musical instrument can lead.

Governor Insight: Ian Vermeulen

As parents, it is easy for us to drop our kids off at the beginning of the day and collect them after school without actually thinking about what goes on during the school day. It is easy to forget all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes during the day. Many of us are probably not even aware of just how much work and preparation is involved to ensure that our children get the most from their school day.

As a governor I have come to appreciate the school from a wider perspective and to see just how much work is involved in the day to day running of Heron Hill. Not just during the school day, but also all the hours of planning and preparation that happen after hours, over weekends and during holidays. Staff, many of whom have their own families, arrive well before school starts and are there long after the children have left. This work from all staff not only takes the form of teaching and lesson planning, but also involves after school activities, special needs planning, staff organisation, building and maintenance, cleaning, administration, marking, attending courses, feeding the children and ensuring that they are safe and cared for at all times.

So I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, whatever their roles at Heron Hill for all the hard work and commitment they show to ensure that when we drop our children off at school, they get the most from their day and come home as better educated and more rounded individuals.



Have Your Say

The way the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme (HCP) and Early Help services in Cumbria are provided is changing. A consultation is taking place, which gives you an opportunity to have your say on proposals for a new children, young people and families' wellbeing service. This new way of working will bring together and integrate the 0-19 HCP and Early Help services in your local area into one model – the Children, Young People and Families Wellbeing Model.

There will be a 'Drop-in' session on Monday 11th February, 9.30am-12.00 noon at Kendal Library, Stricklandgate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4PY. This is your chance to influence the services families have access to.

Governor Roadshow

There is a general shortage of governors in the county (but not at Heron Hill School, at present).

An information evening will take place on Wednesday 23rd January between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm at Abbey House in Barrow. If you would like more information about the role of governor, please go along or if you know anyone who would make a great governor, share this with them. More information is available here:

<http://yarsideteachingschool.co.uk/gov-info-event/>



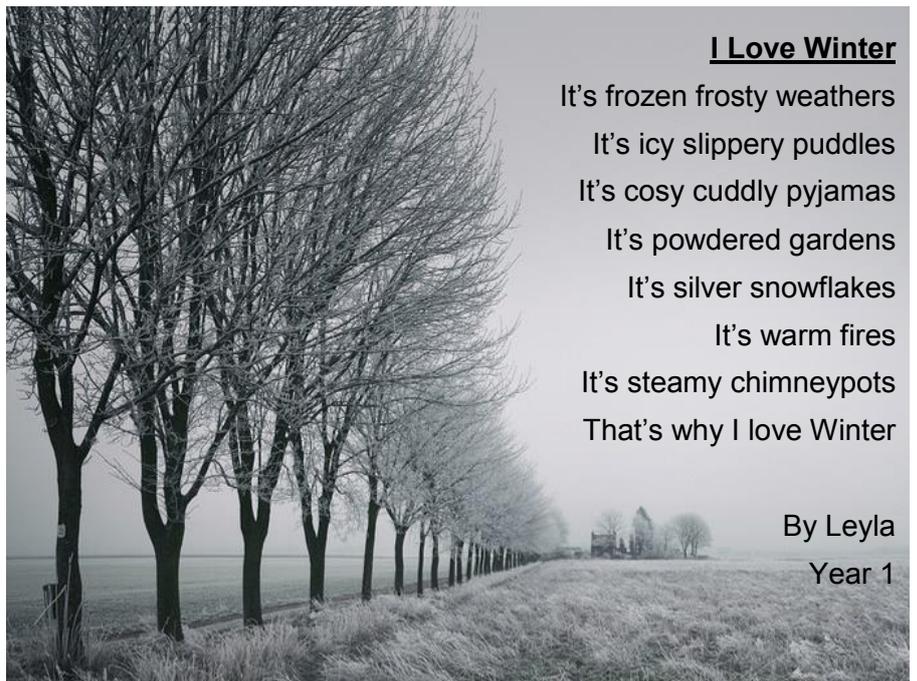
Book Review

The Ice Monster by David Walliams

This book is one of David's newest novels and, in my opinion, the best. I loved this book, because it is full of adventure, humour (as always) and fun.

Anyone who reads this book is guaranteed laughter and enjoyment. I had so much fun reading this book.

Review by Abbie, Year 5



I Love Winter

It's frozen frosty weathers
It's icy slippery puddles
It's cosy cuddly pyjamas
It's powdered gardens
It's silver snowflakes
It's warm fires
It's steamy chimneypots
That's why I love Winter

By Leyla
Year 1