HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after half term everyone and thank you for stepping up to our increased COVID procedures once again by the wearing of masks. It's great news about a possible vaccine, and I am sure it can't come soon enough for all of us! Many thanks to those of you who have also responded to our questionnaire regarding the current circumstances we all find ourselves in; we are at present collating results, which we hope will give us useful date going forward in terms of our planning etc.

For a first week back and a national lockdown in place, there has been a lot going on in school much to the delight of the children. Today, of course, we are dressed in rainbow colours in aid of Children in Need: we have raised so far a total of £198! Thank you so much – if any of you missed our bucket collection and would like to contribute, please catch one of us at the gate. Thank you again for your generosity. Having watched the annual rickshaw event and the challenges faced by so many children today, pandemic or no pandemic, it does put an awful lot into perspective. We have all LOVED wearing our rainbow hues – the place is awash with colour, as you will see from our photographs!

We have also taken part in Kindness Cumbria day this week, making bunting and thinking about what kindness means. Assembly on Monday took the theme of 'Colour my World with Kindness'. On Wednesday,

we have also- of course- seen a sea of red for Remembrance Day. As is tradition, our Heads of School represented Hunter Hall at St Andrews, whilst the rest of us stood in silence at 11 o clock for 2 minutes to think about the enormous sacrifice that has been made for us to enjoy the lives we lead today.

Our academic and finance committee have met this week prior to the board meeting next week. The academic committee looked at projected grades (as of course there were no end of school year exams or SATS last summer), senior school destinations and also how we are tracking pupils progress throughout the school. Our finance committee continue to keep a tight rein on the finances, being prudent and responsible in managing cash flow effectively and planning for the future investment of the school. The board meets next week, although of course all meetings remain on TEAMS at present.

And finally for this week, thank you to our parents group and all of you who helped us with our bake sale prior to half term – an amazing £341.90 was raised for school funds and this will go towards a wish list of things we need for school which will be of benefit to the children.

Enjoy some semblance of a weekend.

Mrs D Vinsome

Pre School News

It has been lovely welcoming the children back into pre-school after the half term. Our topic this term will be celebrations and we have begun by exploring bonfire night and creating firework pictures using marbles, glitter and paint. The children have also been busy creating firework pictures using chalks and black paper; celebrations is a wonderful way of exploring and experimenting with different resources.

We were incredibly proud of our pre-school children as they stood very respectfully to observe the two minute silence on Wednesday- such an important day to remember.

Miss Gallagher

Congratulations to **Zachary Lowther** (Year 3) and **Ned Hutt** (Reception) for being chosen as the first prize winners in the Halloween Art competition. Well done to you both!!!

Second place went to Anna Ford (Year 4) and Daniel McCallum (Pre School). Third place went to Orla Meek (Year 3) and Kiearra Atkinson (Reception). Thank you to all of those children who took part. The art captains were impressed with the entries.

Well done to Anna and Ted, our art captains, for organising their first competition. Keep an eye out for their next challenge!

Mrs Tarrant

Week Ahead

Monday 16 November 2020

11:00 - 15:00	LAMDA
15:20-16:20	After School: Hockey (Lower School) * Please bring shin pads
15:20-16:20	After School: Choir
16:30-17:30	After School Band
15:50 - 18:30	Parents' Evening Y 4, 5 and Pre- School (Postponed- Date TBC)

Tuesday 17 November 2020

13:30 - 16:30	Outdoor Education: Year 3S (Outdoor Climbing & Team Building)
15:20 - 16:20	After School: Creative Dance (Reception to Year 3)
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Chess (Upper School)
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Drama (Upper School)
16:30 - 17:30	After School: Exam Prep (Year 5)

Wednesday 18 November 2020

13:30 - 15:15	HH In School Fixture (Years 3&4, Team Challenge)
13:30 - 16:30	HH In School Fixture (Years 5&6 Football & Volleyball)
15:30 - 16:20	Year 3 and 4 Sports' Fixture Day Sports Club
15:20 - 16:20	After School: Board Games & Puzzles (Lower School)

Thursday 19 November 2020

13:30 - 16:30	Outdoor Education: Year 4&5 (Outdoor Climbing & Team Building)
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Languages (Upper School)
15:30 - 16:30	Mindfulness Colouring (Upper School)

Friday 20 November 2020

12:30 - 16:30	LAMDA
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Running Club (Upper School)
16:20 - 17:20	After School: Tennis (Upper School)