



HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

What a superb week with which to begin term – wall to wall sunshine and happy, articulate and confident children going about their daily tasks. They have all hit the ground running, enjoying lessons outside when appropriate and possible, and we have just taken delivery of our new tent for the summer, which I am sure will be well used for shelter from sunshine or showers. We are at present still in winter uniform (frosts on a morning a reminder that it is still April), but we will review it once into May now that I can see many of you are sorting summer uniform requirements.

Speaking of uniform, please do not forget Tuesday is an official photo today so all children will need to be spruced with blazers, ties, hair combed etc. We have received Tempest's risk assessment with regard to COVID measures and sanitisers and distancing will be in place. If you have a younger sibling coming in to have their photo taken with their siblings, we will need to adhere strictly to timings please in order that we remain COVID compliant. Please check with Mrs Colbear or Miss Fawcett in the office if you are at all unsure.

Many of you have now met Miss Fawcett, and the children greeted her warmly in assembly this morning as they presented her with a welcome card. Next Friday will be Mrs Colbear's official last day (although she is in school on the Saturday for our open day). I have shown a number of families around our beautiful school this week, with more appointments in the diary prior to open day. As always, if you know of anyone who would be interested in a place and would like an appointment for our open day please pass on our details.

Thank you to those of you who have expressed interest in our minibus service too. Do not forget to contact the office if you would like to register your interest.

Next week are parent meetings for a number of year groups. The format will be the same as previous – for upper school the venue will be the hall and for lower school their respective classrooms. Please can I ask you to keep to your appointment times, as we cannot have more than 6 adults in a space at

any one time and face coverings must be worn. After school care will continue as normal, but there will be only limited after school clubs as staff will be busy with meetings.

It has been very reassuring to see things slowly returning to normal in school and seeing the minibus out and about this week has been a joy. The children have been off to Sedbergh for a coaching afternoon of cricket, whilst outdoor education has included a glorious afternoon of sailing on Ullswater lake.

The little ones have enjoyed practising their athletics for sports day on the field as well as having special canine visitors earlier in the week which they thoroughly enjoyed learning to look after and take for walks. In fact, a plethora of learning activities have been taking place around the school, and it has also been nice to welcome back in our LAMDA and music teachers.

Good luck to the astronauts who launched into space aboard Falcon 9 Dragon this morning – many of us watched the live lift off at 10 49 this morning from our science centre – amazing!
Onward and upward to week 2, enjoy your weekend of sunshine, see you all on Monday.

Mrs D Vinsome

PS.Do you like apple pies? (See attached poster)

Pre School News

We have had a great week back in pre-school. We have all talked about what we have done over the Easter holidays, how we celebrated and who we celebrated with. We drew pictures of our favourite activity.

Our new topic is incredible insects and changes which we are looking forward to exploring further. On Wednesday afternoon, we were very lucky to have Miss Graham's dogs, Bella (who is a 6-month-old puppy) and Pepper (who is 2), come and visit us.

This was to help us see the difference between them and to see how they change when they get older. They are both very cheeky and kept us entertained for the afternoon!

As well as this, we have been using the magnifying glasses to explore the insects and see what characteristics they have. We have also been looking out for insects when we have been in the playground and talking about how we can look after them.



Miss Borthwick

Cookery Club

It was lovely to welcome back Cookery Club to the after-school program after 12 months of Recipes of the Week, virtual cook – alongs on Teams and recorded cookery videos from my own kitchen. This week, we made a wide variety of picnic treats, all in the outdoors, including sandwich pinwheels, smoked mackerel pate, cheese and marmite pastry pinwheels

and tasted marmite and vegemite as part of our Try it Tuesday feature. I can safely say there were more marmite/vegemite haters than lovers!

This half term, the sessions are running on Tuesdays for Year 5 and 6 and next half term they will be for Year 3 and 4 pupils, again on Tuesdays.

Could I please ask all pupils, who are attending, to bring an apron and a container to take home their goodies each week, as we aim to reduce, where possible, the amount of single use plastic and disposable packing we need to supply.

Many Thanks, Mrs Wilson

Week Ahead – Week 2

Monday 26 April 2021

11:30 - 15:00	LAMDA
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Band (Upper School)
16:00 - 18:30	Parent Meetings: Year 6, Year 5 and Year 2 and Reception
16:30 - 17:30	Additional Cricket Coaching with Mr Hetherington (Year 5)

Tuesday 27 April 2021

08:30 - 11:30	Individual & Sibling Photos
13:30 - 16:30	Outdoor Education (Year 3P Fell Walk)
16:00 - 18:30	Parent Meetings: Year 1 and Year 4 and pre school
16:30 - 17:30	Additional Cricket Coaching with Mr Hetherington (Year 6)

Wednesday 28 April 2021

14:00 - 16:00	U9 & U11 Athletics Afternoon at Sedbergh Prep
15:20 - 16:20	After School: Mindfulness Colouring (Lower School)

Thursday 29 April 2021

13:30 - 16:30	Outdoor Education (Years 4&5 Fell Walk)
15:20 - 16:20	After School: Languages (Upper School)
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Mindfulness Colouring (Upper School)
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Football
16:30 - 17:30	Additional Cricket Coaching with Mr Hetherington (Years 3&4) (Places full)

Friday 30 April 2021

12:30 - 16:00	LAMDA
14:00 - 17:30	U11 Girls' Cricket v Sedbergh Prep at Sedbergh Prep.
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Athletics (Upper School)
15:30 - 16:30	After School: Fencing- new block (Upper School)
16:30 - 17:30	Additional Cricket Coaching with Mr Hetherington (Years 3&4)

Saturday 01 May 2021

All Day	OPEN DAY
10:00 - 12:00	Girls' Cricket Coaching with Mr Hetherington (Years 2-6)

