



HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

Newsletter Number 2
Summer Term, 30th April 2021



Dear Parents,

Our week started with an apple pie for the teachers, courtesy of Chenda as she raises money for her Ugandan project to build houses for school staff. The details were put into last week's newsletter if you would like to order one – it certainly got a thumbs up from all of us at breaktime!

Parents' meetings are now well underway this term, and despite face coverings and social distancing, it really has been wonderful to chat to you all this week. It has made us all realise how much we miss it and for some of you it was the first time you had actually seen your little ones' classrooms! Hopefully before the end of term, we will have further opportunities to invite you into school in some form, but until then, please don't hesitate to catch us at the gate or e mail if you would like to speak to your child's teacher about anything. Next week, we conclude parent meetings with Year 3, so a reminder that there will be no clubs next Wednesday, although there will still be after school care if you need it.

Mrs Colbear and Miss Fawcett as you know have been working together for the last two weeks as we transition our office staff. From Monday, Miss Fawcett flies solo, whilst today we all said goodbye to Olivia who has been showered with many gifts and cards including flowers, plants, cake, garden and Boden vouchers - what more could a girl want!! Mrs Colbear has asked me to pass on her thanks for all her gifts and good wishes – she tells me she has a lot of thank you cards to write in the coming weeks!
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As well as saying goodbye to Mrs Colbear in assembly, Mrs Tarrant announced our 'Artist of the Month' for April which has gone to Hugo in Year 6, for a wonderful creation after a very fruitful art afternoon. The children certainly approved as they all went 'Oooooooooooh' when his piece was held up in assembly. The children are also certainly enjoying EDIC (Everyone Drawing In Class) as a mindful interlude in our busy day at school on a Friday, and our thanks go to Mrs Lowther who continues to contribute video clips for us to use with the children. Mindful colouring club after school also continues to give the children a chance to unwind too courtesy of Mrs Wilson, who has also just

qualified as our school mental health first aider, whilst Mrs Griffiths will complete the course next week.

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It is difficult to know what the weather is thinking at the moment - it's certainly been colder this week with snow and hail thrown into the mix at times (!), so we will see what next week brings but the transition to summer uniform will be from **Monday 10th of May** please. There will be a week's change over with all children being in summer uniform by **Monday 17th May** please. There are a number of children with extremely threadbare blazers which look extremely sorry for themselves too, which could also do with updating please - please speak to Miss Fawcett on the school gate should your child require a new one.

Open days for senior schools are coming thick and fast as restrictions begin to lift. QM's have asked us to mention theirs on Saturday 22nd May, whilst QEGS are hosting their open evening for year 5 on Tuesday 22nd of June. There are a number of other significant dates you need to be aware of with regard to QEGS. If you have a child in year 5, please read the information attached carefully.

And finally, as it is the end of the month, it is also our 100 club draw which was drawn in assembly this morning - congratulations to the Barrs (first prize), Cartwrights (2nd prize) and Hutts (3rd prize) for being drawn out the hat this morning.

Enjoy your long weekend. Next week it is our STEM week, and we are very much looking forward to a plethora of activities arranged by Mr Spooner and Mr Sturgess scattered throughout the week.

Mrs D Vinsome

Pre School News

This week in pre-school we have been learning all about life cycles of a butterfly.

At the beginning of the week, we explored a life cycle and talked about the different stages, how a caterpillar turns into a butterfly, using special words such as chrysalis and symmetrical.

We have created our own pictures of the life cycle, beginning with an egg on a leaf, turning into a caterpillar, a chrysalis and finally a butterfly. We practised our pencil control whilst drawing and talked about what each thing looked like, what shapes we should use and what colours.

We have also created our own symmetrical butterflies using bobbins to paint with and create a pattern on the wings!

Outside, we have been on a butterfly hunt to see how many we could see and what colours they have on their wings. The children have also enjoyed sharing 'The Big Book of Bugs' which Clara very kindly brought in to show us.



Miss Borthwick

Week Ahead – Week 3

****STEM WEEK****

Monday 03 May 2021

~~16:30 - 17:30~~

Public Holiday – School Closed

~~Additional Cricket Coaching with Mr Hetherington (Year 5) **To be arranged for another date**~~

Tuesday 04 May 2021

13:30 - 16:30

Outdoor Education (Year 3S Fell Walk)

15:10 - 15:20

After School: Athletics (Lower School)

15:20 - 16:20

After School: Creative Dance (Lower School)

15:30 - 16:30

After School: Chess & Backgammon (Upper School)

15:30 - 16:30

After School: Cookery Club (Years 5 and 6)

16:30 - 17:30

Additional Cricket Coaching with Mr Hetherington (Year 6)

16:30 - 17:30

After School: Exam Prep (Year 5)

17:30 - 20:00

U11 Cricket v Appleby Cricket Club

Wednesday 05 May 2021

All Day

Deadline for return of photograph forms

16:00 - 19:00

Parent Meetings: Year 3

14:00 - 16:30

U11 Cricket v Sedbergh at home

Thursday 06 May 2021

13:30 - 16:30

Outdoor Education (Year 6 Sailing)

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: Cricket (Upper School)

15:30 - 16:30

After School: Football

16:30 - 17:30

Additional Cricket Coaching with Mr Hetherington (Years 3&4)

Friday 07 May 2021

STEM Week: Dressing Up Day

12:30 - 16:00

LAMDA

~~14:00 - 18:30~~

~~U11 Girls' Cricket at home v Barnard Castle (CANCELLED)~~

~~14:00 - 18:30~~

~~U11 Boys' Cricket at Barnard Castle (CANCELLED)~~

15:30 - 16:30

After School: Athletics (Upper School)

15:30 - 16:30

After School: Fencing (Upper School)

16:30 - 17:30

Additional Cricket Coaching with Mr Hetherington (Years 3&4)