



# HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We started the week with Reverend Sargent talking about harvest – a busy time for all, especially with access to food on supermarket shelves hot on the agenda. A heads up about our own harvest festival service which will take place on **Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October at 2:15** in the school hall. All are invited to attend. We will be asking for harvest gifts for our harvest sale – fresh produce and harvest baskets, as well as plants, cakes, scones, bread, homemade jams and chutneys etc, the proceeds of which will go to one of the charities we support – confirmed at a later date. If you want to get in early and drop off produce, please leave in the office.

Speaking of being busy in the fields for harvest, the men folk of HH have also been busy – putting a new roof on our pavilion. What a great job they have done – our pavilion is such a useful resource for us and it is great to see such parental involvement. Hats off to: Old Hunter Mr Harling, as well as Mr Goulding, Mr Raven, Mr White and Mr Ellerton for their time and effort!



Next week is the start of Book Week and we launch it dressing up as a character from any of the Roald Dahl books. A golden coin or such in aid of the Roald Dahl charity <https://www.roalddahlcharity.org/> would be much appreciated. At present there are 82 Roald Dahl



nurses offering specialist care to seriously ill children and support to their families across the UK.

In anticipation of Book Week, the children will also be bringing home an interhouse reading challenge sheet today, and they need to have as much time reading/being read to as possible from Friday evening to the following Friday morning. The more minutes they read for, the more chance their house has of winning, and being crowned the Hunter Hall Reading Champions!

If they are at a loose end this weekend, they can also enter the diorama competition – entries by Thursday please.

And finally with matters related to Book Week, the Book Fair has arrived in school – please see flyer at the bottom. It will be 'live' from Monday. Books are available to buy from school and payment can be made online using a QR code, or if you prefer to pay in cash that is also fine. The more books sold the more commission for school to replenish stock.

Cumbria has issued new guidance in relation to the rising number of COVID cases in Cumbria and the quest to keep schools open and children in education. Please find attached the information they have sent for parents.

In other news – this week we have welcomed our new student teacher Mr McCabe in school. He will be mainly working with Year 1, but will also help with sporting and outdoor education activities. He is here over the next two weeks to acclimatise and will start placement after the half term break.

We have also welcomed new playground equipment, courtesy of Year 4 parents and children, who have gifted a range of things for the children to enjoy on the playground, as their contribution to our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. What a lovely surprise for all of us – it's just a shame it has rained so much this week, denying the children the full benefit of them all as yet!



You may be aware that with a very heavy heart we had to cancel our fixture to Sedbergh this week, as the minibus developed a noise which we could not fathom. Health and safety has to be our top priority, but hopefully it will be up and running forthwith, after being in the garage today, and, pending the petrol crisis (!), normal service can resume.

And finally, our Artist of the Month was announced in assembly this morning- congratulations to Mylo Tsang!

And in tennis news, congratulations to all our children- Hunters old and new, for their success at the tennis tournament held last week: Ollie being the winner of the under 8s, Hamish being the winner of the under 9s, with Darci as runner up. And great to hear about Stefan, Katie and Charlotte who all had success in the under 12,14s, and 16s categories.

Please also see at the end of the newsletter a fantastic opportunity to join our school as a lunch time supervisor. Do you know anyone that would be interested in this part time role?

Enjoy your weekend – I guess many of us will be looking out for costumes! See you all for our 'Dahlcious' Monday extravaganza as Book Week sets off with a bang!

*Mrs D Vinsome*




**SCHOLASTIC**

# ONLINE PAYMENT AT YOUR BOOK FAIR

**WHETHER YOU'RE ATTENDING THE BOOK FAIR IN PERSON OR ORDERING FROM HOME, YOU CAN NOW PAY FOR YOUR BOOKS SECURELY ONLINE**


Once you've selected your books, simply scan the QR code on the right or visit [bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay) and enter your school's name or postcode. Then, follow the instructions below based on where you're making your payment.



## OPTION 1

**I AM ATTENDING THE BOOK FAIR IN PERSON AND WOULD LIKE TO PAY AT THE FAIR**

On the Scholastic website, select 'I am paying at the Book Fair'. Enter your details, along with the total amount you are paying for your books. Once payment is complete, show your payment reference and the books you are purchasing to your Book Fair Organiser. Then, take your brand new books home!



## Option 2

If you would prefer to pay by cash, you still can.



# Pre-School News

What a fun filled week we have had at pre-school this week!

At the beginning of the week we were exploring animals that prepare or start to hibernate in Autumn. We listened to a lovely story where a hedgehog shared her winter home with all of her friends which also hibernate. We then collaged our own animals, using a range of materials such as tissue paper, cotton wool and ribbon.

Our Work It Out Wednesday this week was very challenging! We had to make our way through colourful 'cobwebs' which the spiders had made. We moved in many different ways to get from one side of pre-school to the other. There were even some friendly spiders amongst the cobwebs!

We found a real spider in pre-school too. which Miss Graham caught for us and we went to put him outside in the flowers, where we thought he would like to go!

We also joined in with our dough disco, singing along to songs and doing different things with the playdough.



*Mrs Parker*

# Parents Group

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting on Monday evening. If you were unable to attend but would like to be involved, please speak to Sara Hutt to be included on the mailing list.

## 100 Club

Many thanks to everybody who has already bought a ticket. The first draw is on Friday 22 October. The more tickets sold, the bigger the cash prize. To buy your ticket(s), use the link or the QR code below.

[Click Here](#)



## Hunter Hall Fireworks Spectacular Friday 12 November 6-9p.m.

An amazing and popular evening of fun, food and a superb fireworks display. Family and friends are welcome to join us.

The ticket price includes:

- Hot/cold drink
- Hot food
- Mulled wine
- Fireworks display
- Huge bonfire

All proceeds to the Hunter Hall Parents Group fundraising target. Tickets sell fast so don't delay in buying your ticket. Use the link or QR code below.

[BOOK HERE](#)



In order to create our fantastic bonfire, we rely on donations of wood from parents and family/friends. Wood can be delivered to the school field from the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> October so please start collecting. Thank you.

## Big Breakfast

Friday 15 October (Save the Date). Our ever popular Big Breakfast is back on the morning of Friday 15 October. More details in next week's newsletter.

# Week ahead

## Monday 04 October 2021

ALL WEEK	Book week
09:00 - 15:15	All pupils and staff- Dress up as a Roald Dahl Character
10:00 - 12:00	Richard Evans (drums)
12:00 - 18:30	Barbara Gilbertson
15:30 - 16:30	Upper school - Choir
15:30 - 16:30	Lower school - Tag rugby
16:30 - 17:30	Upper School- Band

## Tuesday 05 October 2021

	Outdoor Education Year 3 and 4 Group 1
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Fencing (max 10)
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School- Chess
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Running
15:30 - 16:30	Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents (Reception Classroom)
16:30 - 17:30	Exam Prep Year 5
18:30 - 19:30	Parent Workshop Evening: Reading effectively with your child ET/KF

## Wednesday 06 October 2021

08:00 - 09:00	Ian Butterworth (brass)
09:15 - 11:15	Swimming Years 3,4,6,6
14:00 - 16:00	U9 & U11 Hockey v Sedbergh Prep. Away fixture. See team sheets for more details. (Sedbergh prep. Casterton)
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Languages (cancelled)
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Street Dance

## Thursday 07 October 2021

	Outdoor Education Year 5
08:30 - 15:30	Barbara Gilbertson
13:00 - 16:00	U9 & U11 Sedbergh Prep. Cross Country (Sedbergh Prep. Casterton)
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Mindful colouring
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Colouring
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Football

## Friday 08 October 2021

All Day	LAMDA
08:30 - 10:30	Garry Linsley (woodwind)
11:15 - 11.45	Swimming Year 2
12:00 - 15:30	Andrew Roze (guitar/ukulele)
13:00 - 15:30	Mowden Hall Year 1/2/3 Cross Country (Mowden Hall)
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Running: cancelled
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Cookery club
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Free Play

## Saturday 09 October 2021

13:00 - 15:30	Mowden Hall U9 & U11 Cross Country (Mowden Hall)
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## **JOB VACANCY - LUNCH TIME SUPERVISOR**

We have an exciting opportunity to welcome a new lunch time supervisor to our fantastic team here at Hunter Hall School.

We are looking for an individual that is personable, organised, and enjoys working with children.

Subject to satisfactory references and safeguarding checks.

The position will be 12.30-1.30pm Monday to Friday (during term time only).

Rate of pay : £8.91 per hour.

**For an application form and further details including full job description of this part time post please see our website [www.hunterhall.co.uk](http://www.hunterhall.co.uk) or telephone our office on 01768891291 for further details.**

Note: The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS and other safeguarding checks. Hunter Hall School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.