HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Where would we be without books? The children have enjoyed an action-packed week as we have dived through the annals of Roald Dahl literature courtesy of Mrs Fletcher. The children have experienced a range of activities, ranging from making George's marvellous potions in the science centre, to making enormous crocodiles in lower school. Dressing up day was a huge highlight and delight to all – the BFG, Fantastic Mr Fox and Willy Wonka being very popular characters, but what a grand job everyone did helping to sort out costumes – thank you. We also raised a super £124.05 for the Roald Dahl charity from golden coins and notes that were placed in the collecting bucket.

Many thanks also to those of you who have come and read to the children, and to those who attended the reading workshop event where Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Tarrant held court. We finished today with a special visit from Mr Warlow – the first Headmaster of Hunter Hall who was delighted to share in the fun by judging the book covered classroom doors, and then the dioramas from the children – who knew you could be that inventive with a shoe box!

Congratulations to the winners Anna Forster for Upper School and Iona and Elle for Lower School.

Mr Warlow had actually met Roald Dahl who had gifted him one of his early manuscripts. Mr Warlow shared this with the upper school children in assembly.

The book fair finishes today, and we will now have some new books for the library thanks to the free ones we receive from Scholastic as a 'thank you', and I know the children have enjoyed the books they have bought for home too.

Book week aside, we have also managed to keep pace with outdoor education despite the rain trying to scupper things early this week. Luckily Mr Spooner had hot chocolate up his sleeve for Tuesday's group when the heavens opened all day!

We have also had fixtures, coaching opportunities, and cross country at Sedbergh, and today and tomorrow are the Mowden cross country events. Fingers crossed they all enjoy the experience, as I have a feeling it is going to be muddy underfoot!

As if we haven't done enough exciting things this week, I am delighted to announce that we won the acorn competition. You may remember this was an initiative pre-pandemic by Greener Energy Day to collect as many acorns as possible which were then to be grown into saplings. For weeks my study (and actually any available space in school!) had acorns drying out before they were collected. The pandemic then put an end to any follow up, but I am pleased to say that on Wednesday afternoon Tate and Forest represented the school and along with Mr White went to Wetheriggs park to plant some of the saplings that had grown and were awarded to their surprise first place too! Thank you to all who helped with acorn collecting – trees are so important to maintaining a healthy planet and it's nice to think we have done our little bit to continue to maintain a healthy balance of planet life.

I am off to Windermere School today to meet with the acting headmaster Mr Hogan (also one of our governors) and earlier this week it was good to meet with other serving IAPS (Independent Association of Prep School) headteachers, albeit still online. Mr Ainsworth has been into school with his governor oversight and training head on as he chairs that committee, and next week we welcome our health and safety governors back into school.

Don't forget your tickets for the 100 club – the first draw of which will take place at our Harvest Festival Assembly. There is also our bonfire night and the big breakfast to get into your diaries too!

Enjoy your weekend free from costume making etc and don't forget (although I think most people have already taken advantage of the 2-week winter uniform window) it is winter uniform from Monday. Ainsworth our skeleton is ready 😊

Mrs D Vinsome

Pre-School News

What a wonderful book week we have had in pre school!

We loved dress up day on Monday and admired all of our friends' costumes.

In pre-school, we chose to explore Charlie and the Chocolate Factory which has been very exciting! We have created our own chocolate wrappers using collage materials and talking about how they all felt using words such as soft, light and fluffy.

In work it out Wednesday this week, we had to go on a special treasure hunt to find golden tickets that were hidden around pre-school inside and outside. We worked in pairs and practised our team work.

We have also explored cocoa powder, looking at how we can change it and talking about how it smells. We had a go with all sorts of different utensils such as a whisk, spoon, potato masher and spatula.

We made our own golden tickets too along with our very own Charlie, by drawing around one of our friends!

As we have heard lots of heavy rain this week on our windows, we have also been talking about why the weather has changed and what we need to wear when it rains!

Mrs Parker

Parents' Group

Christmas Cards

With 78 days until Christmas 😱 the children have been busy designing their Christmas cards. The Parent Group has organised for these designs to be turned not only into cards, but a variety of items, including mugs, cushions and wrapping paper.

On Monday 11 October, your child will bring home their design accompanied by an order form. Should you wish to purchase any item, please complete the order form and return it to the box in the main office by Friday 15 October. Payment can be made to the Parent Group account.

Account name: Hunter Hall School Parents Group
Sort Code: 40 36 10.
Account number: 2149 7936.

100 Club

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

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

See the poster for details of how to book your ticket(s).
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 half term so please start collecting. Thank you.

It's that time of year again! ***Friday 22nd October*** *will be our annual Harvest Festival. The year 6s are looking forward to selling an abundance of seasonal produce, the takings from which will go to local charities. If you are able to donate food items for the Harvest Food Stall, we would love to receive the following:*

- *Seasonal root vegetables (including pumpkins, ready to carve!)*
- *Baskets of fruit*
- *Flowers*
- *Plants*
- *Freshly Bakes Bread*
- *Cakes*
- *Preserves and Chutneys*

Deliver them to the office at your convenience during the week beginning ***18th October*** *and by* ***Friday morning at the latest.***

Week ahead

Monday 11 October 2021

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
15:30- 17:30	Parents' Evening- Reception, y2 and Preschool.

Tuesday 12 October 2021

All Day	OE Year 3/4 Group 2
14:00 - 16:00	Estates & Health & Safety meeting
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Fencing
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School- Chess
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Running
16:30 - 17:30	NO exam prep

Wednesday 13 October 2021

All Day	Swimming Y3-6
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Languages
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Street Dance
15:30 - 16:30	Cookery Club - Group 2 **(rescheduled from Friday 24th)**
15:30- 17:30	Y1 Parents' evening

Thursday 14 October 2021

All Day	Year 6 Outdoor Education
08:30 - 15:30	Barbara Gilbertson
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Mindful colouring
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Colouring
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Football
18:00 - 19:00	U11 Rugby v Penrith RUFC (Penrith RUFC AGP pitch)

Friday 15 October 2021

All Day	LAMDA (in school)
All Day	Y2 swimming
07:45 - 08:45	Parents group 'Big Breakfast'
08:30 - 10:30	Garry Linsley (woodwind)
12:00 - 15:30	Andrew Roze (guitar/ukulele)
16.00 - 16:30	Upper School – Running- later start time due to fixture
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Cookery club – Group 2
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Free Play

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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 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.