



# HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Harvest Festival already seems like a long time ago as we head towards bonfire night, but before we move on can I say thank you for all your donations and purchases at our Harvest sale. The magnificent sum of £259.60 was raised for The Children's Cancer Charity and nothing went to waste. Any fresh produce left over was then taken to the Salvation Army food bank in Penrith by Mrs Wilson where I am sure it was put to good use. During our Harvest Festival service, the first 100 club of the year was drawn and as it was the first draw of the academic year, it was a roll over as there was no draw in September. Many thanks to those of you who feel you can support this venture. First prize of £52.50 went to Mr Briggs, and Mr White and Mrs Holiday taking second and third place. The next draw will take place at the end of November and if anyone out there feels they are missing out and would like to take part, please contact Sarah Hutt the parent's group chair.

We move forward now to our bonfire preparations - a humongous undertaking by our parents' group with Mrs Hutt at the helm. I am sure it will be a wonderful evening, but please can I ask you to keep a close eye on your children - staff will also be on duty, but it's a group effort from all to ensure all are kept safe in the darkness. Again, there are a plethora of people to thank for their help and donations towards this event, suffice to say it is *very, very, very* much appreciated.

We have also had a cross country event this week at Stonyhurst, a rugby tournament at Sedbergh, orienteering at Talkin Tarn as well as all the usual academic lessons.

I happened to be showing prospective parents around earlier this week, and as we entered the year 1 classroom were met with gleeful children eating crisps!! Apparently, it was a scientific experiment to do with the senses that Mrs Price and her scientists were investigating! Meanwhile, year 6 we're looking at the structure of the heart, reception and pre-school were investigating fireworks, year 2 were studying time lines with toilet rolls, whilst year 4 were completing the primary maths challenge, whilst other children were analysing the poem 'For the Fallen'. School is certainly a busy place.



It has also of course been Remembrance Day and the children dutifully stood for the 2 minutes silence at school where the said poem was read by Raphael, whilst our Head Boy Logan, accompanied by Seren and Joe, represented the school, along with myself at the St Andrew's open air service in Penrith, lead by Reverend Sargent. A poignant, respectful occasion and a timely reminder of what a privilege it is to live in peace, with tolerance and respect for each other. Below, is a beautiful expression of Bertie's remembrance day commemorations sent to us by his mum, as well as our Year 6 representatives.



Our academic governor committee has met this week; the last governor committee to meet before the board meeting next week. Mrs Fletcher presented our academic data to the committee, and progress actions were discussed for all year groups from reception to year 6.

On to housekeeping matters - next week is parent meetings for year 5 and 6 on Monday. If you need a reminder of your appointment time, please speak to Miss Fawcett. The meeting will take place in the hall and please remember to wear a face covering.

I have been told that stocks of uniform are taking an inordinate amount of time to arrive through no fault of Sam Scotts. If you do have any really good quality second-hand uniform that you are willing to donate to our shop, Mrs Wilson and Miss Fawcett would be eternally grateful.

And finally, next Friday is Children in Need. We are going to mark the event with 'wear a cape', over their uniform. The more homemade and elaborate the better! Please could they also bring along a donation for Children in Need. We look forward to seeing the children's creations.

Enjoy this evening, as well as a restful weekend.

*Mrs D Vinsome*

## Cookery Club

Please could all cookery club attendees bring a flat baking tray to their final cookery session this term, rather than a cake tin please. Thank you, Mrs Wilson.

Group 1 Friday 19th November

Group 2 Friday 26th November

Group 3 Friday 3rd December

# Pre-School News

What an exciting week back at school! This week in pre-school we have been learning all about festivals of light.

We started the week by exploring bonfire night, talking about if we had been to see any fireworks or bonfires over half term. It was lovely to hear all the different places everyone had visited!

Following on from talking about our experiences, we created our own fabulous firework pictures using cardboard rolls and glitter paint. We were very pleased with our finished pictures, so we decided to put them on the wall. We then decorated our own firework biscuits using icing and sprinkles, and even created our own edible sparklers - which were extremely tasty!



We talked about bonfire safety and created our own list of rules, with the help of the reception children.

We also learnt about Diwali, joining in with Diwali dancing and looking at pictures of how people celebrate this event.

As well as this we have talked about Remembrance Day and looked at what it is and what wearing a poppy means. We also joined in with the two minute silence at 11:00am.

*Mrs Parker*



# WINTER SPARKLE

Words and Music  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
6:30pm

Anyone who would like to take part,  
please see Mrs Wrightson asap!



# Week ahead

## Monday 15 November 2021

- 10:00 - 12:00 Richard Evans (drums)
  - 12:00 - 18:30 Barbara Gilbertson
  - 15.45 - 18.30 Parents evening for Years 5&6
  - 15.30 - 16.30 Lower school - Hockey
  - 15.30 - 16.30 Choir will still go ahead and will be in held in Pre-school
- No Band**

## Tuesday 16 November 2021

- 13.30-16.30 OE Year 3/4 Group 1
- 15:30 - 16:30 Lower School - Running
- 15:30 - 16:30 Upper School - Fencing and Chess
- 16:30 - 17:30 Exam Prep Year 5
- 18:15 - 20:30 Board meeting

## Wednesday 17 November 2021

- 08:00 - 09:00 Ian Butterworth (brass)
- 09.00 - 12.00 Swimming Y3-6 - Water polo
- 13:30 - 16:00 U11 Christmas 7's Rugby Festival @ Giggleswick
- 15:30 - 16:30 Lower School - Street Dance
- 15.30 - 16.30 Upper School - Languages

## Thursday 18 November 2021

- 08:30 - 15:30 Barbara Gilbertson
- 13.30 - 16.30 Year 5 Outdoor Education
- 15:30 - 16:30 Lower School - Colouring
- 15.30 - 16.30 Upper School - Mindful colouring
- 15:30 - 16:30 Football

## Friday 19 November 2021

- All Day LAMDA
- 08.30- 12.30 Kendal Mountain Festival. Years 5&6
- 08:30 - 10:30 Garry Linsley (woodwind)
- 11.15- 11.45 Y2 swimming - Water polo
- 12:00 - 15:30 Andrew Roze (guitar/ukulele)
- 15:30 - 16:30 Lower School - Free Play
- 15.30 - 16.30 Upper School - Running club
- 15.30 - 16.30 Upper School - Cookery Club Group 1