



HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

Newsletter Number 2
Spring Term, 14th January 2022



Dear Parents,

It was a musical start to the week with Anna playing her cornet for us in assembly on Monday. On Tuesday, it was good to see the final of the table tennis tournament which had been organised by the games captains. After a hotly fought competition, Minnie and Harrison were the worthy finalists with Minnie winning after a tense final watched by many of upper school. Well done to both Minnie and Harrison, as well as our games captains for organising the competition.



You may be aware that we are having a further push to make our school a greener school. We have reinstated our year 6 eco troopers after a break during the pandemic, to ensure all recyclable paper and cards are brought to the bin twice weekly - our Head of School - Antonia carefully drawing up a rota of year 6 helpers. In addition, staff are working with their children to look not only at healthy snacks for morning breaktime, but also the amount of packaging snacks can involve. They are coming up with very inventive solutions as to how to reduce packaging – as well as (hopefully) not causing you any more work! One simple solution being a Tupperware (NAMED) box with crackers in it for example, rather than individual packed crackers wrapped in plastic etc.

So far snacks they feel are healthy, that they would like to bring and involve little packaging include:

Hard-boiled egg (already shelled!)

Dried fruit and pieces of cheese mix
Mini peppers, mini cucumbers and pieces of cheese
Carrot, cucumber, breadsticks sticks and hummus
Pieces of fruit
A yoghurt/fromage frais
Small ham/cheese sandwich

The amount of uniform unnamed has significantly reduced this term – thank you. Both cloak rooms and lost property are much more manageable for the children to root through should they lose an item.

Have you heard the starlings of a morning (and evening)? There are literally thousands of them roosting in the forest behind the barn, and we have been lucky enough to see a number of murmurations this term already. Mr Hutt captured one such moment earlier this month.



Our years 4 to 6 benefitted from a rugby coaching afternoon on Wednesday with Sedbergh and Hunter Hall working together to improve the children's confidence and skills. I am always pleased when senior schools visit us – our network is strong, and we work hard to keep it so.

Those of you with girls will be pleased to know that from next week (post allowing) maroon hair accessories including hair bands, bobbles and slides will be available from the office. Please see Miss Fawcett if this is of interest. On a similar note, all kit and uniform that was in school last term was sent home with the children at Christmas, but this term it appears there are now some items missing for some families. Please can I ask that you return any sports kit or uniform that may have been taken home in error? Thank you.

All schools are having an interesting time at present battling off COVID from every direction – thank you again for your proactiveness in helping us to deal with this. Hopefully, along with warmer weather, we will see further light on the horizon, and with this in mind we have tentatively booked residential summer trips for years 4 to 6. Fingers crossed these can go ahead, as the children get so much out of them, and we have been incredibly lucky to get exclusive use of places to stay. Please see letters from Mrs Fletcher and Mr Sturgess- the trip leaders for these residential.

Finally, after some confirmed cases of COVID throughout the school this week, please could I ask that you conduct a lateral flow test on your child/children for the next 7 days in order to be proactive. The children who have tested positive are all currently isolating along with their siblings, which is a reminder that if one of your children does test positive, please could I ask that all of their siblings also isolate until all are testing negative. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the beautiful county in which we live.

Mrs D Vinsome

Pre-School News

What a very busy week we have had in pre-school.

First of all, we have been welcoming our new starters into pre-school and being a good friend by showing them where things go, helping them to find their peg and telling them what we are going to do next.

The children have been very keen to learn all about their new topic of Winter.

We have been learning about winter in lots of different ways, using the interactive board, picture books and tablet computers. The children have learnt new words associated with winter and finding out what they mean- migration being one of the favourite words at the moment!

We also talked about which colours remind us of ice and frost, and created fabulous paintings using these colours.

In our 'Work it out Wednesday' we had to save the polar bears from the ice by using different tools. We had lots of ideas of how to rescue them: using our warm hands or warm water to try and melt the ice; using a hammer to smash the ice; throwing the ice on the ground and even putting it in the sunshine to see if it would melt. We enjoyed trying all of these. Once we had rescued our polar bears, we created a fabulous house for them to all to live in.

Well done boys and girls!



Mrs Parker

Hunter Hall Cookery Club-Spring Term

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

Fri 14th Jan

Year 5 - Hamish, Sam, Carson and Ezra

Year 6 - Charlotte, Harrison and Logan

Fri 21st Jan

Year 5

Fri 28th Jan

Year 5 Ellie, Willa, Inara, Poppy, Iona and Finn

Year 6 Joe, Seren, Minnie, Zara and Antonia

Fri 4 Feb

Year 6

Fri 11th Feb – No Cookery

HALF TERM

Fri 25th Feb – Year 5

Fri 4th Mar – Year 5

Fri 11th Mar – Year 6

Fri 18th Mar – Year 6

Fri 25th Mar – No Cookery

Week ahead

Monday 17 January 2022

- 09:00 - 15:30 Year 1 visit to Tullie House
- 09:30 - 12:00 Richard Evans (drums)
- 14:00 - 18:30 Barbara Gilbertson
- 15:30 - 16:30 Lower School- Ball Skills
- 16:30 - 17:30 Band - **NO CHOIR**

Tuesday 18 January 2022

- Outdoor Education Year 3&4 Group 1
- 15:00 - 16:30 Barbara Gilbertson
- 15:30 - 16:30 Upper School - Chess
- 15:30 - 16:30 Upper School -Drama
- 15:30 - 16:30 Lower School - Running
- 16:30 - 17:00 Exam Prep Year 5
- 17:00 - 17:45 Talking Heads on TEAMS

Wednesday 19 January 2022

- 14:30 - 16:00 U9 Netball @ Mowden Hall
- 14:30 - 16:00 U9 Football v Mowden Hall @HH
- 15:00 - 16:30 Lower School Mindfulness Colouring
- 15:30 - 16:30 Upper School - Languages

Thursday 20 January 2022

- Outdoor Education Year 6
- 08:30 - 16:00 Barbara Gilbertson
- 14:00 - 15:00 The Rawthey XC Run (U11) @ Sedbergh Senior School
- 15:00 - 16:30 Lower School Construction Club
- 15:30 - 16:20 Mindful Colouring- Upper School
- 15:30 - 16:30 Lower School - Construction

Friday 21 January 2022

- LAMDA
- 08:30 - 10:30 Garry Linsley (woodwind)
- 09:30 - 15:30 Andrew Roze (guitar/ukulele)
- 14:00 - 15:30 U11 Football & U11 Netball v Austin Friars @ HH
- 15:30 - 16:30 Upper School - Running
- 15:30 - 16:30 Cookery Club - Year 5 - Hamish, Sam, Carson and Ezra
Year 6 - Charlotte, Harrison and Logan
- 15:30 - 16:30 Lower School - Free play
- 17:00 - 19:00 U11 Indoor Cricket v Appleby CC- **CANCELLED - TO BE REARRANGED**