HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Spring Term, 28th January 2022

Dear Parents,

It was touch and go as to whether the Cumbrian Cross-Country Championships would go ahead this year, but go ahead they did, and upper school acquitted themselves extremely well, supporting each other to achieve their best performance for themselves and their team - as you can see from the photos. Special thanks must of course go to Mr Hetherington (and of course our parent helpers) for doing the bulk of the organisation, but it was wonderful to see events such as these being able to take place again, and we await official confirmation of results in anticipation.

Many of our children who have been absent due to covid have now returned, as have staff, although we are not out of the woods as yet, and careful vigilance and management continues to be vital in order to try and keep it under control. Blended learning is now the order of the day, with children at home joining us on teams like pros – they have become so used to this way of working, whilst their companions in school are happy to see them on screen. Teachers are of course having to adapt lessons once again to allow for this new way of working, but hopefully it is a temporary measure. Yesterday it was great to see some of

them joining in wholeheartedly from home as Mrs. Wrightson reinstated Upper School United! Today is Lower school United!

Upper school parents should have received notification of the delay to exams for upper school, but fingers crossed we should be able to fit everything in, albeit a little later than usual.

A reminder about protocol: at the gate – please ring the bell if you are coming to pick up your child after 3:25 and prior to 4:30 (other than for Pre-School). Safeguarding is ever in our minds, and we must know who is on site at this time, as many children are still moving around between lessons and co-curricular activities. After 4:30 please go to Pre-School/playground or the farmhouse to pick up. A reminder that all children should be picked up by 5:30 and if you are going to be late due to circumstances beyond control, please ring the duty phone **07511 280020.**
After 5:30 any children who have not been picked up will need to be collected from the farmhouse.

House point collection today means that BADGERS remain at the top of the tree as it were, whilst in the 100 club, the following numbers were drawn - 30, 45 and 38. Congratulations to the Bullimore, Addis and Down families!

Artist of the month was also announced this morning – Orla taking the accolade with a fabulous representation of a Kiwi – it really does look good enough to eat!

Speaking of eating, in assembly we also discussed the Queen's Platinum Jubilee again and the competition, whereby children are being asked to make a pudding fit for the Queen. The closing date is the 4th of February. Knowing how popular Mrs. Wilson's cookery club is, I suspect we may have some budding bakers who may want to have a go. Details can be found at: https://www.fortnumandmason.com/platinum-pudding Something for fun regarding all things royal …….which two other foods were created especially for royalty? One is a cake, and the other you may put in sandwich or on a jacket potato 😊

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs D Vinsome

Pre-School News

We have been incredibly busy in pre-school this week and have had so many jobs to do.

Firstly as we have been learning all about the word *migration* and what it means, we created our very own bird boxes to hang in the trees outside to take care of the birds over winter. We also put food out for them.

We explored Africa and looked for it on our globe, talking about how far some of the birds travel. We investigated birds using our binoculars, cameras, and made nests using sticks, pine cones and twigs.

It has been Burn's Night and we found out how people celebrate this event- we even tried Scottish dancing!

In 'Work It Out Wednesday' we had a tricky challenge were we had to help the animals who were very high up, to get down to the ground by creating something we could put on a piece of string to rescue them. The children worked very hard!

And finally, this week we have been creating our own models with Duplo making models such as castles, cars and trains.

Well done Pre-School!

Mrs Parker and Miss Graham

Hunter Hall Cookery Club-Spring Term

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

Fri 4 Feb
Year 6 Plus:
Finn
Carson
Iona

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

Parents' Group

Spring Ball 2022

Save the Date!
Due to the current climate of uncertainty, the Spring Ball has been postponed until **Friday 27 April**. Please save the date in your calendar and further details will be issued shortly.

Thank you.

Sara Hutt

Week ahead

Monday 31 January 2022

09:30 - 12:00	Richard Evans (drums)
14:00 - 18:30	Barbara Gilbertson (piano, voice and violin)
15:20 - 16:20	Upper School Choir (Hall)
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School- Ball Skills
16:30 - 17:30	Band

Tuesday 01 February 2022

	Outdoor Education – Year 3&4 Group 1
15:00 - 16:30	Barbara Gilbertson (piano, voice and violin)
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Chess
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School -Drama
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Running
16:30 - 17:30	Exam Prep Year 5

Wednesday 02 February 2022

08:00 - 09:00	Ian Butterworth (brass)
13:30 - 15:00	U11 Rugby Coaching - Sedbergh Coaching Team @ HH
14:00 - 15:30	U9 & U11 Netball v Sedbergh Prep @ Sedbergh
15:00 - 16:30	Lower School Mindfulness Colouring
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Languages

Thursday 03 February 2022

	Outdoor Education Y6
08:30 - 16:00	Barbara Gilbertson (piano, voice and violin)
15:00 - 16:30	Lower School Construction Club
15:30 - 16:20	Upper School - Mindful Colouring
15:00 - 16:00	Lower School Football
16:00 - 17:00	Upper School Football

Friday 04 February 2022

	LAMDA- Verse and Prose Examinations
08:30 - 10:30	Garry Linsley (woodwind)
09:30 - 15:30	Andrew Roze (guitar/ukulele)
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Running
15:30 - 16:30	Cookery Club Year 6 - + Finn, Carson, Iona
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School - Free play

Please note some events may be subject to change pending our COVID situation next week.