



HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Well, we have squeezed every last drop out of the last two weeks of term and it is safe to say we are all ready for a break! Many thanks for all your support in getting children to where they have needed to be over the last couple of weeks, with the correct equipment etc too. From school production evenings, to sports day, to prize-giving, to cricket matches, to water fights, to moving up day, to open water swimming, to new parent teacher afternoon, to first aid training and firefighter visits, to pirate parties and leavers assemblies! It's safe to say it's been busy AND the children have smiled their way through the lot!

I am aware, however, that some nights have been late for our younger ones, let alone all the excitement and exhaustion of end of term activities and we do intend to look at this for next year as the school continues to grow, as does our catchment area and the distance some of you travel. Speaking of which we are now doing a feasibility study to look at transport from the north. If you come to school from the north down the M6 / A6 and would be interested in using school transport to school, please give your details to Mr White.
david.white@hunterhall.cumbria.sch.uk

I shall be writing to you all mid-summer break with news and arrangements for September, so suffice to say have a wonderful summer - hopefully the sun will keep shining. The phone will be manned remotely for emergencies over the break. Hopefully your child has handed you their reports – if not, dig deep into their bags! Any not collected will be posted.

We have had two assemblies this morning – celebration and leavers; suffice to say they have been celebratory and emotional! Congratulations to Anna F (Yr 5) and Ollie (Yr 4) however, for being the

highest scorers of house points for this year and winning their squirrels, as well as Darci for winning the Wilson Tennis Cup for Years 3 and 4 (Hamish winning the Yr 5& 6 during the week) and Anna F (Yr 4) and Ollie (Yr 4) for being awarded their Victrix and Victor Ludorum shields for the U9's, and finally Theodore for his progress prize!

With best wishes to all our Year 6 leavers, we wish them the very best of luck in their senior schools and hope to see them back as 'Old Hunters' in the not-to-distant future.

Have a lovely summer,

Mrs D Vinsome



Pre-School News

This week there have been lots of mixed emotions in pre-school!

On Monday we began with sports day, where we all tried our very best and cheered on our friends. I think everyone will agree that all of our pre-school children were brilliant in every one of their races and we were very proud of them. Our ice lolly at the end was a very deserving treat.

Throughout the rest of the week, we have celebrated the children who are leaving us to move on to their new reception classes and we have also said a huge goodbye to Mrs Griffiths, as well as Mrs Palmer and Mrs Hutt.



We had a great time at our pirate party for Mrs Griffiths; dancing, singing, playing games, eating and laughing! The sunshine came out and we all put on our pirate hats ready to sail the seven seas and walk the plank. Mrs Griffiths had a fabulous costume to wear, and like a great sport, she kept it on all afternoon, even in the heat.

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Griffiths for everything she has done for us and hope she will stay in touch and come to visit now and again.

We would also like to wish all the boys and girls that are moving on to their reception classes lots of luck. It has been a pleasure watching you all grow up. For the boys and girls who are beginning their pre-school year in September with us, we hope you have a great summer and see you soon!

Mrs Parker and Miss Graham

Sports News

Orienteering Cup

Last week saw Year 5 and 6 prepare to contest one of the most prestigious trophies of the calendar – the Hunter Hall Orienteering Cup. A course was planned to offer plenty of variety to competitors, with nine controls to be located successfully, and in the correct order, of course. Some controls were closer, whilst some were further afield, with some easier, and others more technically difficult to locate.

Competitors set off at one-minute intervals, with mainly Year 5s tackling the course first and setting the early benchmarks. There were expected mishaps too, with some competitors taking a wrong turn, then having to relocate themselves, before picking up the pace to try and claw back some of that valuable lost time. When Willa arrived back with a clean run in 18'42", she was the first runner to go under the 20" mark and set the time to beat. It was a while before anybody came near that impressive time, but as our latter competitors came home, that lead time began to tumble, with Minnie taking third place in 16'05" and Antonia coming second in 14'42". Logan shook off the weight of expectation though, setting a blistering pace around the course and navigating faultlessly to deliver when it counted; finishing in an amazing time of 12'22". He claimed top spot in emphatic style and, is our deserving victor for 2022.

Mr Spooner



Parents' Group

Friday 9th September 3:15-5:15
Welcome Back Disco

After a brief hiatus due to the pandemic, the ever-popular 'Welcome Back Disco' is back. The whole school and parents are invited. This is an opportunity at the start of the school year for pupils to rekindle friendships after the summer break, make new ones and simply celebrate being back together. It is also a chance for parents to catch up over a cuppa and welcome new parents into the Hunter Hall fold.

There will be dancing, games and party food. Children will need to bring their party clothes to change into after school.

We kindly ask that parents donate party food (savouries, snacks, biscuits, buns etc). Food is to be dropped off at school in the morning. Please remember that we are a nut-free school and any home-baked goods are to be clearly labelled with allergens.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 23 rd September	Big Breakfast
Monday 26 th September from 7pm	Parents' Group AGM.
Friday 11 th November	Bonfire Night

Week ahead

Autumn Term begins...

The first week of activities will be given in the mid-summer letter from Mrs Vinsome.