HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As another fantastic book week comes to an end, it has been a super few days of activity, creativity and fun. The week started with our inaugural assembly, where the children were laughing uproariously at the staff's attempts at 'book charades'. To their credit (and also the staff's stellar acting skills naturally), they managed to guess all 8 skits. This was followed by our very own HH 'Where's Wally', where the squeals of delight when they spotted 'Wally Tarrant' in various images from around school could be heard from the office!

Our traditional book door challenge was a great example of collaboration and creativity at its best, with all classroom doors now sporting the book cover of one of the children's favourite reads. 5P's efforts have won them an extra-long play time next week.

Many thanks to Mrs Raven for offering to come in and do a book craft afternoon with year 5 and 6, where the children made jellyfish from the environmental picture book, 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. Tate was declared the creator of the winning jellyfish and received her prize in assembly.

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a day out in Ambleside to go to the World of Beatrix Potter and on a boat trip (albeit in torrential rain!). Because Beatrix Potter was inspired by animals around her, the early years children enjoyed welcoming Miss Graham's dog to inspire their own stories and pictures. Meanwhile Upper School enjoyed a performance of a children's version of 'Macbeth' from the 3 Inch Fools, followed by a drama workshop by professional actors. I am proud to say that members of public on the trip and the theatre company commented on the exemplary behaviour, attitude and maturity of our children.

As always, Hunter Hall families did not disappoint on dress up day, even with the challenging brief of 'Beatrix Potter'- very well done to everyone for their fantastic creations. Special mention must go to Rafferty for his moveable lily pad, India for her real, live rabbit prop and Lucy Wood and Bertie for their incredibly impressive papier mache headwear.

The upper school children received their reading buddy training this week and executed their roles superbly. All the staff supervising their reading buddy sessions with younger children commented on their rich questioning, patient coaching of tricky words and ability to tailor their session depending on the child's level of understanding. Impressive work when all of them are 11 or under!

The announcement of the winners of the 2 competitions was eagerly awaited on Friday morning. The winner of the 3d model competition was James Down for his range of natural autumnal materials and inventive design. The winner of the Potter Pebble competition was Sam Harrison, for his striking, precise depiction of Jemima Puddleduck. The competitions were judged by the staff at Hedgehog Bookshop. They were impressed by all the entries and found judging really tough! They also asked me to pass on their thanks for your support of the bookshop this week, where the majority of parents paid a visit and purchased new books for their children to enjoy.

In assembly this morning, I also made the children aware of the 'Lost Words' poetry competition, inspired by the beautiful book which helps children rediscover 'lost words' from nature. More details of this competition can be found later in the newsletter.

All this, as well as plenty of extra reading time and individual reading activities in class were peppered throughout the week. While the rest of the school were busy with book themed activities, Bea from year 1 was competing at the Horse of the Year show in a huge arena, with lots of competition in her class. Such a memorable experience and what a great achievement!

A reminder about parents' evenings, which are coming up for all pupils over the next two weeks. Please see Mrs Robson if you haven't yet booked your appointment. Because of parents' evenings, the vast majority of after school clubs are cancelled to free up staff to run the meetings on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please see the week ahead at the end of the newsletter to see which clubs are able to run and which are cancelled.

Can I give a quick reminder that school officially begins at 8.15am? An increasing number of children have been arriving before this time. If you would like your child to come earlier, they are welcome to join Early Birds- just sign up the day before with Mr White or Mrs Robson. My primary concern is that staff duty cover is only scheduled from 8.15am, meaning that if your child is dropped off 10 or 15

minutes before this time, no one is supervising them. Obviously if you have a specific arrangement with a classroom/music teacher, this does not apply, as your child is being supervised.

Finally, I just wanted to say a quick word about Mrs Vinsome. I know you are all concerned about her health and worried about when she will return. I just wanted to confirm that Mrs Vinsome is getting better and is in good spirits. Many of the staff have gone to visit her and kept her up to date with everything going on here at school. She wrote a lovely card to the children which I read out in assembly this morning. We don't know when Mrs Vinsome will be able return, as she needs to wait for her doctors to feel she is ready and give her the go ahead. Neither she, nor we, know when that will be unfortunately. I know that she is very keen that it is as soon as possible! Meanwhile, she continues to be really grateful for your well wishes, all of which we are passing on and always make her smile.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kirsty Fletcher

Pre-School News

What a wonderful and exciting book week we have had in pre-school, exploring all things Beatrix Potter.

First of all we would like to say a huge congratulations to Miss Graham upon her and Sean's engagement, we can't wait to help with the wedding planning, I'm sure the boys and girls will have many brilliant ideas for you both!

On Monday we found a selection of enormous vegetables, which we decided were from Mr McGregor's garden. We had lots of fun measuring the vegetables to see if they were the same size as us or bigger! We talked about what they were, what they felt like and what they smelt like. We even asked Nicola to cook them for us so we could have a taste of each one.

We had a very special visitor on Tuesday which was very exciting! Miss Graham's dog Bella came to visit and we took her on a walk around school, played fetch and talked about how we look after her. As well as Bella's visit, we started to create our own Peter Rabbit and vegetables for our door cover, by painting, gluing and sticking, be sure to have a look at it when passing!

We also listened to Margot tell us all about the tomatoes she had grown at home, and she let us all have a taste of one too, thankyou Margot!

We had a very busy day on Wednesday, we made our own playdough, which began as the colour green but turned pink in the end. We also found numbered carrots in the water tray and had to put them into the correct order. Arthur very kindly brought in a box of conkers which he had collected to share with us and we learnt all about where they grow and what they look like on the tree, thankyou Arthur! We joined in with Work it out Wednesday too, where we had to guess what was in the box, guess the animal sound and taste the fruit and vegetables.

Thursday was dress up day, we all had a fantastic time in our costumes and joined in with lots of Peter rabbit themed activities.

Forest Friday this week we had to go on a hunt for Peter rabbit, following directions to try and find him.

We have also been learning our Peter Rabbit song which I have attached for you to have a go at singing at home if you would like!

Well Done Pre-school!

Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose
So, he flipped it, and he flopped it, and it flew away
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his ear
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his ear
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his ear
So, he flipped it, and he flopped it, and it flew away

A polite reminder for pre-school parents –
We break up alongside the rest of the school, for two weeks for half term on Friday 21st October and return to pre-school on Monday 7th November.

Mrs Parker and Miss Graham

Missing….

Kiarra Atkinson is missing her school coat. Please could you check all your children's school clothing incase it has been taken home by mistake. Thank you

Parents' Group

Christmas Cards

With 79 days until Christmas (yikes!), the children have been busy designing their Christmas cards. The parents' group has arranged for these designs to be turned not only into cards, but a variety of items including mugs, cushions and wrapping paper. Today (Friday 7th October), the children are bringing home their design accompanied by an order form. Should you wish to purchase any items, please complete the order form and return it to the box in reception by **Friday 14th October**. Payment can be made to the Parents' Group account.

Account Name: Hunter Hall School
Sort Code: 40 36 10
Account Number: 2149 7936
Please use "Christmas" as the reference.

Fireworks Spectacular
Friday 11 November 6-9pm

An amazing and popular evening of fun, food and a superb fireworks display. Family and friends are welcome to join us.
The ticket price includes:

- Hot/cold drinks
- Hot food
- Mulled Wine
- Fireworks Display
- Bonfire

All proceeds to the Hunter Hall parents' group fundraising target. Tickets sell fast so don't delay. The deadline for buying tickets is Monday 7th November so catering numbers can be finalised. Use the link or QR code below to buy your tickets.

https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BXCN

Emergency First Aid Course

Ullswater and Eden Junior Tennis Club have organised an Emergency First Aid at Work training course, to be help on Saturday 12th November 2022 at Hunter Hall School between 9.30 - 4. The course will be run by Nutshell Training and will cost £95 per person. There a few spaces left. If anyone is interested in attending or wants more information, please contact Nicola Ewbank on 07790904028

HUNTER HALL HOLIDAY CLUB – OCTOBER HALF TERM

As we are beginning this term, we look ahead to organising the October half term holiday club. Therefore, the days that we are planning to run the holiday club are:

- Monday 24th October 2022
- Tuesday 25th October 2022
- Wednesday 26th October 2022
- Thursday 27th October 2022

Sessions will run from 08.30 – 15.30 each day, and the cost for each session will be £24 per child, with a 10% discount for siblings. As always, any children attending the sessions will need to bring their own snacks, cold packed lunches, and suitable clothing to wear. We require a minimum of six children to run each session, and we can have a maximum of sixteen children. We do therefore need to know in advance anticipated session numbers so that we can then confirm which sessions will run and organise staffing arrangements.

It is quite a task to organise staffing, activities, resources and any possible visits, and I hope therefore you will understand why it is imperative to book your sessions before the deadline. We will not be taking bookings for any sessions after the noted deadline date below.

We have booked in an Action Ants session, which will be an additional £5 per child. This will be limited numbers and places will be on first come basis to children who regularly use the holiday club.

If you would like your child to attend, please e-mail laura.graham@hunterhall.cumbria.sch.uk with the attached booking form. Please can we request all responses be in **by Friday 7th October 2022**. We will then confirm which sessions are running, and at that point will require full payment for places. If your child does not attend a session, please note you will still be charged as we have staffed for your child accordingly.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Graham

Child / Children's Name:		
Date	**Attending**	**Cost -** £24 per child, per session
Monday 24th October 2022		
Tuesday 25th October 2022		
Wednesday 26th October 2022		
Thursday 27th October 2022		Action Ants Session +£5
FINAL TOTAL COST		

Secondary School Information

Keswick School

This year we have extended our opportunities for Year 6 students and their parents to visit Keswick School and see how our children and young people learn and have fun together. We believe that children must be happy at school and that this is the most important ingredient for success.

We still have some places available for parents to book an appointment with us in the next 2 weeks. Please book using the link https://www.keswick.cumbria.sch.uk/

Queen Margaret's School For Girls

Open days:
Saturday 12th November
Saturday 3rd December

Please book online at: queenmargarets.com/book-a-visit

Giggleswick

Here's a highlight of what's happening at Giggleswick Senior School this term that may be of interest to you:

- School Open Day on Saturday 8 October at 9.30am. You can find out more and book here: Giggleswick Senior School Open day - Sat 8 Oct.

- During the October half term we are running two courses that your older boys and girls could enjoy - a Hockey Academy on 24 & 25 October and Baking & Ceramics workshops on 26 October. You can find out more and book here: Giggleswick Senior School October Half Term Courses.

Ullswater Community College

Spaces are limited and issued on a first come first served basis so the key message is book ASAP!

They will be running Monday-Wednesday 8.45am-9.45am for three weeks in October - and the link they need to book themselves onto a tour is;
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ullswater-community-college-year-6-family-tours-tickets-415242460377

Details will also be advertised this weekend in the Herald

It's that time of year again! **Friday 21st 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

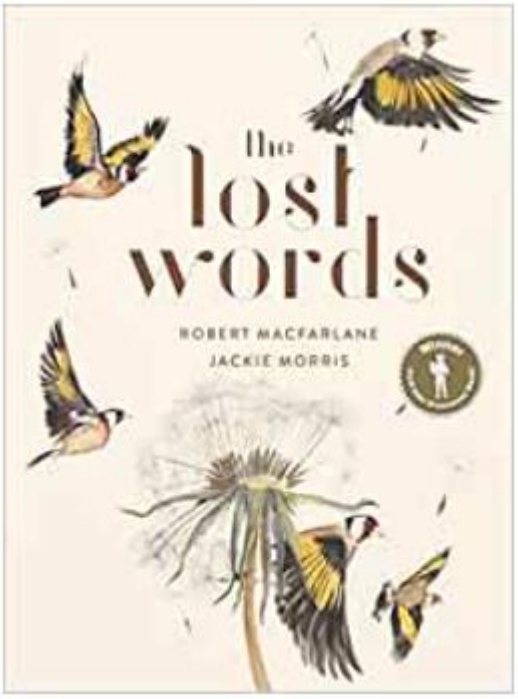
Deliver them to the office at your convenience during the week beginning 17th October, and by Friday morning at the latest

National Poetry Day
The Lost Words Competition

Inspired by 5 years of *The Lost Words* book, Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris (authors) are inviting children to **write an acrostic poem about their favourite plant or animal**. Take a look outside what can they see? What would they like to protect for the future?

WHO

The Competition is open to children in two age categories:
7 – 9 (years 2 – 4); and 10 – 12 (years 5 – 7)



PRIZE

First prize in each category – a certificate, a signed copy of The Lost Words, a The Lost Words poste plus £100 of PRH books.

Runner up in each category – a certificate, a The Lost Words poster and £50 of PRH books

DEADLINE

5pm on Friday 4 November 2022

Pupils to give in an entry to Mrs Fletcher before half term.

Week ahead

PARENTS EVENINGS

Please note: Care and homework clubs will continue as normal

Saturday 08 October 2022

13:30 - 15:30 Mowden Hall Cross Country Championship (U9 & U11) @Mowden Hall

Monday 10 October 2022

09:30 - 12:00 Richard Evans (drums/cello)
14:00 - 18:30 Barbara Gilbertson (voice, violin, piano)
15:30 - 16:30 Lower school: Running/Games
15.30 - 16.30 Upper School – Choir – CANCELLED - RESCHEDULED WITHIN THE SCHOOL DAY DUE TO PARENTS EVENING
15:30 - 16:30 Lower School- Art - CANCELLED
15:30 - 17:30 Reception parent meetings (Reception Classroom)
16.30 - 17.30 Upper School – Band – CANCELLED DUE TO PARENTS EVENING
16:00 - 18:30 Year 5P Parent evening
16:00 - 18:30 Year 3 Parent evening

Tuesday 11 October 2022

08:30 - 09:30 Ian Butterworth (brass)
14:00 - 16:00 Barbara Gilbertson (voice, violin, piano)
15:00 - 17:00 U9 football & U9 netball (5 a-side) @ Langwathby Primary School
15:30 - 16:30 Lower School- Multi-Sports – CANCELLED DUE TO FIXTURE
15:30 - 16:30 Upper School - Running CANCELLED DUE TO PARENTS EVENING
15:30 - 16:30 Upper School - Drama CANCELLED DUE TO PARENTS EVENING
15:30 - 17:30 Upper School - Exam Prep Year 5 CANCELLED
15:30 - 17:30 Year 1 parent meetings (Year 1 Classroom)
16:00 - 18:30 Year 5W Parent evening

Wednesday 12 October 2022

08:00 - 09:10 Ian Butterworth (brass)
09:00 - 11:15 Year 4-6 Swimming @ Penrith Leisure Centre
12:00 - 17:00 U11 Rugby & U11 Hockey @ Giggleswick
15:30 - 16:30 Lower school - languages
15:30 - 16:30 Upper School - Mindfulness Colouring
15:30 - 17:30 Year 2 parent meetings (Year 2 Classroom)

Thursday 13 October 2022

08:30 - 15:30 Barbara Gilbertson (voice, violin, piano)
15:00 - 16:00 Lower school - Football
15:30 - 16:30 Lower school - Colour and Craft
13:30 - 16:30 Upper School - Outdoor Education – Year 6
16:30 - 17:30 Upper School - Football

Friday 14 October 2022

08:00 - 10:30 Garry Linsley (woodwind)
08:00 - 16:30 LAMDA
10:00 - 15:30 Andrew Roze (guitar/ukulele)
13:30 - 16:30 Outdoor Education – Year 5JW
15:15 - 16:15 Lower School - Tennis
15:30 - 16:30 Lower school - Free Play
16:30 - 17:30 Upper School - Tennis
15:30 - 16:30 Upper School- Cookery Club