HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

Newsletter Number 6
Autumn Term, 14th October 2022

Dear Parents,

SO the big excitement this week has been the arrival of Paddington. What an impressive sight he is as we all drive down the drive in the morning! Our yearly straw sculptures (kindly donated by the Raven family) have become a much-anticipated part of our harvest celebrations, and Paddington certainly has been met with approval from the whole school community. It was pure magic to hear the children's squeals of delight when they walked into the gate on Tuesday!

It has been lovely to see so many of you at parents' evenings this week. It has been really productive to have the opportunity to catch up about your children's progress and talk about next steps for their continued development. Year 4 and 6 parents' evenings are still to come next week on Tuesday and Wednesday- please refer to the week ahead at the end of the newsletter to see how clubs are affected.

Now that the children are comfortably settled into their new year groups, years 3-6 have been completing tracking assessments in English, maths and science this week. These are not tests that the children prepare for, but rather are a gauge of their current strengths and weaknesses. We then use these findings to inform our teaching throughout the year and as a yardstick against which to measure subsequent assessments. Lower school do their assessments after half term.

Next week, we start the week with a bang with the Hunter Hall Cross Country Championships, where hundreds of children from local schools will come to compete alongside children from years 3-6. Mr Hetherington asked me to mention that if anyone is willing to help out with marshalling who hasn't yet

got in touch, he would love to hear from you. Do come along to spectate if you can. The event always has a super atmosphere and a lovely sense of community spirit. The children competing will be having a particularly early lunch on that day in order to digest their food before they run, so no need to send a snack for morning playtime. They will receive a hot chocolate and a cookie after the race.

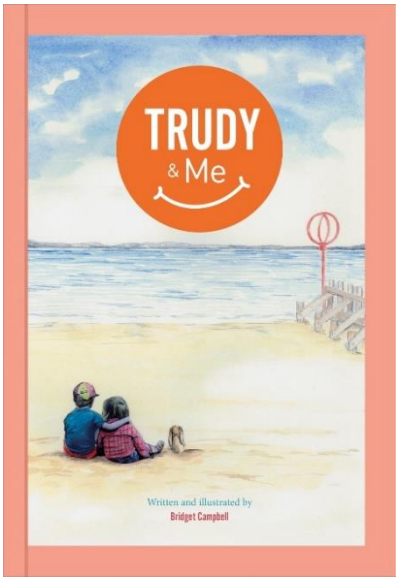
Next Friday, as well as being the last day of the half term, it is our annual harvest festival at 2pm. We warmly invite you to join us in the hall for a harvest festival service where all the children will present music, poetry and prayer to celebrate the harvest and give thanks. This will be followed by a harvest produce sale, the proceeds from which will be donated to the Great North Air Ambulance. Any donations for our produce stall are very gratefully received next week- please leave them in the office with Mrs Robson.

As I scraped ice of my windscreen this morning, Autumn definitely seems to have hit with gusto this week! If your child is still braving it by wearing summer uniform, a reminder that they are welcome to make the transition to winter uniform if they would be more comfortable. If they can all be in winter uniform by their return after half term, that would be super.

Finally, I have recently been in contact with Bridget Campbell (circled), an old Hunter who was one of the original pupils when the school first began in Great Salkeld. She is going to speak to the pupils by Zoom next half term about her life at Hunter Hall all those years ago. She is also going to read them a story she has written- a beautiful tale that helps raise children's awareness of Downs Syndrome through warm, engaging characters. If you would like to know more about the book, please see more details at the end of the newsletter.

Wishing you a fun-filled, relaxing weekend.

Kirsty Fletcher



Trudy and Me is a picture book told from the perspective of a 4 year old boy called Patrick, whose sister has Down's Syndrome. It is a joyful book about siblings and about accepting and celebrating difference.

Very few picture books represent children with disabilities and we are delighted to share awareness of this book with you all. We are looking forward to hearing from the author about the book (as well as her time in Hunter Hall as one of the 'originals!') on a zoom call on 11th November.

This book is available to buy until October 28th through https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/trudy-me-a-picture-book-celebrating-difference , either as a pdf or as a hardback first edition.

Pre-School News

We have had such a fabulous week in pre-school this week.

This week, our focus has been learning all about all things autumn and exploring the season in more detail. In particular, we have been looking at what animals do in autumn to prepare themselves for winter, such as squirrels. We used wooden blocks and the Duplo to create a house for a squirrel and even went on a hunt to collect some nuts for him to save for winter!

On Tuesday morning, we were very excited to see Paddington had arrived in the courtyard. We shared the story of Paddington alongside reception and had our picture taken in front of him. Henry told us all about bringing it carefully to school with daddy on the tractor and trailer.

On Wednesday, Maya kindly brought in a bag of autumn goodies she had found when out and about, and she shared them all with us telling us what everything was. Thankyou Maya!

On Work it out Wednesday this week we met Barney the owl who had lost his nest. We had to create our very own nests for him and work out what would make it nice and warm for him. The children created some fabulous nests using all sorts of materials such as hay, straw, sticks, leaves, pinecones and tissue paper.

Outside, we have been talking about the weather, creating our own weather station and creating sound effects using the musical instruments.

This week, our song we have been learning is all about a scarecrow. The words are below if you would like to give it a go!

When all the cows were sleeping
And the sun had gone to bed
Up jumped the scarecrow
And this is what he said
I'm a dingle, dangle scarecrow
With a flippy, floppy hat
I can shake my hands like this
I can shake my feet like that
When all the hens were roosting
And the moon behind a cloud
Up jumped the scarecrow
And shouted very loud
I'm a dingle, dangle scarecrow
With a flippy, floppy hat
I can shake my hands like this
I can shake my feet like that

Mrs Parker and Miss Graham

Parents' Group

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

Date for Your Diary
Friday 2nd December Christmas Fayre 3-5pm

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 X-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

Date: MONDAY 17th OCTOBER

Venue: Hunter Hall

Start time: 1.00pm Finish 3.00pm

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Y6 Boys: A Team		Y5 Boys A Team		Y5 Girls: A Team		Y4 Girls: A Team		Y4 Boys A Team	
1.	Sam H	1.	Ollie E	1.	Maggie R	1.	Lucy W	1.	Fergus M
2.	Hamish B	2.	Forest R	2.	Orla M	2.	Cecily G	2.	Henry H
3.	Ezra M	**3.**	Drew C	3.	Anna F	3.	Hermione H	3.	Charlie M
4.	Finn M	4.	Hubi H	4.	India P	4.	Iona A	4.	Kane C
5.	Rafferty A	5.	George M	5.	Emma C	5.	Louisa H	5.	Ragnar HC
6.	Carson L	6.	Tomas B	6.	Darci G	6.	Renne L	6.	Frankie F
Y6 Girls: A Team		7.	James	7.	Amelie	7.	Lucy M	7.	Artam
1.	Anna F	8.	Oliver R	8.	Lindi L	8.	Hetti K	8.	Shae G
2.	Willa B	9.	Jack D	9.	Quetzi HC	9.	Hebe C	9.	Edward B
3.	Iona R	10.	Zach L			10.	Allegra C	10.	Toby M
4.	Poppy W	11.	Josh J			11.	Elsa F	11.	Sebastian R
5.	Ellie A	12.	Berti D						
6.	Phoebe G	13.	Thomas R						
7.	Inara L								

Those not running well help marshal.

Please advise Miss Ecroyd or Mr. Hetherington if there is a reason your child can't or shouldn't run.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO RUN THIS EVENT

A sign up sheet for the following jobs is in the office. **We can not run it without your support.**

Marshalls– 12noon-3pm

See map for different locations on the course.

Car Parking 11.45– 1pm

Directing traffic into the parking bays.

Refreshments–1.00 -3pm

Other information: Children will run in their black PE shorts and games top/ school running vest.

Tracksuit tops, bottoms, hats, coats and gloves will be needed to keep warm before and after.

The top 12 in each race will go forward to run at the county championships held in January 2023.

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 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:

- 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

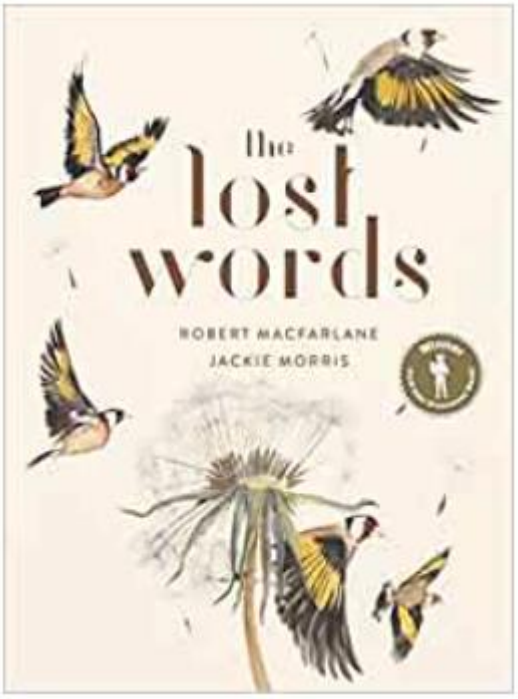
Deliver them to the office at your convenience during the week beginning 17th October, and by Friday morning at the latest

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

Monday 17 October 2022

09:30 - 12:00	Richard Evans (drums/cello)
13:00 - 15:30	Hunter Hall 2022 Cross Country Championships
14:00 - 18:30	Barbara Gilbertson (voice, violin and piano)
15:30 - 16:30	Lower school: Running/Games – CANCELLED DUE TO XCOUNTRY
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School- Art
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Choir
16:30 - 17:30	Upper school - Band

Tuesday 18 October 2022

08:30 - 09:30	Ian Butterworth (brass)
14:00 - 16:00	Barbara Gilbertson (voice, violin and piano)
15:30 - 16:30	Lower School- Multi-Sports
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Running
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Drama – CANCELLED DUE TO PARENTS EVENING
15:30 - 17:30	Upper School - Exam Prep Year 5 - CANCELLED DUE TO PARENTS EVENING
15:45 - 17:45	Year 6 Parent evening

Wednesday 19 October 2022

08:00 - 09:10	Ian Butterworth (brass)
09:00 - 11:15	Year 4-6 Swimming @Penrith Leisure Centre
14:00 - 16:00	U10 Rugby Festival @ Mowden Hall (Timing TBC)
15:30 - 16:30	Lower school - languages - CANCELLED DUE TO PARENTS EVENING
15:30 - 16:30	Upper School - Mindfulness Colouring - CANCELLED
15:45 - 17:45	Year 4 Parents evening

Thursday 20 October 2022

08:30 - 15:30	Barbara Gilbertson (voice, violin and 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 3&4
16:30 - 17:30	Upper School - Football

Friday 21 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	Upper School - Outdoor Education- Year 5P
14:00 - 16:00	HARVEST FESTIVAL AND PRODUCE SALE
15:30 - 16:30	Lower school - Free Play
15:30 - 16:30	No Upper School Cookery Club