HUNTER HALL

PREPARATORY & PRE-SCHOOL

Newsletter Number 7 Summer Term, 9th June 2023

Dear Parents,

As the sun continues to shine it has been the perfect week for our Year 3 and 4 children to visit the Farne Islands. They have fitted a lot into their itinerary including visiting Bamburgh Castle and Seahouses and a tour around the Farnes to see the seals and puffins. In a couple of weeks, it will be our last residential trip for this year as Year 6 visit Northumberland too, having missed out on their trip in Year 4 due to the Pandemic.

We may have 2 less year groups in school, but it has been no quieter as the sunshine has seen the children practising their athletic skills ready for sports day. Mr Spooner feels we have some gold medal Olympian hurdle contenders in our reception class – 3 of which received gold awards for their efforts this morning! Speaking of Olympian challenges, I was also delighted to award Sam H (Year 6) his silver medal in assembly this morning for coming 2nd in the National Cross-Country Championships – a superb achievement.

Year 5 and 6 have also been busy getting to grips with their roles for the forthcoming performance of The Lion King. Tickets are now on sale – please see link below as well as further information.

- Tickets for 'The Lion King' are now live. To purchase tickets, please click on https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/42923. Tickets are £7.50 each, which includes a drink at the interval and a weblink to professional photos of the play that you can download at no additional cost. Under 8s attend free.
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- Play dates: Tuesday 20th- 6pm, Wednesday 21st-3.15pm*, Thursday 22nd- 6pm. *Please note the Wednesday performance has been moved earlier than initially published to allow for year 5 children to still attend the Keswick Open Evening.

- Upper School children are able to stay at school on the Tuesday and Thursday evenings prior to the performances. We recommend they bring a packed tea

- Please can costumes be in school on **Monday 12th** as far as is practicable, named, on a hanger.

Today you will receive a letter from the incoming Headmaster – Mr Borrows regarding his first staffing appointment for September. I am sure Mr Jeynes will be a super addition to the team.

The holiday club letter has also gone live today, and you will note that there is another new member to our staff team – Mrs Harris. She will work at the holiday club for some sessions over the summer, before working with one of our new reception children come September.

The last of our governor committee meetings for this year met this week too – Oversight and Training (chaired by Mr G Ainsworth – his last role before he steps down from post), we thank him for all his contributions to the governing board. And our academic committee meeting chaired by Mr Peter Hogan, was also held. The final board meeting of the year takes place next week.

We are now hurtling towards the end of term, so please refer to your aide memoire sent prior to half term for key dates and timings. An apology for the technical glitch prior to half term, when neither the newsletter, nor fixture lists went 'live', frustrating for all of us! Mrs Robson has now sorted it and also continues to adapt communication links following constructive feedback.

Form tutors have spoken to classes this week regarding the amount of football cards/Pokemon cards/sweets/gifts (over and above the usual birthday gifts), that are coming into school hidden deep within children's pockets or bags! Please can you support us by checking carefully and not allowing such things in school for the remainder of this term as they are becoming a nuisance to all.

And finally, a note regarding catering at present. Unfortunately, Mrs McPhillips is not well at present and therefore our caterers 'Chartwells' are doing their utmost to ensure we are all fed and watered and have staffing. They are doing a grand job, but it does mean that the menus may not be as they are printed. There are also problems with deliveries and availability of certain products. They are trying their hardest and Mr White is in regular contact with them.

Don't forget Sports Day is next Tuesday. Children should come to school in sports kit with their house tee shirt. There is no need for uniform that day and please check after school care, as many of the usual clubs will not be running. You are all cordially invited to attend the afternoon events, where the parents' group will be running a refreshment station.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs D Vinsome

Pre-School News

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

Our week began by introducing our brand new topic- Safari Animals. We have been exploring all sorts of facts about them. We talked about what they look like, where they live and what they like to eat. The children then created their own safari scene, using natural materials and the wild animals models. We also had a go at drawing our favourite animal.

The children have also worked hard on their very own safari jeep; decorating it in different ways and then going for a ride in it - taking cameras and binoculars along with them to see what animals they could spot in the wild!

In Work it Out Wednesday, we had to rescue the animals who had got stuck in sinking sand. We came up with some fabulous ideas and managed to save every one of them!

We have been practicing for sports day out on the field, having a go at running super fast and keeping a bean bag on our head!

We have also enjoyed the sunshine and spent lots of time outside, sitting on our table and chairs, playing in the water and creating animal footprints.

In the forest we had lots of fun taking water with us to create a fabulous mud slide!

Well done pre-school!

Mrs Parker and Miss Lane

Year 6 Outdoor Ed Timetable Change

On Thursday 6th July a number of children will not in school on, due to the QEGS transition day. Having chatted to Year 6, they all very much want to do our ghyll scramble planned for that day. So, I have liaised with the yacht club and we can swap the gyhll scramble around with their next sailing session. Although the QEGS attendees will miss that sailing afternoon, they will still have done some sailing this term and won't miss out on something that little bit different that they are all really excited about! Therefore, we will be ghyll scrambling on Thursday 15th June, with sailing taking place on Thursday 6th July.

For ghyll scrambling, children will need:

- Swimwear
- Wetsuit
- Suitable footwear
- Towel
- Change of clothes
- Bin liner or bag for wet kit

Children may use their own wetsuits and buoyancy aids but if they do not have one of their own, they may borrow one from the yacht club.

Many thanks

Martin Spooner

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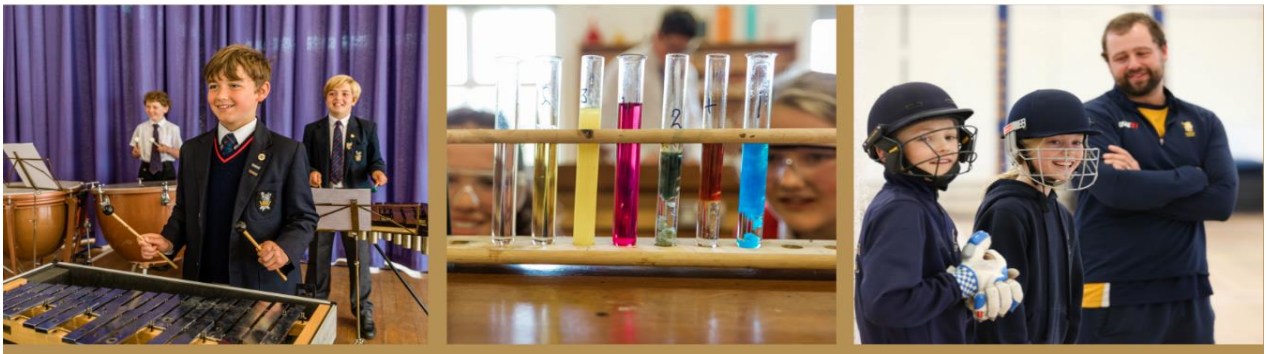

Come & meet the Sedbergh Prep Headmaster & Registrar at pick up on **Thursday 15th June**

Will & Anna will be at Hunter Hall **from 3.15pm** to answer questions on Sedbergh Prep & Senior School

They look forward to seeing you!