



Hecklegirth Primary

Welcome back to the Summer Term, we have a busy term ahead. Here are some dates for your diary.

More detailed information on events will be issued in due course as well as any additional dates. We will continue to give you reminders by text.

May	
Monday 1st	May Day Holiday
Friday 12th	P2 Assembly—Parents and family welcome, 1.30 start
Monday 15th-19th	Health Week
Wednesday 17th	Nursery Sports Day
Friday 19th	Sports Day P1-3 9.30—10.30 P4-7 1.00—3.00 <i>Burnswark - blue Criffel - red Skiddaw- green</i>
Friday 26th	P1 Assembly—Parents and family welcome, 1.30 start
Friday 26th	Hecklegirth Fundraisers Barbecue
Monday 29th	Nursery Open Evening 3.30—5.00 P1—7 Open Evening 4.00—6.00
June	
Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd	INSET Days (Pupil holidays)
Friday 9th	P1—7 reports home to parents
Friday 9th	P6 Assembly—Parents and family welcome, 1.30 start
Monday 12th—16th	Multicultural Week
Friday 16th	P7 Leavers Assembly at 1.30
Monday 19th—22nd	P7's induction days at Annan Academy
Friday 23rd	P1/2 Assembly—Parents and family welcome, 1.30 start
Saturday 24th	P7 Leavers Party 7.00—11.00
Wednesday 28th	P7 Leavers Disco
Wednesday 28th	Move Up Afternoon and New P1 Parents Information Session
Friday 30th	Last day of term. Children return on Monday 21st August at 8.55 am



Open Evening Information — Monday 29th May

This will be an opportunity for parents and children to come into school to look over their work and share their achievements together. If any parents wish to have a private meeting with the teacher please contact them via the home school diary or phone the school. Similarly, if anybody cannot make the open evening speak to the teacher about an alternative date.

Celebrating Wider Achievements

Annandale and Eskdale Sports Awards



The school had major success at the recent Sports Awards winning the large schools sports initiative / performance of the year award. Also, our swimming team were nominated for the team of the year award. Ellie P6, Courtney P5 and Finn P P7 represented the school at the awards ceremony but it is a very special award for all our pupils, staff and parents who make all of these sporting events happen and ensure that all pupils can access sport at all levels.



Apologies

In the last newsletter I mentioned the gymnastic team and their recent success.

Sophie Smith was not in the picture with the pre level group, so a special mention to Sophie and well done for representing the school so well.



Car Park

Can I please remind parents that the staff car park is for staff use only and parents should not be using it to drop children off or pick them up at 3.00. The rules are made to ensure the safety of the whole school community, thank you.



Mobile Phones

If children need to bring a mobile phone to school we ask that they hand it in to the teacher at the start of the day for safe keeping. Any child who is seen using a phone within school grounds, taking pictures of others, will be asked to delete the images.

Early Learning and Childcare - Update from Parent Council Meeting

I mentioned in the last newsletter about the Council's plans to extend our nursery to ensure delivery of 1140 hours of nursery provision for the Annan Community by the year 2020.

Hecklegirth has been chosen for this nursery extension because we are currently under our operating capacity and we have the scope to accommodate the new proposals with out any major building work.

This means an extension to our existing school nursery and a move to have all of the main-stream classes P1—7 accommodated in the tower block. The plan is to have all classes ready in the tower block for the start of the new school session on the 21st August. This work will be carried out during the summer holidays. Work will need done in three classrooms.

There are no plans available currently but I will let you know more about the changes when I can. Please be assured that the Council are determined to work with the school to ensure safety and ensure that the children's learning will not be compromised in any way. The Council Representatives who attended the Parent Council Meeting on the 24th April are willing to attend another Parent Council Meeting in the future if necessary.

Next Steps

- *Meeting to be arranged with Council Representatives and Architects Department to draw up plans for alterations to tower block and plans for the nursery extension*
- *The Council will begin consultation with families in Annan to find out what they require in terms of early learning provision to ensure a quality service for the children . The new provision will also incorporate existing child care providers in Annan*
- *School to keep you up to date with new information when available*
- *If there are any concerns in the interim please contact the school or Gary Coupland, Chair of Parent Council*

Staffing changes

Mrs Vivers who teaches Primary 3 on Wednesday and Thursday is leaving us to take up a new post on the 11th May. We will all miss her here but wish her well in her new job.



Mrs Gordon will also be leaving us at the end of May to go on Maternity Leave. We look forward to hearing the news about the new arrival!

Wishful Thinking

Hopefully at some point this term we will have some lovely weather. Please make sure your children come prepared with sun cream, hats, water bottles on those days!



Please contact the school at any time if you have any concerns or need to talk to the teachers.