



# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 16 MAY 2024



## Important dates for your diary

Year 5 Swimming	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Year 3/4 Whinlatter trip	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
Year 3/4 Swimming	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Year 6 Swimming	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024
Year 5 Residential to Lockerbie Manor	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Year 6 Residential to London	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Year 6 Cyclewise	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July – Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July
Sports Day	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July – parents/carers welcome from 1pm
Year 6 Leavers Prom	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July – 4:30pm to 6:00pm
Year 6 Leaver’s Service at Church 10am	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
Last day of term	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

Hello everyone, Hensingham Primary School has yet again been a hive of activity!

### Nursery/Reception

Our Nursery and Reception are looking forward to their visit to Strudda Bank farm at Seascale tomorrow where they will be consolidating their learning of minibeasts and animals. They will be looking at the baby animals including lambs and calves and comparing them to their adult parents. We will learn all about where our meat comes from, and we will get to see first-hand where and how the animals live. Today in early years, pupils were using and explaining vocabulary including metamorphosis – incredible from our EYFS pupils!

### Year 1/2

Year 1/2 have been loving their reading this week. As readers, they have not only been engrossed in their phonics, but they have been begging Miss Murphy for even more reading time! This afternoon, pupils were reading their favourite books. As computer programmers, Pupils have been using Bee-bot to programme instructions into their computer games. The Hive have been getting creative – writing poems linked to their Under the Sea learning. Key Stage 1 have been working flat out!

### Year 3/4

Year 3 and 4 have been active and sporty this week. Pupils enjoyed an afternoon of sports on Wednesday, led by the Young Sports Leaders (Year 9 pupils) from Whitehaven Academy – Dodgeball was a particular favourite. What a busy and active afternoon they had!

### Year 5

As scientists, year 5 have been studying the life cycles of insects and animals. Pupils could explain how eggs become fertilised, develop into tadpoles, tadpoles with no legs, froglets and then into a frog. Brilliant knowledge, Year 5! As writers, pupils have finished their twisted tales. They were able to re-write the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Their finished pieces of work are fantastic. As mathematicians, Year 5 have been learning to read and plot coordinates. They have also learned how to translate shapes on an axis. Brilliant!

### Year 6

Our Year 6 pupils have now completed their SATs tests and we are very proud of them all. They will now switch their focus to preparing themselves for secondary school. We are in the process of planning and organising a range of exciting activities and experiences to end their journey at Hensingham Primary School on a high! We will keep you posted with details...

### Staffing

- We have appointed a new apprentice teaching assistant to support our pupils across school. Miss Naylor joins us on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May and we are delighted to welcome her to the team. I am sure all members of the Hensingham community will make her feel very welcome, she is very eager to get started!
- Miss Cooper has been asked to support Northside Primary School after half term. Miss Cooper is a valued member of the Hensingham family and is very popular amongst our pupils and staff. Her humour, dedication to Hensingham and love for our Year 5 pupils is much appreciated and we will miss her. We are proud that her efforts have been recognised across Cumbria Education Trust and we wish her well in her new endeavour – we are sure we will see her again soon!
- Year 5 will be taught for the rest of term by their Year 6 teacher, Ms Walsh. Ms Walsh is excited to get started in Year 5 and move with the class up to Year 6. This is an amazing opportunity to get a head start on all things Year 6!
- Year 6 will be welcoming back Miss Taylor. Miss Taylor will initially be teaching reading, writing and maths in the morning before coming back full time very soon. Mrs Whalley and Mr Clayton will also be supporting Year 6 – leading the many trips and visits we have planned and preparing the class for their transition to secondary school.

Classes for next year are in the process of being finalised and we will share this information with you in due course. Mrs Kirkbride, Miss Murphy, Mr Varty, Miss Hurley and Ms Walsh along with our fantastic team of teaching assistants are already planning another exciting and busy curriculum for next year and we will be soon appointing another fantastic teacher to join Hensingham Primary School. Exciting times ahead!

## Clothing Bank at Hensingham Primary School!



Today, your child will be coming home with a clothing bank bag. Please help school raise funds for trips and treats for our pupils by donating any old and unwanted clothes. Any clothes that no longer fit your child, no matter the condition, we will take! Paired shoes, socks, belts and other clothing accessories are also able to be donated.

Our clothes bank can be found at the bottom of the school car park at the side of school.

If you need spare bags, we have plenty! Bin-liners that are tied are also acceptable.

Thank you for your support!

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