

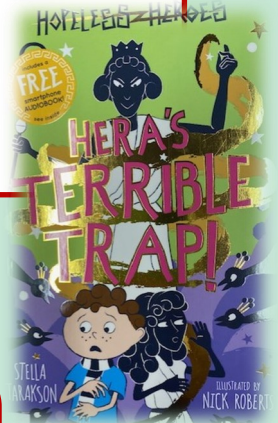


## Walton & Lees Hill CE Primary School 27th January Fortnightly Forum

### This Fortnight at School!

Our Topics are... Lights, Camera, Action and The Greeks

We have been reading... Traction Man and Hera's Terrible Trap!



### Strike Action

We would like to reassure parents and carers that school **will not be closing** for any upcoming strike action.

### Safeguarding

Mrs Stobbart and Mrs Rooney both attended designated safeguarding lead update training last week.

It is the role of all staff to provide a safe environment in which children can learn. The messages from the training were reassuring and confirmed that our policies and procedures are robust for keeping our children safe.

Towards the end of last term, Mary Alston our safeguarding governor, carried out the schools annual safeguarding audit.

This also checks on policies, staff training, Disclosure and Barring checks for all staff and volunteers and how school makes and keeps child protection records.

The outcome of this audit was that our school is a safe environment in which children can learn.



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### Contacting Teachers

Staff at school are receiving an ever increasing amount of non-urgent messages to their personal social media accounts.

Whilst staff are always here to support our pupils and their families, we politely request that you refrain from messaging on social media, especially out of school hours.

Staff do not want to appear rude by not responding to messages, however are entitled to family time and downtime from school, which is why we ask that messages on personal accounts are avoided.

We kindly ask that communication about school is kept to emails or that you telephone school to speak with a member of staff. If there isn't an answer on the telephone, leave a message and somebody will call you back. If your child is unwell and not attending school, please call as soon as possible in the morning so that staff are aware. If there is something specific to your child which you would like staff to be aware of, please email them directly, to protect your child's privacy.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter and for ensuring that we all communicate in the way most appropriate for staff, pupils and parents.

### Lanercost Cross Country

This year's cross country event will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Lanercost at 10am.

Parents will need to make their own transport arrangements and stay with their child.

Please confirm whether your child wishes to participate by 10<sup>th</sup> February via email.

More information will follow once we have an idea of how many children wish to take part.

### Multi-skills Festival

William Howard School are holding a multi skills festival for children in year 1 and 2 on 16<sup>th</sup> February 3.45pm-5pm.

These events are great opportunities for children to meet up with other children their own age and participate in a range of activities.

If your child would like to attend, please confirm via e-mail by 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Parents will need to make their own transport arrangements for this event.



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### Super Soup and Scrummy Scones!

Our nursery children's learning through play works on fortnightly topics.

For the last two weeks, they have used vegetables as a theme for their learning. They've compared vegetables, talked about their favourites, used them to paint with and made delicious soup with cheesy scones.

Stories are a very important part of daily life in nursery and the children have enjoyed listening and talking about *Oliver's vegetables*, *Oliver's fruit salad*, *Supertato*, *Handa's Surprise* and *The Runaway Pea*. All of which have a fruit or vegetable theme.

Do you have any different stories at home with a fruit or vegetable theme? If so, we'd love you to bring them in so we can share them together!

Preparing food, cooking and baking all help to develop fine and gross motor skills with children, as well as helping them to understand which foods are healthy and the different food groups they belong to.

Water is the theme for our next fortnightly topic, so be prepared for some soggy clothing!



### Thank you!

Thank you for all the responses to the recent lunch survey.

The responses have been a great help to us.

There is a meeting to discuss school meals and the changes to how school will manage lunches on February 15th at 3:30.

### P.E Kits

Please may Infant Class come into school in their P.E kits on **Monday, Tuesday and Friday** moving forward.





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### Dates for the diary:

- 30th January—Udance session for juniors at Bewcastle.  
Juniors to come to school in PE kit
- 31st January—Mindfulness session
- 6<sup>th</sup> February—In school storytelling session with The Sill
- 7<sup>th</sup> February— Mindfulness session
- 14<sup>th</sup> February— Mindfulness session
- 15th February—Meeting r.e school lunches at 3:30
- 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February—Half Term Week
- 8th March—Udance Festival performance for Junior pupils

### After School Clubs:

Wednesday: STEM Club

Thursday: Creative Club

Clubs run until 4:30 but childcare can be extended until 5pm for anyone who needs it. There is a small charge of £2 for this. Please let us know if you would like your child to stay until 5pm.



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