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# Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Even though this term has only been five weeks, as always it has been a busy one.

All classes have now had their class assemblies, thank you to all of you who were able to attend – it has been great to see all the children talk so confidently about their learning. As always, a big thank you to staff for all their hard work making the children's learning such a memorable and enjoyable experience .

We have finally managed to sort out the alterations for the Hex Climber – the children are very excited about using it again – thank you to Mr Jonson (Kitty's Dad) for helping us sort this. After the holidays, we are hopefully receiving some top soil so we can repair the damage made by the drainage 'improvements' completed earlier this year. If anyone is able to help distribute the soil prior to it being seeded, then please let us know. We are also looking at arranging an after school painting party to give the fence a bit of a spruce up too – we will share more details after the holidays.

Thank you to the PTA for arranging yet another successful Easter Bingo. It was great to see so many families there – we hope you all had a great evening. The next PTA event is the Easter Trail – which we trialled last year and was very successful over the Easter Holidays and enjoyed by many local families – maps are on sale via WEDUC, Heather Shop, The Crown and The Queen's Head. The PTA are currently raising funds so we can refurbish the garden and pond area so it can be used more by the children – the current pond has been in a state of disrepair for a number of years and is currently not safe for us to use.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you have any concerns or queries, please in the first instance, make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Have a super Easter Break.

Best wishes,

Maxine Michalowski

## British Values and Protected Characteristics

We have continued to enjoy our Picture News assemblies – the ones that resulted in the most discussion this term were the changing of certain words/phrases in the Roald Dahl stories and the importance of the volunteers who look after assistance puppies in the first year of their life.

This term our focus questions have been:

- Will the world become cashless in the future? – British Value **Individual Liberty**/Protected Characteristic **Age**
- Could you do more to protect your local area? - British Value **Democracy** /Protected Characteristic **Religion or Belief**
- Should Roald Dahl books be changed for modern times? - British Value **Rule of Law**/Protected Characteristic **Age**
- How important are guide dogs for those in need? British value **Mutual Respect and Tolerance**/Protected Characteristic **Disability**
- How do communities support each other in difficult times? British Value **Mutual Respect and Tolerance** /Protected Characteristic **All of them**

### Homework

Our homework policy is currently being rewritten but as a result of the consultation with all stakeholders in school, from Easter 2023 all homework will be focused around reading, spelling, Numbot and TT Rockstars - we will not be continuing with the Green homework book. More details regarding the regularity of reading, spelling and Numbots/TTrockstars will come home with your child in their termly newsletter during the first week back.

### Before and After School Club - MASH

Just a reminder to all families that use MASH, that bookings should be made and paid for in advance. If your child is attending without a booking the session, a charge will be added to your bookings purse with a £1 admin charge which will be found in your Offers purse. Please check both purses to ensure all debts are paid. We politely ask for prompt payment of these charges. If payment is not made within 14 days of the session, used then no further bookings for MASH will be allowed until full payment is made. We are very grateful to those of you who do pay these bills promptly, but there are a small number of families who staff in the office are continually chasing for payments. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated.

### PE

PE days for the summer term are listed below. For those days, your child/ren will need to have a full PE kit, in a bag, in school - black shorts/trackie bottoms/running tights (not leggings), black school PE T-shirt, jumper - preferably a school hoody and trainers - outdoor PE, as long as it is safe, takes place outside. Please make sure your child has adequate layers. As always, if you are sending your child into school with PE trainers with laces, they are expected to be able to tie their shoe laces - staff do not have time to keep tying laces.

Monday - Swimming for Dragonfly

Tuesday - Forest School for Reception only - children to come to school in their forest school kit as normal. PE for all children in Year 1 and 2.). PE for Bumblebee

Wednesday - PE for Dragonfly

Thursday - PE for all children in Caterpillar and Ladybird)

### Coronation Celebrations

Staff are working hard to plan a memorable day of Coronation Celebrations on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Although it is tempting to ask the children to come dressed as Star Wars characters that day - we are going down the more traditional route of asking the children to come dressed in red, white and blue. For lunch we are going to have a whole school picnic on the field, and ask if possible some families can bring in picnic blankets too. During the afternoon, the children will join in a range of traditional party games, craft activities as well as practising their dance moves!

Key Dates for the Diary (Full set of term dates for 22-23 can be found on our website and in notices on WEDUC)

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - School Closes for Easter Break

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April - PTA Easter Bunny Trail - details to follow

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April - the Easter Bunny Trail - maps on sale on the playground, from the shop and both pubs

**Easter Break - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April - School open for all

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April - 3rd July Swimming Dragonfly

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Personal Best festival - Selected KS 2 children

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Year 2 Parents Sats meeting 3:30pm start

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Year 6 Parents Sats Meeting 4:30pm start

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April Unity Cross Country @Griffydam 10:30 start

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April - KS 1 school council members at a meeting at St Denys - details to follow

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Year 1 Phonic Meeting for Year 1 3:30pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Roving Book Fair in school - details to follow

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April Year 3/4 Rugby Mega Fest @Ashby Rugby Club 12pm-16:30pm - selected children

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - May Day Bank Holiday**

KS 1 Sats take place throughout May\*

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Wear Red, White and Blue for the Coronation - whole school Coronation Celebration

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday - School Closed**

**KS 2 Sats Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May\*** - date change due to Bank Holiday

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Unity Swimming Gala @ New Leisure Centre - details to follow

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Netball tournament at Ashby School 15:30-18:00pm - selected children

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May - ladybird Forest School Session

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Mixed Cricket Tournament @Broom Leys Cricket Club 12:00- 17:45pm selected children

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Caterpillar Class Assembly - 9am start

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May Unity Netball Tournament @ Woodstone 4pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May - School closes for Half Term

**Half term Break Monday 29<sup>th</sup> - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - School Open for all

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Year 4 Multiplication Check\*

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day - 1pm Start - parents and carers welcome \* this is a change of date

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Phonics Screen - take place this week\*

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day reserve date

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June - NWLSSP Saffron Lane Athletics selected Year 4-6 Children

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June - PTA Break the Rules Day - details to follow

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June - 5/6 trip to Warning Zone - details to follow

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Year 3/4 Football Festival (selected children who do not play for a team) 9:15pm - 12:15pm @Ashby Ivanhoe FC

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 5/6 Football Festival (selected children who do not play for a team) 12:30pm -3:15pm @Ashby Ivanhoe FC

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Ladybird Class Assembly 9:00am start

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June TMBS parent induction - please contact school for details 6pm

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June - MSM Theatre Productions - The Railway Children

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June Ivanhoe welcome evening - please contact the school for details 6pm

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Bumblebee Class Assembly 9:00am start

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Bumblebee Forest School Afternoon

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July Year 5/6 Leavers' Production - Year 5 Parents/Carers only 2pm

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July Year 5/6 Leavers' Production Year 6 families/Carers only 6pm

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Transition days - please check with your child's school for dates as they vary from school to school.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July ICC Welcome evening -please contact the school for details 6pm

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July Whole school move up morning

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 leavers' party

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Dragonfly Forest School Session

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July - School closed for pupils - Summer Break

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July - INSET Day 5 - Disaggregated**

**\*PLEASE DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS DURING THESE TIMES**

**These holiday dates have been agreed by the Governing Body for Heather Primary School and may differ from other schools locally.**