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# Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers of

It is hard to believe that we are only one week away from half term – this half term seems to have flown by.

A big thank you to Miss Barton for accompanying myself and 15 of our Year 3/4 children to Kingswood last week. The children were amazing and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. They soon found their way around the Kingswood Centre and all were keen to take on new challenges and experiences – even though some of them might have seemed a bit scary! Meanwhile back at school the rest of the children took part in the Seed Bomb at Sence valley and thank you to all of you that chose to make a seed launcher as one of your homework activities – there were some amazing contraptions! Lots of the children are looking forward to returning to Sence valley in the summer term to see how the meadow is developing. Children in Year 3/4/5 and 6 will be returning in November to help plant the trees for the new Centenary Wood – there is a possibility of a TV company who focus on life outdoors coming to film the event. We should have more details about this event after half term.

Thank you to those who donated contributions for the Harvest Festival and we hope that those of you that were able to attend both the Harvest Festival and our Open Classrooms had an enjoyable afternoon.

If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate in popping in to see your class teacher in the first instance.

Best wishes,

Maxine Michalowski

## E-Safety

See below for a link for a website that parents may find useful. Net-aware is a website produce in support of the NSPCC and provides parents and carers with a guide to social networks, apps and games. All you need to do is to type in the name of the app etc. and it takes you to a parents' support page providing you with top tips in how to support your child in keeping safe when using the app/game etc. It also provides you with the recommended age to use the app/game, what the app/game can be used for and the potential risks involved when using the app/game. As you scroll down the page there is further guidance regarding exploring the game/app together and how to set the privacy settings. I hope you will find this information useful. The website is - <https://www.net-aware.org.uk>. Some parents whose children are currently using TIKTOK formally called Musical.ly might find this link particularly useful:  
<https://support.tiktok.com/en/privacy-safety/for-parents-en>.

## Staffing update

Sadly, Mrs Squires has decided to resign from her position working in MASH after school and we are very sorry to see her go. Her last working day in MASH will be on Thursday but on the plus side we will still be seeing Mrs Squires every day in the kitchen cooking our delicious school lunches – Yay!

### Sponsored Bounce

Sponsored Bounce - Many thanks to the PTA with the support of Bexton Bouncy Castles, for organising the Sponsored Bounce. I know all children had a fantastic time during their timed bounce and many staff were disappointed that they didn't get to have a go! Due to the children collecting so many sponsors we have raised a whopping £1546.47 which is a phenomenal amount of money for such a small school. Some of this money is being used to pay for the visit of Billy Bob Buttons the author and a contribution towards some of the events that we have planned for our Science Week in November.

### WEDUC

Many apologies to those of you who have tried to pay online using WEDUC and we are aware that the payment section of the App is not showing as it should. WEDUC assure us that they are on the case and we will be in touch when they have resolved the issue.

### A Big Thank You

A very big thank you to the Heather Scarecrow Festival who have kindly donated £1,000 which we are going to put towards a bank of ten iPads with a charging case. Thank you to Ellysia for her swimming sponsorship money which has bought a fantastic rug, some cushions and bean bag style seats for the Library.



## Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Donaldson Class Stay and Play and Class Assembly 2:10 for the assembly and 2:30 - 3:10 for the Stay and Play  
Year 2/3 Multi Sports at Hermitage Leisure Centre 10-12pm  
Children break up for half term

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**INSET DAY - STAFF ONLY**

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct HALF TERM**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October

School open back from half term

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Individual School Photographs

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

PTA Halloween Disco 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Parents' Evening 3:30-6:50pm

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Parents' Evening 3:30-5:00pm

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Cross Country @ Packington 10:30 start

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Maths day in school with Gareth Metcalfe (maths consultant & author). All parents invited to attend a parent workshop after school 'Grow your own mathematician'. Film and popcorn to be organised for children so parents can attend. Details to follow  
Churchill (10am), Obama (1:30pm) tree planting at Sence Valley (details to follow)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Science Week

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**INSET DAY - STAFF ONLY**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

PTA Christmas Fayre (details to follow)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Flu Vaccinations (details to follow)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Cross Country @ Viscount Beaumont 10:30am

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Donaldson Christmas Production 2pm - provisional

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Donaldson Christmas Production 9:30am - provisional

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Year 1/2 Rowling Christmas Production 4pm - provisional

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Year 1/2 Rowling Christmas Production 2pm - provisional

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Carol Service at the church involving all children but led by Year 3/4 Churchill Class

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Break up for Christmas

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Holidays Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

**INSET DAY - STAFF ONLY**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

School open for children

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Whole School Theatre trip to Peter Pan at the Rep in Birmingham

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Cross Country @ Woodstone

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Children break up for half term

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb HALF TERM**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

School open - back from half term

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Parents' Evening 3:30-6:50pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Parents' Evening 3:30-5:00pm

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Cross Country @ Snarestone

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

School Breaks up for Easter

**Easter Holidays Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

School open for children

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Cross Country @ Griffydam

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Spring Bank Holiday (change of date to coincide with VE Day celebrations)**

Month of May

Key Stage 1 Assessments take place across this month

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Key Stage 2 SATS week

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Unity Netball Tournament @ Woodstone 4-6pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Break up for Half term**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May HALF TERM**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

School open - back from half term

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Year 1 Phonic Screen Week

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Sports and Health Week

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4 Multiplication Check over the following 3 weeks

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

School Closes for the Summer Holidays

### Dates for the Diary continued

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Unity Netball Tournament @Woodstone 4-6pm  
**Break up for Half term**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May HALF TERM**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

School open - back from half term  
 Year 1 Phonic Screen Week  
 Sports and Health Week  
 Year 4 Multiplication Check over the following 3 weeks

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

School Closes for the Summer Holidays

### Heather Primary School Term dates 2020/21

Term dates are in line with the Local Authority - Inset Days will vary from school to school

#### **Autumn Term 2020**

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| School Open for staff - Heather INSET Day 1  | Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2020                                     |
| Schools Open for staff - Heather INSET Day 2 | Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2020                                    |
| School Open for Pupils                       | Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August                                       |
| August Bank Holiday                          | Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020                                     |
| School Closes for half term                  | Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2020                                    |
| Half Term break                              | Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020 |
| School opens to pupils                       | Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2020                                    |
| School closes to pupils                      | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020                                   |

#### **Spring Term 2021**

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| School Opens for staff - Heather INSET Day 3 | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021                                |
| School Open for pupils                       | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021                               |
| School closes for half term                  | Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021                              |
| Half term break                              | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021   |
| School opens to pupils                       | Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021                              |
| School closes                                | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021                                 |
| Easter Break                                 | Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 |

#### **Summer Term 2021**

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| School opens                                 | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021                             |
| May Day Bank Holiday                         | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021                                |
| School closes for half term                  | Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021                               |
| Half term Break                              | Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 |
| School closes for Pupil for the summer break | Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July                                    |
| Heather Primary INSET 4                      | Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2021                              |
| Heather Primary INSET 5                      | Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021                             |