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Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers of *Obama*

What a super start to the new school year we have had and a busy one too. By the time you will be reading this the children will be recovering from their sponsored bounce and hopefully we will have raised lots of money for PTA Funds. We are hoping to use these funds to help pay for some exciting science workshops during our Science Week in November. During the second week of this term - 17 children, Mrs Freakley, Mr Johnson and myself had a fantastic time at Marle Hall - rock climbing, gorge walking, rock pooling and litter picking along the Conway Estuary were some of the activities we took part in. All of the children were a credit to the school, as were Mrs Freakley and Mr Johnson and thank you both for your time to help look after our children. No doubt this weekend our children who are going to Kingswood will be excitedly helping pack their bags for their visit next week.

The new children in Donaldson have settled well into life in school, Year 1/2 Rowling are enjoying looking at different versions of Jack and the Beanstalk and are writing their own Jack and the Beanstalk tales with a slight twist. They are also thoroughly enjoying their lessons with Skipping Henry, really focusing on improving their skills! The children in Churchill have been working on different types of writing based on their class novel - The Indian in the Cupboard and have been busy planning investigations linked to growing cress. Obama class have been using Michael Morpurgo's Kensuke's Kingdom as an inspiration to write diaries from a range of prospective sand are enjoying finding out about the life and times of the Mayan Civilization.

Please remember that your child/ren's teacher/s are out on the playground at the beginning and end of school and are more than happy to speak to you regarding any concerns you may have. If you are unable to catch their attention, please put a note in the diary or pop to the School Office and Mrs Riley-Lowndes will arrange a convenient time for you to see the teacher to discuss your concerns.

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

Harvest Festival and Open Classrooms Afternoon

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Festival followed by our Open Classrooms Afternoon on Friday 4th October starting at 1:30pm at St John's Church. Food donations will be sent to the Ashby Foodbank who are particularly in need of tinned vegetables, tea, coffee, long life juice, pot noodle type snacks, rice, washing up liquid, sponge pods, tinned potatoes, custard, rice pudding, tinned pulses, razors, shampoo and toothbrushes. Members of the PTA will be organising a fruit & veg raffle and refreshments which can be drunk in the school hall before or after you visit the classes to see a range of learning going on across the school.

Contact Details

Thank you to those of you who have returned your forms. If you haven't returned your yellow forms regarding contact details and permission, please do so as soon as possible as it is imperative that all contact details are up to date for safeguarding purposes.

School Council

Last Friday the whole school voted Freya and Jack as the year 6 representatives for the school Council. Big thank you to Natalie, Alyssa, Nicole and Kauri who also put themselves forwards and confidently presented their speeches during our 'hustings'. Joining Freya and Jack are - Rosie, Archie, Vinny, Georgia, Evie, Dexter, Kitty, Ethan, Ellysia, Freddie, Noah and Grace - who were selected by their classmates. Our first meeting is on Thursday 3rd October and I look forward to joining you all then at our first meeting.

Aldi Kit For Schools

This September, Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a healthy legacy for their school. Thank you to those of you who have sent in stickers already. Please bring the stickers in to school to add to our Aldi's Kit for School Poster.

WEDUC

Exciting News we will be using WEDUC for online payments starting Monday 30th September. All trips, dinner money and clubs will be payable through the app. If you haven't already, please make sure you have signed up to and downloaded the WEDUC APP. We use WEDUC as our way of sending texts, reminders and other electronic information to parents so please make sure you have checked that you have your notifications turned on so you don't miss out on any information. If you require another copy of your log in details, then please let the school office know.

School Applications

Secondary - moving from year 6 to 7 - if your child is due to transfer to high/secondary school in Autumn 2020, the closing date for applications is 31st October 2019. ALL parents MUST apply for a school place. Places will not be offered without an application.

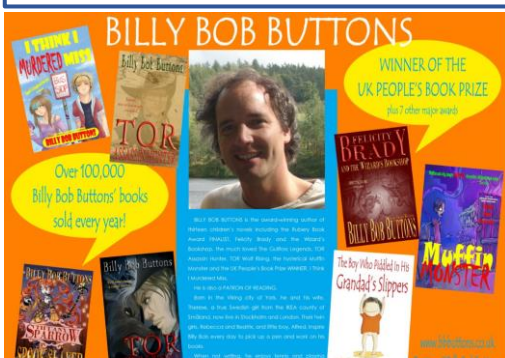
Primary - First Time Admissions - if your child will be four years old before 1st September 2020 and starting school for the first time, the closing date for applications is 15th January 2020. The results will be made available to parents & school on 16 April 2020. To apply for your child's place, apply online at: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/admissions. For more information, contact School Admissions on 0116 305 6684 or email: admissions@leics.gov.uk Primary and Secondary Education in Leicestershire. The above guides are available to read online: - <http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popularnow/school-admissions/applying-for-a-school-place>

Statutory Assessments

See Below for the Key Statutory Assessments that take place over this academic year.

- Year 6 will be sitting their KS2 SATS tests between Monday 11th May - Friday 15th May 2020
- Year 2 SATS - take place throughout May 2020
- Year 1 Phonic Screen Throughout week - 8th - 12th June 2020
- Year 4 Multiplication Check - takes place in June 2020

Please do not book holidays during these times.



Billy Bob Buttons is returning to Heather School on Wednesday 4th October - further details next week.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 23 rd September	Book Bus in school – don't forget money in a named sealed envelope if you child want to buy some books
Tuesday 24 th September	School Nurse Drop in 8:30-9:30 – contact the school office for an appointment
Wednesday 25 th September	Whole School (not Kingswood children) trip to Sence valley to take part in the Sence Valley Centenary Seed Bomb
Wed 25 th Sept – Fri 27 th September	Kingswood Residential – Year 3/4
Saturday 28 th September	Cross Country @Market Bosworth Country Park 10:30am start
Monday 30 th September	Donaldson Class Reading and Forest School Parents Meeting – 4pm
Wednesday 1 st October	Road Safety session for Year 1
Wednesday 2 nd October	Billy Bob Buttons -author in school letter to be sent out early next week with further details
Wednesday 9 th October	Donaldson Class Stay and Play and Class Assembly 2:10 for the assembly and 2:30 – 3:10 for the Stay and Play
Thursday 10 th October	Children break up for half term
Friday 11th October	INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY
	Mon 14th Oct – Fri 18th Oct HALF TERM
Monday 21 st October	School open back from half term
Tuesday 22 nd October	Individual School Photographs
Friday 25 th October	PTA Halloween Disco 5:00pm – 6:30pm (details to follow)
Wednesday 30 th October	Parents' Evening 3:30-6:50pm
Thursday 31 st October	Parents' Evening 3:30-5:00pm
Saturday 2 nd November	Cross Country @ Packington 10:30 start
Wednesday 13 th 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
	Science Week
Monday 18 th -Friday 22 nd November	INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY
Friday 22nd November	PTA Christmas Fayre (details to follow)
Friday 29 th November	Flu Vaccinations (details to follow)
Tuesday 3 rd December	Cross Country @Viscount Beaumont 10:30am
Saturday 7 th December	Donaldson Christmas Production 2pm – provisional
Monday 9 th December	Donaldson Christmas Production 9:30am – provisional
Tuesday 10 th December	Year 1/2 Rowling Christmas Production 4pm – provisional
Thursday 12 th December	Year 1/2 Rowling Christmas Production 2 pm – provisional
Friday 13 th December	Carol Service at the church involving all children but led by Year 3/4 Churchill Class
Wednesday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas
Friday 20 th December	
	Christmas Holidays Monday 23rd Dec- Friday 3rd January
Monday 6th January	INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY
Tuesday 7 th January	School open for children
Thursday 9 th January	Whole School Theatre trip to Peter Pan at the Rep in Birmingham
Saturday 18 th January	Cross Country @Woodstone
Friday 14 th February	Children break up for half term
	Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb HALF TERM
Monday 24 th February	School open – back from half term
Wednesday 4 th March	Parents' Evening 3:30-6:50pm
Thursday 5 th March	Parents' Evening 3:30-5:00pm
Saturday 21 st March	Cross Country @Snarestone
Friday 3 rd April	School Breaks up for Easter
	Easter Holidays Mon 6th April – Friday 17th April
Monday 20 th April	School open for children
Saturday 25 th April	Cross Country @Griffydun
Friday 8th 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 th - Thursday 14 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS week

Dates for the Diary continued

Thursday 24th May

Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st June

Monday 8th June

Monday 15th - Friday 18th June

Monday 8th June

Friday 10th July

Unity Netball Tournament @Woodstone 4-6pm

Break up for Half term

Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May HALF TERM

School open - back from half term

Year 1 Phonic Screen Week

Sports and Health Week

Year 4 Multiplication Check over the following 3 weeks

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

School Open for staff - Heather INSET Day 1

Monday 24th August 2020

Schools Open for staff - Heather INSET Day 2

Tuesday 25th August 2020

School Open for Pupils

Wednesday 26th August

August Bank Holiday

Monday 31st August 2020

School Closes for half term

Friday 16th October 2020

Half Term break

Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd October 2020

School opens to pupils

Monday 26th October 2020

School closes to pupils

Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

School Opens for staff - Heather INSET Day 3

Monday 4th January 2021

School Open for pupils

Tuesday 5th January 2021

School closes for half term

Friday 12th February 2021

Half term break

Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2021

School opens to pupils

Monday 22nd February 2021

School closes

Friday 26th March 2021

Easter Break

Monday 29th March to Friday 9th April 2021

Summer Term 2021

School opens

Monday 12th April 2021

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May 2021

School closes for half term

Friday 28th May 2021

Half term Break

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021

School closes for Pupil for the summer break

Friday 9th July

Heather Primary INSET 4

Monday 12th July 2021

Heather Primary INSET 5

Tuesday 13th July 2021