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Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers of

Hello and welcome back. Hope you all had a lovely summer in both the sun and the rain and a glorious Bank Holiday for a change! The children have settled back into school fantastically well, particularly the new children. All have been enjoying spending time in their new classroom getting to know their teacher and the expectations for the year. We welcome Martha, Lexi, Rosie, Evelyn, Archie, Roman, Mason, Olivia, Preston, Vinnie, Franky, Pandora, Imogen, Neil, Dean, and their families in to Donaldson class with Mrs Clarkson. We also have welcomed William into Year 2, Lexi into Year 3, Corey into Year 4 and Casey into Year 5 - we hope you and your families will be happy at Heather. We also welcome Miss Kaba who will be working in Churchill class with Miss Barton and Mrs Livesey.

Look out for termly class newsletters, homework books and a pack from the school office (early next week) with lots of important information in. Please sign and return any documents as soon as possible.

All children have received their new black PE t-shirt and look incredibly smart - their names have been written inside them. If your child loses their t-shirt or out grows the one they have, further t-shirts, at the moment, can be purchased at the school office for £5. Old t-shirts may be returned to school for parents to buy second hand for a small charge.

We are now using our new website - see address above. Lots of new information is on there and it will be updated further throughout the coming month.

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

MyMaths

MyMaths have been in touch to say that their site and activities are now all tablet friendly which is fantastic news. Some children have a few outstanding activities so it would be great if they could try and clear them, as staff will be putting on new ones for this term. Staff at MASH also have copies of the children's log in and time in the MASH sessions will be allocated so the children who attend that have outstanding activities, can catch up. Your support in this matter is much appreciated. If you have any questions about MyMaths, please speak to your class teacher.

Times Table Rock Stars



This year, we have an exciting new challenge for our children aimed at developing their knowledge of the multiplication tables and related division facts. As you may be aware, it is now a statutory requirement for all children to be able to recall any multiplication or related division fact up to 12×12 by the end of Year 4 when they will sit the National Multiplication Check. With this in mind, we have purchased the popular online resource: Times Table Rockstars, a fun and interactive online game to support children with practising and retaining their times tables. We will be launching this in one of our September assemblies, when your child will be provided with login details for the website. We ask for your support in encouraging them to access this resource regularly. The expectation is that each child from Year 3 upwards practises daily for a minimum of 5 minutes. Miss Barton

Young Voices

I am delighted to let you know that we have registered to take part in this year's Young Voices 2020 event. Young Voices is an event that takes place every year where between 5000 and 8000 children who sing in the world largest school choir. Previously artists such as Tony Hadley, The Shires and Ruti have sang alongside the children. As you know singing is great at improving self-belief, self-motivation, confidence and working as a team. In preparation for the event, I will be holding a Young Voices club for those children wishing to take part in the event. I am extremely excited for the event, I hope that the children are too. Mrs Smith

Lost Property



Please make sure all items of clothing are named. Three bin bags of lost property were taken to the tip or charity shop over the holidays. This included school uniform, PE kit, footwear, coats, gloves and water bottles. We now have a new smaller lost property bin situated by my office and I am pleased to say that at the moment it is empty!!!

A Few Reminders

- Full Pe Kits need to be in school every day – We do have set days for PE but sometimes due to weather or other events the days may change!
- If you send your child into school with shoes/PE trainers that have laces, please ensure they can tie them by themselves – it takes up a significant lesson time if staff are having to tie up laces whether that be one pair or 20 + pairs.
- Shoes should be black.
- School dinners are £2.25 and monies should be in a clearly marked envelope which your child needs to place in the wallet in the classroom.
- Children do not need pencil cases – all equipment is provided for by school.
- Please make sure you have downloaded the WEDUC app as this is how you will receive texts and other information from school.
- Your child needs a named water bottle in school everyday
- Holidays in term will generally be unauthorised, unless the circumstances are exceptional. More than 5 days holiday over the academic year may result in a Local Authority Fine
- Children are not to bring in play equipment such as bats and balls (foot, basket, tennis balls etc) we have these in school.

School Uniform

After the current stock of school uniform has been sold we will no longer be stocking school uniform for you to buy. Future purchases for school uniform can be made from <http://www.pnmschoolwear.co.uk> and EPT schoolwear in Coalville. In order to minimise delivery costs Mrs Riley-Lowndes is happy to order uniform once a term. Order forms will be available from the school office in the next few weeks and the office staff will then inform you when your order is ready for collection.

Parking

We have only been back a few days and I have already received a complaint regarding a parent/grandparent parking across someone's drive. Please be mindful when parking at the beginning and end of the day not only respecting local residents' properties but also ensuring safety for all.

Summer Book Bingo/Library Reading Challenge

Thank you to all children who have completed and brought in their book bingo and to those families that shared their children's holiday reading on our Twitter Feed. Please make sure forms are in school by Wednesday 4th September if your child wishes to be entered for the prize draw! Children who have completed the reading challenge at the library may bring in their certificates to share in celebration assemblies on Fridays.

Scarecrow Festival

Thank you to all the children and staff that worked really hard on our entry for this year's Scarecrow Festival – especially to Mrs Kyte and Mrs Freakley for co-ordinating the project, and to Mrs Kyte (again), Mrs Moreland and Mrs Winterton for coming in to school in the holidays to assemble our butterfly. It looks amazing. We haven't been lazy in not taking it down, we thought it is a good back drop for our butterfly and bee garden which is beginning to bloom quite nicely at the moment.



Dates for the Diary

Sun 1st Sept-Weds 4th September
Friday 13th September

Friday 20th September

Tuesday 24th September

Wednesday 25th September

Wed 25th Sept – Fri 27th September
Monday 30th September

Wednesday 2nd October
Wednesday 9th October
Thursday 10th October
Friday 11th October

Monday 21st October
Tuesday 22nd October
Friday 25th October
Wednesday 30th October
Thursday 31st October
Monday 18th-Friday 22nd November
Friday 22nd November

Friday 29th November
Tuesday 3rd December
Monday 9th December
Tuesday 10th December
Thursday 12th December
Friday 13th December
Wednesday 18th December

Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January
Tuesday 7th January
Friday 14th February

Monday 24th February
Friday 3rd April

Monday 20th April

Marle Hall Residential – Year 5/6

Roald Dahl's Birthday – come dressed as your favourite Roald Dahl Character

PTA Sponsored Bounce – details to follow – **NB no assembly this day**

School Nurse Drop in 8:30-9:30 – contact the school office for an appointment

Whole School (not Kingswood children) trip to Sence valley to take part in the Sence Valley Centenary Seed Bomb – details to follow

Kingswood Residential – Year 3/4

Donaldson Class Early Reading and Forest School Parents Meeting

Billy Bob Buttons -author in school (details to follow)

Donaldson Class Stay and Play (more details to follow)

Children break up for half term

INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY

Mon 14th Oct – Fri 18th Oct HALF TERM

School open back from half term

Individual School Photographs

PTA Halloween Disco 5:00pm – 6:30pm (details to follow)

Parents' Evening 3:30-6:50pm

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Science Week

INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY

PTA Christmas Fayre (details to follow)

Flu Vaccinations (details to follow)

Donaldson Christmas Production 2pm – provisional

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Year 1/2 Rowling Christmas Production 4pm – provisional

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

Break up for Christmas

Christmas Holidays Monday 23rd Dec- Friday 3rd January

INSET DAY – STAFF ONLY

School open for children

Children break up for half term

Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb HALF TERM

School open – back from half term

School Breaks up for Easter

Easter Holidays Mon 6th April – Friday 17th April

School open for children