



# Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Well we have made it – not sure I have ever broken up so late before!

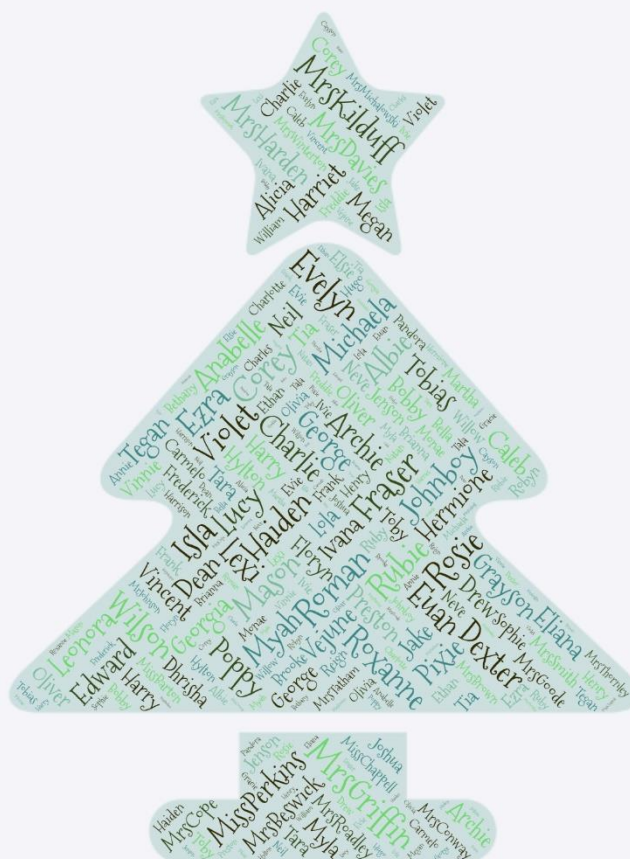
Yet again another busy week – lots to get us into the Christmas spirit. On Tuesday, Bumble Bee Class put together a fantastic Carol Service at the church – some beautiful singing, great readings reminding us on the Christmas Story and a superb performance of Clement Moore's poem 'Twas the Night before Christmas' by Bumblebee class. It was great to see the church so full and we are grateful for Rev Andy joining us for the service. Thank you also to those of you who joined us back at school for refreshments – hope you were lucky enough to eat one of Mrs Tatham's mince pies. Wednesday, we set off to Birmingham bright and early (thank you for bringing the children in for 8:15am) to watch the students of the BOA Stage and Screen Academy in their production of Peter Pan the musical – it was hard to believe the cast are only 16-18 years old, such talented young people. The production was amazing, we all really enjoyed it – it was lovely to see them clapping along to the music and helping restore Tinkerbell by chanting 'we do believe in angels'. Thank you to the adults that joined us – we hope you enjoyed it too. Then on Thursday the children all looked very festive in their Christmas Jumpers and they all used their creative skills to make some super Christmas hats (who needs crackers). A big thank you to Helen and Kat for making a super Christmas lunch.

Such a jam packed week – I am sure the children will sleep well this weekend.

Have a restful Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming the children back on the 9<sup>th</sup> January.

Best wishes,

Maxine Michalowski



## PE

For next term our PE days will be changing. We are now delivering our PE slots in 6 week blocks so there will be a further change to PE days after half term. PE days the six weeks after half 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/tracker bottoms/running tights (not leggings), black school PE T-shirt, jumper – preferably a school hoody and trainers. The weather will start to become chillier – PE still happens outdoors – trackies and a hoody are essential. There are some girls in Dragonfly who are not bringing in a change of bottoms for PE – please can you make sure that your child has a full PE kit in school on their PE days.

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. If your child struggles with this, can I please politely ask that you invest time over the holidays to teach your child how to tie their laces – it is really not our job to do it and untied laces are just an accident waiting to happen. Very reasonably priced children's trainers with velcro fastenings can be purchased from Tesco if your child is finding tying shoe laces challenging.

	Reception	Year 1/2	Bumblebee	Dragonfly
Monday		PE Day		
Tuesday			PE Day	PE Day
Wednesday	PE Day	PE Day		
Thursday			Swimming – see separate letter	PE Day
Friday	Forest School – children to come to school in their forest school kit			

### Key Dates for the Diary (Full set of term dates for 23-24 and 2024-25 can be found on our website and in notices on WEDUC)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – School Closes for Christmas Holidays for pupils

**Christmas Break - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - INSET DAY 4 - Children not in school**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – School open for all

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January PTA Meeting 7:30pm @The Queen's Head

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January Year 1 and 5 Fire Safety talk

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February PTA Film night – details to follow

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – School Closed for Half Term**

**Half term Break – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – School Open for all

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening – 3:30pm-7pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening – 3:30pm-5pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March PTA Event – Easter Bingo @Heather Village Hall

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - School Closes for Easter Break

**Easter Break – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – School open for all

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - May Day Bank Holiday**

KS 1 Assessments take place throughout May\*

KS 2 Sats Monday 13<sup>th</sup> -Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May\*

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May Year Group Photos

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – School closed for Half Term

**Half term Break Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School Open for all