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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a great start to the new term and I have really enjoyed going around the classes observing what each class is learning this term. You should all have received copies for your child's termly planners so you too can see what exciting new topics your children will be focusing on. In Dragonfly there has been a somewhat dramatic and gruesome start to their History topic when the children discovered what looked like a body under a sheet that seemed to have died as a result of an arrow injury! More history is going on in Bumblebee where they are currently researching about life in Ancient Rome. Over in Ladybird there is more of a Geography focus as they are embarking on a safari to Africa. Caterpillar are also learning about Africa and I am looking forward to seeing some of their African jewellery that they will be working on.

After quite a sustained recruitment process, we have had several new staff start with us this term. Welcome to Mrs Kilduff, who as you know will be teaching in Ladybird Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Miss Ikin who will be supporting some children in Key Stage 1 and Mrs Davies, who is our new Office Manager and is now working alongside Mrs Cook. Ladies, we hope you have had a good start to your new roles and welcome to our Heather family.

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.

Best wishes,

Maxine Michalowski

British Values and Protected Characteristics

As most of you will be aware, when Ofsted visited us last February, one of our areas of improvement was to develop the children's awareness of fundamental British values and the protected characteristics and to ensure that we provide a wider range of relevant opportunities to learn about these aspects. Protected characteristics are aspects of a person's identity that are protected under the Equality Act 2010. These are taught using age appropriate materials to develop age appropriate understanding of our diverse society. Alongside ensuring that these elements are taught effectively within our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) lessons, we are also using our assembly times to further develop the children's awareness.

Picture News is a subscription we have had in school for a while and we are now raising its profile within our assemblies. Picture News is a fantastic resource where we discuss a current new story: finding out about the background to the story, where it takes place and how it makes us feel. Picture News also provides links to British Values, protected characteristics as well as the United Nations Rights of a Child.

Over the next few newsletters, we will add information about British values and the protected characteristics so you can discuss these further with your children if you wish.

There are four British values which schools are expected to develop children's understanding of. **Individual Liberty** (the right to respectfully express views and beliefs whilst also taking responsibility for our behaviour). **The Rule of Law** (reinforcing the difference between right and wrong, the reasons behind laws and rules and how they protect and govern us). **Mutual Respect and Tolerance** (showing empathy and understanding about different cultures, beliefs - respecting values that differ from our own). **Democracy** (that we all have a right to have our voices heard and the importance of listening to others, understanding that my vote counts). The protected characteristics as follows - sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief. Please see attached for child friendly definitions of these which we are gradually introducing to the children.

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

Tuesday 3rd January - INSET DAY 4 - Children not in school

Thursday 19th January - 30th March - Bumblebee swimming

Saturday 21st January NWL Cross Country @Hugglescote Primary 10:00am start

Tuesday 24th January Beaumanor Meeting - Current year 2/3 3:30pm in the school hall

Wednesday 25th January Young Voices Concert, Resort World Arena, Birmingham

Saturday 28th January - Unity Cross Country @Woodstone (Ravenstone) 10:30 start

Monday 30th January - KS 1 School Council Meeting at St Denys School - details to follow

Tuesday 31st January - KS 2 School Council Meeting at Woodstone School - details to follow

Tuesday 31st January year 5/6 Basketball Tournament - selected children @ ICC - 3:30pm

Friday 3rd February - Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery - please contact the School Office if you would like an appointment

Friday 10th February PTA Film Night - 3:15pm - 5:30pm £6 per ticket (See flyer for details)

Saturday 11th February - NWL Cross Country @Measham C of E Primary School 10am start

Tuesday 14th February - NWL Cross Country Presentation at Sir John Moore Primary 4pm

Tuesday 14th February - Year 1/2 Forest School Session

Wednesday 15th February - Caterpillar Class Assembly 9am

Friday 17th February - School Closed for Half Term

Half term Break - Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February

Monday 27th February - School Open for all

Monday 6th March - PTA Meeting @The Queen's Head 7pm - all welcome

Tuesday 7th March NWLSSP Swimming Gala Year 5/6 - selected Children @Whitwick and Coalville Leisure Centre
9:15am details to follow

Tuesday 7th March - Parents' Evening 3:30pm- 7:00pm

Wednesday 8th March - Parents' Evening 3:30pm-5:30pm

Wednesday 8th March Bumblebee Class assembly 9am

Friday 10th March Bumblebee Class Forest School Session

Tuesday 13th March - Year 3/4 Quick Sticks Tournament - @ICC 3:30pm - selected children - details to follow

Wednesday 15th March Ladybird Class assembly - time to be confirmed

Saturday 18th March - Unity Cross Country @ Snaresstone 10:30 start - NOT 28th March

Wednesday 22nd March - Dragonfly assembly 9am

Wednesday 22nd March Year 5/6 Quick Sticks Tournament - @Ivanhoe 3:30pm - selected children - details to follow

Thursday 23rd March PTA Dress Down Day - £1 contribution or Easter Egg Donations for Chocolate Bingo

Friday 24th March - PTA Chocolate Bingo - venue to be confirmed

Tuesday 28th March - year 5/6 Orienteering @Donisthorpe Woods (during the school day) details to follow

Thursday 30th March - Dragonfly Class Forest School Session

Friday 31st March - School Closes for Easter Break

Saturday 1st April - Sunday 16th April - PTA Easter Bunny Trail - details to follow

Easter Break - Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April

Monday 17th April - School open for all

Monday 17th April - 3rd July Swimming Dragonfly

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday

KS 1 Sats take place throughout May*

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

KS 2 Sats Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May* - date change due to Bank Holiday

Thursday 25th May Unity Netball Tournament @ Woodstone 4pm

Friday 26th May - School closes for Half Term

Half term Break Monday 29th - Friday 2nd June

Monday 5th June - School Open for all

Wednesday 14th June - NWLSSP Saffron Lane Athletics selected Year 4-6 Children

Monday 6th June - 23rd June - Year 4 Multiplication Check*

Monday 12th June - Year 1 Phonic Screen - take place this week*

Friday 16th June - PTA Break the Rules Day - details to follow

Wednesday 28th June - M&M Theatre Productions - The Railway Children

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

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

Tuesday 11th July Year 6 Leavers' party

Friday 14th July - School closed for pupils - Summer Break

Monday 17th July - INSET DAY 5 - Disaggregated

Protected Characteristics

Transgender

To treat people in a negative way because of how they feel about their gender.

Sex

To treat people in a negative way because they are a boy or a girl.

Disability

To treat people in a negative way because their brain or body may work in a different way to yours.

Age

To treat people in a negative way because of their age.

Race

To treat people in a negative way because of the colour of their skin or the ethnic group they belong to.

Religion or Belief

To treat people in a negative way because of their beliefs.

Pregnancy and Maternity

To treat people in a negative way because they are having or just had a baby.

Sexual Orientation

To treat people in a negative way because of who they love.

Marriage and Civil Partnership

To treat people in a negative way because they have a legal partnership with someone they love.