



# Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers of

At this moment in time we are hoping that all Christmas productions will be going ahead as planned and we would like to thank you for being understanding last week when so many members of staff were unwell. All teachers are back in school today and gradually over the next few days things will all be back on track. A big thank you to the support staff last week, lots worked extra hours to help ensure things ran as smoothly as possible.

Christmas has well and truly arrived and I am really looking forward to the productions of Donaldson and Rowling's 1/2 this week. I did have a sneak preview of Donaldson's Nursery Rhyme Nativity last week and parents are in for a real treat.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best wishes,

Maxine Michalowski

## Staffing update

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December we welcome back Mrs Goode from her maternity leave. It is hard to believe that Rowan is now 9 months old. Mrs Goode has been in school a few times over the last few weeks, catching up with Mrs Thornley and Mrs Kyte and updating herself with what Rowling 2 have been working on. With Mrs Goode returning, it does mean we have to say a sad goodbye to Mrs Kyte. As I am sure you would agree, Mrs Kyte has been a fabulous asset to the school and I would like to thank her for all over her hard work since she started with us in February and I know the children in Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed having Mrs Kyte as their teacher. Mrs Kyte's last day with us will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> December, allowing Mrs Kyte and Mrs Goode to work closely together to ensure a detailed and smooth handover takes place. We all wish Mrs Kyte the best for the future and hope she may return if we need someone to cover because staff are not in school.

## Cross Country

The Unity Cross Country this season has understandably been a bit of a wash out. With this in mind and knowing there are a few families out there who are very keen for their children to take part in races, we are looking at joining the NWLSSP Cross Country for their next two races. These races take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> Jan at Hugglescote Primary and 25<sup>th</sup> Jan at St John Moore School in Appleby Magna, both starting promptly at 10am. These races operate slightly differently from the unity races as each Year group runs in a separate boys and girls races rather than the mixed aged groups. I appreciate that this means there will be Cross Country three weeks running in January but if there are children who are keen to run, I will arrange for at least one member of staff to be there to organise and support the children. I am hoping more details regarding the organisation and parking for these races will be available nearer the time. As has been said previously, these races are fantastically run events and all the races are run in a very supportive atmosphere and it would be great if more families could join us. If the children in KS 2 perform well in both of these NWLSSP races, and are in the top 8 for both races they may be selected to represent NWL in the Leicestershire County Cross Country Race at the end of the season. Knowing we have some fab runners in school, it could be possible for us to have one or more representatives in these races which would be fab.

## Route to Resilience

As a school we have recently embarked on the Route to Resilience project ran by Steve Harris with other local schools. As part of this project, staff have been looking at different character traits that help build up children's resilience. I have been talking to the children about problem solving when I have been teaching classes over the last few weeks looking at all the different problems we encounter in school during the day and the different ways we can solve them. Problems varying from - a difficult calculation in maths, finding a word in the dictionary, not being able to find a coat, not being enough red lunch bands etc and talking about different ways we can try and approach these problems before seeking help from a grown up.

One of the key areas we would like the children to work on is their INDEPENDENCE. At home you can help by encouraging your child to pack their own school bag/PE kits in the morning - with gentle reminders of course! It would also be great if we could see the children carry, into school and home again at the end of the day, their own bags as this will encourage them to become more responsible for their own belongings and develop their independent skills.

## Reading at Home

As part of the home school partnership it is expected that all children are heard read at home and that these sessions are recorded in their diary. Reading at home is essential as it enables children to develop their reading fluency and enhance their understanding of what they have read. A big thank you to those families who are supportive of their child's reading. All the children who have read at least three times a week receive a golden ticket to enter our book draw. Our first draw takes place this week, so if you haven't been recording your child's reading in their diary there is still time over the next few days for them to be awarded their first golden ticket.

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

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

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Donaldson Christmas Production 2pm

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Churchill Sharing Assembly 2:30pm start

Year 1/2 Rowling Christmas Production 4pm

Year 1/2 Rowling Christmas Production 2 pm

Gareth Metcalf Parent Workshop- Build a Mathematician - 3:30pm

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day - **Don't forget your donation to save the children.**

Carol Service at the church involving all children but led by Year 3/4 Churchill Class - 1:30pm start

Judo workshops for 3/4 and 5/6 - PE kits in school

Break up for Christmas

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

**INSET DAY - STAFF ONLY**

School open for children

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

NWLSSP Cross Country @Huggelscote 10am start

Young Voices

Cross Country @Woodstone

Bangra Workshop for all classes - **NO CELEBRATION**

**ASSEMBLY**

NWLSSP Cross Country @Appleby Magna 10am start

PTA Film Night - details to follow

Children break up for half term

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

School open - back from half term

Parents' Evening 3:30-6:50pm

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Cross Country @Snarestone

School Breaks up for Easter

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