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Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers of «Name»

«Class»

Well January has just flown by and it is hard to believe that half term is looming. There has been some great work going on in STEM week this week and it has been lovely to see the children continuing some of their engineering and construction work when they have gone to After School Club. It seems to have been a week of meetings – many thanks to those of you who were able to attend the Kingswood, SATS meetings and Internet Safety presentation – I really hope that you have found them useful. As a working parent myself, I know it is not always easy to attend meetings either in school time or directly after the end of the day so please let the school office know if you require any further information about any of the aforementioned meetings.

Over the past few months all staff have worked really hard on developing a new Behaviour Policy – the children too have given their input during assemblies and class discussions. A full copy of the policy can be found on the school website.

Most of our families are now accessing WEDUC which is fantastic – however if you wish to contact the school about any issue – please either write a note in your child's diary or phone/email the school office rather than sending a message via WEDUC. If you do send a message via WEDUC, please send it to **School Office** – rather than directly to myself.

Look forward to seeing you all either on Monday or Thursday at Parents' evening. If you are unable to make an appointment on either of those dates, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time to meet as it is important that staff get to talk to all of our parents to discuss their child's progress and what support can be put in place at home and in school in order help them with their learning.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate, in the first instant, to contact your child's class teacher.

Maxine Michalowski

Footwear

We've noticed over the past few weeks that more children are wearing trainers for school. Can we please remind you that children **MUST** wear black shoes for school unless there are exceptional circumstances that have been discussed with the class teacher or Mrs Michalowski. In future we will be checking to see that children are wearing shoes and not trainers, as school shoes are part of our school uniform. Thank you for your support with this.

Big Lottery

As most of you will know we were recently successful in securing a National Lottery Awards for All bid to improve the outdoor playing space for the children. With this money, we are working with Pentagon Playgrounds to create a new Trim Trail area with an all-weather surface. We are hoping over time, using money from the PTA, to then extend this all-weather surface over the grassy or should I say muddy area around the playground. We are hoping the work will begin before the Easter holidays.

Attendance

Those of you who are able to attend our Friday assemblies will know all about the fantastic attendance of our Explorers as they seem to win Daisy the Bear most weeks. Attendance across school is pretty good and I am delighted that all classes have over 97% attendance so far this year with 28 children having the magic 100% and have not missed any day of school so far this year. Current attendance this year for each class is as follows:

Explorers	98.3%	Adventurers	97.7%	Voyagers	97.5%
Discoverers	98%	Pioneers	98%		

Internet Safety

This week we discussed Safer Internet day in assembly on Tuesday. This year's theme is **Together for a Better Internet** and we talked about the importance of consent and asking permission - the children were all very sensible when discussing the different scenarios and what they should do to keep themselves safe. Katie Hudson led a very informative Internet Safety session for Parents and Carers - discussing issues such as grooming, sexual exploitation and privacy settings. Katie left some extra leaflets and a list of useful websites that we be put on the website shortly. There is also an evaluation sheet for all of those who were able to attend. Please see Mrs Michalowski if you haven't received one.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 11 th February	Parents' Evening 3:30pm-6:50pm
Tuesday 12 th February	New Library Furniture being installed!
Wednesday 13 th February	Explorer's Stay and Play 1:15pm - 2:00pm
Thursday 14 th February	Discoverer's Sharing Assembly @2:30pm
Thursday 14 th February	Parents' Evening 3:30pm-5:00pm
Friday 15 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February Half Term	
Monday 25 th February	Back to school
Tuesday 26 th February	NSPCC in school to do some assemblies
Wednesday 27 th February	Leicester Riders after school session for 30 Pioneer and Discoverer Children
Friday 1 st March	NWLSSP Swimming Gala at King Edwards School approx. 10am - details to follow
Monday 4 th March	Year 3/4 Football Tournament at Hood Park - details to follow
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day - Dress up as your favourite character - more info to follow
Thursday 11 th March	Healthy Child Programme Nurse Drop in 2:30pm
Wednesday 12 th March	New Age Kurling for chosen children - @ICC more details to follow
Saturday 16 th March	Cross Country at Snarestone 10:30 flyer sent out closer to the date
Wednesday 20 th March	NWLSSP Hockey Tournament - details to follow
Monday 25 th March (Provisional)	Author Neil Griffiths in school to work with children and meet with parents - more details awaiting to be confirmed
Saturday 30 th March	Unity Swimming Gala @Hermitage Swimming Pool for selected Year 5/6 children
Friday 12 th April	School closes for Easter
Monday 15th April - Friday 26th April - Easter Holidays	
Monday 29 th April	Back to school for staff and children
Monday 6 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Saturday 18 th May	Griffydham Cross Country
Friday 24 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS - INSET DAY
Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May - Half Term	