



Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy few weeks in school. By the time you receive this letter, the Year 6 SATs will be a dim and distant memory whilst the Year 2 SATs are just beginning.

The children in Caterpillar class are finding out about all sorts of fruit and vegetables after reading the book *Oliver's vegetables* and have produced some amazing writing about lots of different types of fruit. It never ceases to amaze me how much our EYFS children learn in their first year of school. The mystery of the 'Lost' rucksack in Ladybird class has finally been solved and 'Henry' visited the class to collect his ruck sack and thanked the children for looking after it. They have also been looking closely at a range of different seeds and are busy growing some broad/runner beans. Bumble Bee are continuing to find out about the Tudors and have produced some great writing about life in Tudor London based on the adventures of Hal from the book they are reading. Dragonfly class are finding out about hierarchy with in Ancient Egyptian society.

On a more sad note for us, Mrs Riley Lowndes is leaving us at the end of this academic year. Since she joined our Heather Family in April 2019, Mrs Riley Lowndes grasped the task of bringing us into the modern world with firm hands - no more paper registers, getting us all on board with online payments are to name but a few of her achievements!!! We all know that Sara goes above and beyond the role of Office Manager by providing families and children with emotional support and guidance when needed and am sure we are all going to miss her dreadfully. Sara, we wish you all the very best in your new role as Business Manager at a larger local school, and we are grateful that they are happy with you staying until the end of term to help us find your replacement - our loss is indeed their gain.

If you have any concerns or queries then please jot a note in the diary or contact the school office, your child's teacher will get back to you either by replying in the diary or phoning you at the end of the school day.

Best wishes,

Maxine Michalowski

Heather Character Traits

It is great to visit classes and to hear the children use our character words when they are explaining their understanding.

Responsible - being responsibly and having responsibility are not only key aspects of school life but also essential skills that we use throughout our adulthood. During our Protective Behaviour work, we often talk about rights and responsibilities and how they interlink - e.g. the right to be listened to/the responsibility to listen to and respect the views of others. We also talk a lot about being responsible for our actions and the words that we use. Children do make mistakes and make the wrong behaviour choices, which as parents, can sometimes be difficult to hear and make us uncomfortable but - no child is a complete angel. It is important that our children take responsibility for these actions and choices and parental support in these situations is very important to help children not to try and make the same mistake again.

Jubilee Celebrations at Heather

For the last week of this half term, beginning 24th May we are holding a Jubilee theme week in school. The teachers are busy planning a range of exciting lessons and activities to celebrate this historic event.

We will then celebrate the main event by holding a street style party on the playground on the Friday afternoon. To help make this party feel a little bit more special we would like the children to come dressed in Red, White and Blue party clothes (no football kits please). The children will have their school dinner as normal this day and Mrs Tatham and her merry band of helpers and with some help for the children, will be making the party food for us to eat at the party and we are asking for a £1 donation towards the cost of the food.

We are really looking forward to celebrating the Jubilee with the children. If you are able to help with the setting up of the party on Friday 27th, then please let us know.

Trim Trail

A polite reminder to all parents that children, who attend school, and their younger siblings, are not to use the trim trail during drop off and pick up time. Likewise, they should not be playing with any school equipment that has been left out. Your support with this is very much appreciated. The playground at the beginning and end of the day is very busy so please ensure that our children remain alongside you during these times.

Key Dates for the Diary

- Monday 16th May - Caterpillar and Ladybird trip to the Botanical Gardens
- Tuesday 17th May - Netball Tournament (after school for selected children)
- Thursday 19th May - NWLSSP Quidditch Event for Dragonfly - PE kits in school please
- Friday 20th May - Bumblebee Forest School Session
- Monday 23rd May - LTS 'Street Party' Special Menu - further details sent separately
- Tuesday 24th May - Class Photos
- Monday 23rd - Friday 27th May - Jubilee theme week
- Friday 27th May - Playground Party - Red, White and Blue party attire
- Tuesday 24th May - Class Photos
- Tuesday 24th May - Year 5/6 Mixed Dynamo Cricket tournament 12pm-5pm selected children
- Thursday 26th May - Ladybird Forest School Session
- Friday 27th May - Bumblebee Forest School Session
- Friday 27th May - School Closes for Half Term
- Half Term Break Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June**
- Monday 6th June - School open to all pupils
- Monday 6th June Year 1 Phonic Screen - take place this week*
- Monday 6th June - 25th June - Year 4 Multiplication Check*
- Friday 10th June - Break the Rules Day - Festival Themed - details to follow
- Wednesday 15th June - Sports Day (details to follow - probably 1pm start)
- Wednesday 22nd June - Sports Day reserve date
- Thursday 16th June - Saffron athletics for selected children years 4-6
- Tuesday 28th June Leavers' Performance - involving all Dragonfly children - 2pm performance for Year 5 parents only
- Tuesday 28th June Leavers' Performance and presentation evening - involving all Dragonfly children - 6pm performance for Year 6 parents/families only
- Weds 29th/Thurs 30th - Induction days for Ashby, Castle Rock, ICC, Ivanhoe and Newbridge
- Thurs 30th/Fri 1st July - Induction days for TMBS
- Thursday 30th June - Class move up morning
- Thursday 30th June - M and M Productions Theatre Group - Oliver Twist - Year R-5
- Friday 1st July - PTA Family Fun on the Field Afternoon and Barbecue
- Tuesday 5th July - provisional year 6 Leaver's Party
- Thursday 7th July - School Closes for the Summer Holidays**** **Change of Date**
- Heather Primary INSET 5 - disaggregated staff not in school Monday 11th July 2021**
- Thursday 25th August - INSET Day 1 - Children not in school**
- Friday 26th August - INSET Day 2 - Children not in school**