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Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers of D

What a busy half term it has been. It has been great to see so much hard work going on in the classes – George and the Dragon has been a great hit in both Adventurers and Voyagers and the children have produced some amazing writing linked to the stories. There has been some fabulous science work going on in Pioneers and Discoverers and it has been great to see the children using their investigative skills. And our youngest members of the school in Explorers never cease to amaze me with how much they have grown in confidence when I watched them in their recent sharing assembly.

There have been lots of memorable events this term such as Neil Griffiths's visit which I know many parents and grandparents have enjoyed and it has been lovely to see some children borrowing Neil's books out of the Library.

The library has had its new face lift – big thanks to the Johnson and Middleton families, we couldn't have done it without you. Also, big thank you to Mrs Hull for creating the amazing bunting. We just need to now use the money kindly donated by Elyssia from her sponsored swim, to buy some soft furnishings which we will hopefully sort by the end of May. We have also put in a bid for a £1000 grant from Amazon to update our non-fiction stock – fingers crossed that we are successful.

Since the last newsletter, we have welcomed Eliza into Year Three in Voyagers – we hope Eliza and her family enjoy their time at Heather. We also welcomed Mrs Riley-Lowndes to the team. Mrs Riley-Lowndes is our new Office Manager and has settled in really well and is quickly getting to know the staff, the children and their families.

As I am sure you will have noticed, the new Trim Trail is in place. It has now been checked over thoroughly by all the relevant agencies and the children have all had short slots of time today to play on it. Can I please remind you that the Trim Trail should not be played on before or after the end of the school day. Sadly though, we need to remove the small huts and tunnel as they are now past their best – I will be looking out for some volunteers to help us take them apart sometime after Easter – please let the School Office know if you may be able to help.

On Monday we got the chance to meet Rowan Goode and catch up with Mrs Goode too – those of you who managed to catch a glimpse of them both, will agree mum and baby are both doing well.

May I wish you all a restful Easter. Let's hope this dry weather continues and don't forget to send us a postcard to tell us what you are up to.

Best wishes,

Maxine Michalowski

Staffing

This week we have said farewell to Miss Turner – but don't panic, we will be welcoming her back as Mrs Clarkson after the Easter Holidays. Miss Turner had a very special sash and veil to wear in school yesterday and we wish the new Mr and Mrs Clarkson all the best for their very special day and hope they have a wonderful life together.

Today we also say a sad farewell to Miss Lawrence who is moving on to pastures new and we wish Miss Lawrence all the very best for the new and exciting adventures that will be coming her way.

It is also with a sad heart that I have to let you know that Mrs Holbrook has decided to resign from her posts as Administrative Assistant and Teaching Assistant. As some of you may have noticed Mrs Holbrook hasn't been around over the last few weeks and has been very unwell. As a result of this she has made the very difficult decision to resign. Mrs Holbrook is hoping to be able to pop back into school some time in the future when she is feeling better to say farewell to the children. We all wish Mrs Holbrook all the very best and speedy recovery.

PTA

Thank you so much to the PTA for organising a brilliant Easter Bingo last Friday night. It was great to see so many families there. And well done to all of the people that were either successful in Bingo or in the Raffle – there certainly was a lot of chocolate to win!

The AGM for the PTA is at 7pm on the 2nd May. As you may know school budgets get tighter and tighter each year and at Heather this is no exception – now more than ever the financial support that the PTA provides for projects such as the library and the outdoor area is essential. The meeting will take place in school and I would like to encourage as many parents to attend as possible. There are lots of different roles available within the PTA and the more parents we have on the committee means that there are more people to help run and organise some of the events. Please speak to any of the members of the PTA if you wish to find to more.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 29th April
Tuesday 30th April
Wednesday 1st May

Throughout May
Thursday 2nd May
Monday 6th May
Wednesday 8th May

13th -16th May
Tuesday 14th May
Friday 17th May
Saturday 18th May
Monday 20th May

Thursday 23rd May

Friday 24th May

Monday 3rd June
Monday 3rd June
Tuesday 4th June
Wednesday 5th June

Monday 15th April – Friday 26th April – Easter Holidays

Back to school for staff and children

Bisi Badminton for 4 year 2/3 children at ICC

Year 3/4 Rugby Tournament at Ashby Rugby Club – Letters have been sent

Key Stage 1 tests will take place in May

PTA AGM in school – parents are encouraged to attend

May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed

Year 1/2 Girls Maths project at Woodstone School – details to follow

KS2 SATS week

Explorers Farm Visit

PTA Event Beetle Drive – details to follow

Griffydam Cross Country – details to follow

Year 5/6 Girls Kwik Cricket Tournament at Broomleys Cricket Club – 12pm start – details to follow

Year 5/6 Mixed Kwik Cricket tournament: Ashby Hastings 12pm start – details to follow

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS – INSET DAY

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May – Half Term

School open for children and staff

Cricket Tournament at Leicester Cricket Club Details to follow

Year 5/6 trip to Warning Zone

Sports Day 1pm start