



Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now in week eight of a long nine week term and boy don't we know it!! The number of both children and staff who have been off over the last few weeks is noticeable. Lots of early nights and fresh air to try and stem off those winter bugs are in order for all I think during these last two weeks, and I include myself in that too 🤒.

I have been really impressed with the class assemblies this half term - it is fantastic to hear the children speak so eloquently and enthusiastically about all of their learning and it has been fantastic that so many of you have been able to join us.

This week we are all looking forward to the Caterpillar and Ladybird production of Babushka. Dragonfly and Bumblebee were lucky enough to attend the dress rehearsal Monday and gave the show raving reviews. The children and staff have worked very hard - well done all!

The last few weeks of the Autumn term are always a busy time, so here are a few reminders:

Wednesday 13th December - Year 2 - The Christmas Journey - leaving at 1pm and returning for the end of the day.

Friday 15th December - the last Celebration Assembly of 2023 - Constant Crew, Golden Tickets, Birthdays, and out of school achievements- please join us if you can

Friday 15th December - Year 1/2 dance performance. Parents, carers, family members welcome to join us from 2:50pm

Tuesday 19th December - Carol Service at St John's Church - Parents/Carers/Family Members welcome. There will be refreshments back at school.

Wednesday 20th December - Whole school trip to Peter Pan The Musical - Children need to be in school for 8:15am (Lunches have been ordered for children in Ladybird and Caterpillar - I know some children are bringing their own) (Children in Dragonfly and Bumblebee will need to bring a packed lunch). All children will need a drink and a snack. We will also be taking fruit and biscuits as lunch will be a little bit later that day. If your child requires travel sick pills, please contact the office for a form.

Thursday 21st December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day - Donations welcome for Save the Children Fund. In class Christmas pass the parcel during the afternoon.

Friday 22nd December - last day of term - children may wear their Christmas jumpers to school if they wish

If you have any concerns or queries, in the first instance, please contact your child's class teacher.

Best wishes,

Maxine Michalowski

Staffing update

Last week we had Mrs Beswick and Mrs Griffin join our team. Mrs Griffin is our new administrative assistant supporting Mrs Davies in the office and Mrs Beswick is supporting children in Ladybird in their class with their learning. Welcome to the team Mrs Griffin and Mrs Beswick, we hope you enjoy your time with us at Heather.

Carol Service

We would like to invite all families to join us for our annual Carol Service at St John's Church - on Tuesday 19th December starting at 1:30pm. Bumblebee class lead this service, but we also get to hear songs from the Ladybird and Caterpillar Nativity. If staffing allows, and this last few weeks we have been a bit tight on staff, we would like to invite parents over for refreshments after the service. If any parents are able to help with the setting up of this or you are happy to bake some mince pies/Christmas biscuits, then please let me know.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all of you who completed the parent questionnaire when visiting for parents' evening appointments. I am hoping to share the results with you before the end of term - so please watch this space.

Key Dates for the Diary (Full set of term dates for 23-24 and 2024-25 can be found on our website and in notices on WEDUC)

- Tuesday 12th December - Caterpillar and Ladybird Christmas Production 2:00pm
- Wednesday 13th December - Caterpillar and Ladybird Christmas Production 10:00am
- Wednesday 13th December - Year 2 Christmas Journey at Marlborough Square details to follow
- Thursday 14th December - Caterpillar and Ladybird Christmas Production 2:00pm
- Tuesday 19th December - Bumblebee Carol Service at the Church
- Wednesday 20th December - Whole school trip to Peter Pan the Musical - letter already sent - please pay via WEDUC
- Friday 22nd December - School Closes for Christmas Holidays for pupils
- Christmas Break - Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January
- Monday 8th January - INSET DAY 4 - Children not in school
- Tuesday 9th January - School open for all
- Monday 15th January PTA Meeting 7:30pm @The Queen's Head
- Wednesday 17th January Year 1 and 5 Fire Safety talk
- Friday 9th February PTA Film night - details to follow
- Friday 16th February - School Closed for Half Term
- Half term Break - Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February
- Monday 26th February - School Open for all
- Tuesday 5th March - Parents' Evening - 3:30pm-7pm
- Wednesday 6th March - Parents' Evening - 3:30pm-5pm
- Friday 15th March PTA Event - Easter Bingo @Heather Village Hall
- Friday 22nd March - School Closes for Easter Break
- Easter Break - Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April
- Monday 8th April - School open for all
- Monday 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday
- KS 1 Assessments take place throughout May*
- KS 2 Sats Monday 13th -Thursday 16th May*
- Tuesday 21st May Year Group Photos
- Friday 24th May - School closed for Half Term
- Half term Break Monday 27th - Friday 31st May
- Monday 3rd June - School Open for all
- Wednesday 19th June - Sports Day 1pm Start - Parents/Carers/Families welcome
- Monday 3rd June - 14th June - Year 4 Multiplication Check*
- Monday 10th June Year 1 Phonic Screen - take place this week*
- Wednesday 26th June - MEM Productions - The Little Princess (TBC)
- Tuesday 2nd July year 5/6 Leavers Performance 2pm (Year 5 parents/carers/family only)
- Tuesday 2nd July Year 5/6 Leavers' Performance 6pm (Year 6 parents/carers/family only)
- Wednesday 10th July - End of year Assembly on the Playground - All welcome
- Thursday 11th July - School closes for Summer Break for Children
- Friday 12th July 2024 - INSET DAY 5 Disaggregated. - Children/Staff not in school