



Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers of

What a great start to the beginning of term we have had. During the first week we had a thoroughly enjoyable visit to the theatre, to watch Peter Pan. It was a very modern interpretation of the story and the children seemed to enjoy the performance. All of the children were fantastically behaved and a big thank you to all of the parents that joined us we hope you enjoyed the show too.

Last week, Mrs Smith took some of her choir to take part in Young Voices at the Resorts World Arena, Birmingham where they sang with thousands of other children and other artists such as Tony Hadley. They all to had an amazing time and we thank Mrs Smith for all of her hard work teaching the children the songs and to both Mrs Smith and Mrs Freakley for taking them last Thursday evening.

The children have all settled back into their work with the children in Donaldson finding out all about the Chinese New Year, Rowling 1 and 2 trying a range of exotic fruits linked to Handa's Surprise, Churchill are enjoying their introduction to the Stone Age discovering when it happened in history whilst in Obamas they are using the text No Stone Unturned which is all about the design of the Houses of Parliament by Charles Barry.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any queries, in the first instant please contact your class teacher.

Best wishes,
Maxine Michalowski

Staffing update

This week we welcomed Rebecca Sharpe to the Heather team as our new cleaner who will be helping Mrs Brown clean the school at the end of the school day. On Monday we will be welcoming Rebecca Chappell who will be supporting children in Churchill during the mornings - we hope you both enjoy your time at Heather Primary School.

Lots of you have been asking if Mrs Brown is ok, after not seeing her at Crossing Patrol or around school the last few days. Mrs Brown's husband had a serious fall last weekend and is currently in hospital. He suffered some quite serious fractures and naturally Mrs Brown wants to be with her husband at this difficult time. I have passed on all your kind words, and we are hoping to see Mrs Brown return to school sometime around half term and our thoughts are with Mrs Brown and her husband and wishing him a speedy recovery.

MASH

Parents signing their child/ren out of MASH at the end of the day, will now find the sheet and clock by the front door rather than in the Library.

Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Mrs Moreland, our SENCO, is going to be offering a monthly appointment system to allow parents whose children are currently on our SEN register or any parents who are worried about their child's learning/speech issues / behavioural challenges, will be able to discuss any concerns. This monthly SEN 'surgery' will take place on the first Wednesday of each month and appointments can be booked either through WEDUC or by emailing the school office adminoffice@heather.leics.sch.uk. The first session will be on Wednesday the 5th February from 1pm-3:15pm. N.B. Parents of children who are currently on the SEN register will still meet with their child's class teacher to discuss progress and formalise individual education plans, however they are able to make an appointment to see Mrs Moreland if they wish for any further information regarding their child's needs.

Route to Resilience

Well done to those children who are making a real effort to be more independent in carrying their own bags to and from school. Being able to manage their own belongings is such a key skill and one they need to have mastered before they move on to high school!!! I know it is tempting to take your child's bags from them, but please try to resist!

As a staff we have been looking at the questions we ask children, ensuring we are giving them the opportunity to fully explain what they know and how they have managed to come to that conclusion. One of the key skills we are focusing on at the moment is noticing and making links about what we see, hear, read, encouraging the children to use the word because in their answers in order to explain their thinking.

Recycling

Please remember we now have recycling bins for used printer cartridges as well as dental waste. Both boxes are currently located close to the school office. Dental waste we can accept is as follows: any brand of floss containers, any brand of toothbrushes, any brand of tubes/caps, electric toothbrush heads, outer packaging of toothbrushes, and the boxes the tubes come in. All the dental waste we collect will be taken to Oadby, where Terracycle will award points for the amount recycled. These points are then converted into funds for the East Midlands Alzheimer's Society. Thanks for your support in this and I know lots of children are keen to increase what they are able to recycle.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 25th January

Monday 3rd February

Friday 7th February

Monday 3rd February

Tuesday 11th February

Wednesday 12th February

Thursday 13th February

Friday 14th February

Monday 24th February

Tuesday 25th February

Friday 28th February

Monday 2nd March

Tuesday 3rd March

Wednesday 4th March

Thursday 5th March

Monday 9th March

Wednesday 18th March

Saturday 21st March

Friday 27th March

Friday 27th March

Friday 3rd April

Monday 20th April

Saturday 25th April

Friday 8th May

Month of May

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May

Thursday 21st May

Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st June

Monday 8th June

Monday 15th - Friday 18th June

Monday 8th June

Tuesday 30th June

Tuesday 30th June

Friday 10th July

NWLSSP Cross Country @Appleby Magna 10am start

Beaumanor Info Meeting Year 3/4 parents 3:30pm

PTA Film Night

Year 5/6 visit to Houses of Parliament

Year 5/6 Gym Competition - Coalville Gym Club - chosen children

Year 3/4 Gym Competition - Coalville Gym Club - chosen children

Year 1/2 Gym Competition - Coalville Gym Club - chosen children

Children break up for half term

Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb HALF TERM

School open - back from half term

EYFS/Year 1/2 Faith Trail - details to follow

Year 3/4 and 5/6 Faith Trail - details to follow

KS2 Recycling Workshops

New Age Curling at ICC - selected children 1-3pm

Parents' Evening 3:30-6:50pm

Parents' Evening 3:30-5:00pm

NWLSSP Swimming Gala year 5/6 - selected children 10:30-12:00

Year 3/4 Hockey @Ivanhoe 3-5:30pm

Cross Country @Snarestone 10:30am

Dress Down Day - for chocolate for Easter Bingo

Easter Bingo at Heather St Johns - Eyes Down 6pm

School Breaks up for Easter

Easter Holidays Mon 6th April - Friday 17th April

School open for children

Cross Country @Griffydam

Spring Bank Holiday (change of date to coincide with VE Day celebrations)

Key Stage 1 Assessments take place across this month

Key Stage 2 SATS week

Unity Netball Tournament @Woodstone 4-6pm

Break up for Half term

Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May HALF TERM

School open - back from half term

Year 1 Phonic Screen Week

Sports and Health Week

Year 4 Multiplication Check over the following 3 weeks

Year 5/6 production for Year 5 parents and family only - 2pm

Year 5/6 production and Year 6 presentation evening for year 6 parents and family only 6pm - NB - **ALL 5/6 children are expected to attend.**

School Closes for the Summer Holidays