



Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers of

Where did December appear from all of a sudden?? The children have been working so hard on their learning. There has been some great story telling in Explorers – the children have enjoyed finding out about what happens to the Gingerbread Man. In Adventurers they have been trying to find a missing hat for a bear – even creating raps about the hat too. In Voyagers they have been developing their skills in using money – calculating totals and working out change. Discoverers have impressed me as they are really trying to explain their understanding and prove their answers are right in maths. Pioneers have been exploring a range of poems focusing on how poets use metaphors, similes and alliteration to create different effects.

Eline, Freddie, Tilly, Maddie, Braden, Isla and Lucy had a great time at the Dodgeball Competition at ICC. They were great ambassadors for the school. On Saturday 8th December, 20 children took part in the Unity Cross Country at Viscount Beaumont school – yet again there were some great performances and well done to Haydan and Nadyah for taking part in their first race – we hope you can join us next time.

Year 1 have been showing us how responsible they are during their recent Road Safety session with Coach Unlimited. They talked about the different dangers when crossing the road and walking through a car park. They then went outside to look for safe places to cross, away from parked cars, and crossed over the road holding a grown-ups hand remembering to look left and right.

And now, as we are reaching the end of week eight of a nine week term, I have had the pleasure of watching the most fantastic Christmas Productions. The Explorer children looked so confident on the stage telling us the Christmas Story. The children in Adventurers and Voyagers were all brilliant in their production called Midwife Crisis. Well done children and a big thank you to all of the staff for their hard work in putting the two shows together. Next week is equally busy with trips to the theatre to see Peter Pan or The Wizard of Oz – many thanks to the PTA for funding the transport for these trips to help us keep down the cost.

It is such a busy time of year, some of the children are showing the signs of tiredness, after all it has been a very long half term. Some early nights between now and the end of term will really help the children concentrate on their work and enjoy their playtimes with their friends, as they can tend to fall out quite easily when they are tired

Don't forget we are holding our Carol Service over in the Church next Thursday at 1:30pm. Refreshments will be provided in the school hall afterwards – we hope you can make it.

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

Maxine Michalowski

E-Safety Advice

Lots of parents ask for advice regarding the benefits and challenges when their child is using screen based technologies. The website www.Internetmatters.org has some great advice to support families around the issues of screen time. Some of the main top tips are – agreeing device free zones such as at the dinner table; no devices allowed upstairs; spend time together online to find apps, websites, and games that will help the children in their learning and enhancing their ICT skills in a safe and supportive way; make sure you use parental control tools on the apps and games your child uses and to make sure as adults we set a good example when using our own devices. Please visit the above website for further information if you require further details.

Text Messages and WEDUC

Thank you to all our parents who have registered and accessed their Weduc accounts. We are gradually adding more information to the platform each week and we hope that you are finding the information useful. We would like to encourage all parents to download the Weduc app. This will enable you to receive push notifications once anything new has been added to the platform. If you haven't yet logged in to your account, or are having any issues, please let us know. Please remember we are **no longer** using the school mobile phone to send or receive messages.

Cloakrooms

Thank you so much to the parents that have reassessed the size of bag that their child brings to school. Our cloakrooms now look a lot tidier. We now have some large containers for PE kits so please make sure that your child's PE kit has a zip or drawstring fastening so that bits of clothing don't keep falling out.

Contact Details

If you, or any named adults on your child's contact form, have changed mobile phone number recently can you please pop into the office to up-date your details. It is imperative that we have up to date contact details should we need to contact you in an emergency.

Healthy Child Programme Nurse – previously known as School Nurse

Michelle Greaves is our new Healthy Child Programme Nurse. Michelle will be holding two drop in sessions next term if you need any advice. Some of the concerns parents like to discuss at her clinics are toileting, diet and nutrition, behaviour, sleep and emotional health and well-being support. You can also access the Health for Under 5's Website www.healthforunder5s.co.uk and the Health for Kids website www.healthforkids.co.uk where your children can learn about their physical and emotional health in a fun interactive way. There is also a text messaging service available for parents and carers who have concerns about their child's health. This is called ChatHealth. You can text into this service at any time but the messages are only manned Monday - Friday 9-5pm excluding bank holidays. Please contact Michelle through ChatHealth on the following number:
07520615382

Dates for the Diary

Monday 17th December
Tuesday 18th December
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Wednesday 19th December
Wednesday 19th December
Thursday 20th December
Friday 21st December
Monday 7th January
Tuesday 8th January
Saturday 12th January

Thursday 24th January
Mon 4th-Thurs 7th February
Thursday 7th February
Thursday 7th February
Friday 15th February

Monday 25th February
Friday 12th April

Year R, 1, 2, 3 to watch Peter Pan @ DeMontfort Hall
Christmas Dinner Day
Pioneers and Discoverers Sharing Assembly 2:30pm start - all welcome
Year 4, 5 and 6 to watch Wizard of Oz at Birmingham
Year 1 children Christmas Festival 1pm-2pm PE kits needed
Carol Service 1:30pm - All Welcome
Breakup for Christmas
SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN - INSET DAY
School opens for all children
Unity Cross Country @Woodstone School Ravenstone 10:30am start
Healthy Child Programme Nurse Drop In 14:30pm-15:30pm
Theme Week - details to follow
Open Afternoon - details to follow
E-safety Parents meeting for parents and carers 2pm start
School closes for half term

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February Half Term

Back to school
School closes for Easter

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