



Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers of «Name»

«Class»

Well, September just seems to be whizzing by. Children in Years 5 and 6 had a fantastic time at Marle Hall for their residential and, I am in no doubt the Year 3 and 4 children will have an equally amazing time at Kingswood next week. Such trips do not happen without the time and dedication of Heather School staff. Many thanks to Mrs Moreland, Mrs Freakley, Mrs Thornley and Miss Bakewell for giving up some precious family time to accompany the children on these exciting trips. Also, many thanks to Mrs Lansdowne for volunteering to join the Kingswood trip as the extra adult.

Meanwhile back at school, Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 have written some excellent space poetry, there has been some great leaf faces created by Adventurers, the Great Wall of China was built by Voyagers, Explorers have starting their exciting journey into becoming readers by learning their first few letter sounds. It is great to see the children so engaged in their learning.

If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate in popping in to see your child's class teacher or myself.

Maxine Michalowski

Harvest Festival and Open Afternoon

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Festival followed by our Reading Open Afternoon on Monday starting at 1:30pm at St John's Church. Food donations will be sent to the Ashby Foodbank who are particularly in need of tinned fruit, sponge puddings and meat pies, UHT milk and cereals. Mrs Thornley and other members of the PTA will be organising a fruit & veg raffle and refreshments which can be drunk in the school hall before or after you visit the classes to see a range of reading activities going on across the school.

Creative Talent/Donations

We are looking at creating a reading den/shack and wondered if there are any parents/grandparents have an artist flair and would be able to help us create a mural of characters of books to decorate the space. Let Mrs Michalowski know if you are able to help in any way.

Our Butterfly and Bee club are making a mini beast mansion and would appreciate any donations of terracotta pots, clay tiles, plastic bottles, corrugated card, hay and straw to make a cosy space for mini beasts in the winter months.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are looking forward to seeing as many parents, carers and family members as possible at our coffee afternoon on 28th September. Please do join us for a cup of tea/coffee. Some of the children will be baking cakes for this and please let us know if you are able to donate any cakes or biscuits for this.

Achievements Out of School – Colour Run

On 16th September, we all did the Coalville Colour Run. There were four colour stations – orange, blue, green and purple. In the end, we all looked like Papa Smurf! It was good to get splatted with paint whilst running (something to bear in mind for running club Mrs Lansdowne ;) **Chris, Joel, Freya and Sammy** - Well done – what great ambassadors for the school.

Marle Hall

Marle Hall was great. There were lots of fun activities to do: rock climbing, gorge walking, bush craft and canoeing to name but a few. The building was massive with lots of rooms. We did jobs such as forecast the weather and setting up breakfast/lunch/dinner table. We all had our own waterproofs, mugs and walking boots. In the girls' dorms there were two rooms, one of them was bigger and it had an ensuite! The boys' rooms were the same size. The staff were good. Their names were Will, John, Ryan and Eloise. It was an awesome experience. **Haydan and Libby** – we are glad you enjoyed it!

Statutory Assessments

As most of you will know, Years 1, 2 and 6 complete statutory assessments in the Summer Term 2019. Year 1 will sit their Phonic Screen during the **week 10th June**; Year 2 will be sitting their Key Stage 1 SATs test the weeks beginning **13th/20th May** – although they can take the tests any time in May; Year 6 will be sitting their Key Stage 2 SATs between **Monday 14th – Thursday 16th May**. Please do not book holiday during these times.

E-Safety/GDPR Reminder

All children in school use laptops and iPads to access the internet as an essential part of their learning which is required by the National Curriculum. Please make sure you that you have read, discussed as appropriate, signed and returned the Acceptable Use Policy. Thank you to all of you that have returned your GDPR document - I appreciate it is not a quick one to fill in. We are still several outstanding, can they be returned as soon as possible. Please let the Office know if you need another copy!

Dates for the Diary

Monday 24 th September	Harvest Festival at St John's Church @1:30pm
Tuesday 25 th September	Brownlee Foundation Mini Triathlon Year 5/6
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th September	Kingswood Residential
Friday 28 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Afternoon! 2pm
Friday 28 th September	Open Afternoon – new starters
Monday 1 st October	Celebrating Black History – whole school theme week
Wednesday 3 rd October	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby – details to follow
Wednesday 3 rd October	Explorers Stay and Play 1:15pm – 2:15pm
Wednesday 3 rd October	Explorers Sharing Assembly 2:30pm All welcome
Thursday 11 th October	Individual and Family Photos
Saturday 6 th October	Cross Country @Bosworth Country Park 10:30am
Thursday 11 th October	Year 2/3 Multi Sports Festival – detail to follow
Friday 12th October	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN - INSET DAY
Monday 15th October – Friday 19th October Half Term	
Monday 22 nd October	Back to school
Friday 21 st December	Breakup for Christmas