



# Heather Herald

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*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*Welcome back!*

*Hope you all had a lovely Easter – the children always seem to return to school so much taller! What glorious weather we have had this week. Thank you all for supporting us in our 'No hattie, no outside' policy! It is important we teach the children good habits at managing their safety during the hot weather. It seems the exceptionally warm weather is not set to last but hopefully we will have more 'No hattie, no outside' days before the end of the school year!*

*Generally, children have settled well back into the school routine, looking forward to finding out about their new areas of learning – you should have received by today your child's termly planner outlining what they are covering this term as well as dates for events such as forest school days and class assemblies.*

*Next week we are looking forward to commemorating VE day with the children on Thursday. A letter was sent by Mrs Smith last half term about the event and that we would like the children to dress up in 1940's style clothes – if we look as good as our year 5/6 evacuees off to Beaumanor today, it will be a spectacle to behold. We ask if you have a picnic blanket (named in some way) that you are happy for your child to bring in on Thursday for our jelly and ice-cream party in the afternoon – it would be much appreciated! It is going to be a great event!*

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

*The children have all been so fantastic this week, I have decided to give them and the staff Monday off! Enjoy your long weekend.*

*Best wishes,*

*Maxine Michalowski*

## Parking Reminders

It is important that we are respectful of our neighbours when parking and also that we are parking in a way that ensures the safety for all. When parking please make sure you keep clear of:

- Zig zags
- Dropped kerbs
- Local residents' driveways
- Opposite or within 10 metres of a junction to ensure visibility for all.
- Blocking the pavement so that pedestrians, pushchairs and mobility scooters are unable to get by.

Take particular care when it is bin collection day as local residents have reported that their refuse has not been cleared away as the lorry has been unable to gain access to St. John's Close, and remember – if a bin lorry cannot get up there, neither can a fire engine if there is an emergency. Please do not park in The Crown or The Queen's Head carpark unless you have agreed this with the owners of the pub first.

## Trips, Clubs and Sporting Events

This is an exceptionally short half term and we have lots to cram in. You will find the details of all the events in and out of school on the back of this letter – you should also find lots of these dates on your Arbor calendar to help you keep on top of things. It is a particularly busy time of year for Year 5 and 6. Office staff would be very grateful if you promptly responded to requests regarding trips, sporting events and clubs. A significant amount of admin time is being wasted on chasing parents for information despite frequent requests being sent – such as chasing families on Monday for consent to take them swimming as consent had not been given via Arbor. More timely responses would be appreciated.

## Summer Uniform

It is great to see the children in their summer uniforms but just thought I would send a few reminders as a few things seem to be slipping:

Shorts – for girls or boys need to be either gingham (blue and white checked) or the same materials that school trousers are made of – NOT PE shorts, such as football style shorts or running/cycling shorts. Also, can you please make sure the children's shorts are of a decent length.

Children are still expected to wear school shoes in summer – quite a few children appear to be in school in their PE trainers.

We discussed school uniform in one of our assemblies this week and looked at some examples of the types and shorts and dresses etc. that fit our policy. Many thanks for your support with this.

### Key Dates for the Diary

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Harry Potter Menu

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Dragonfly WW2 visit to Beaumanor

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – May Day Bank Holiday**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Heather Primary VE Day Celebrations

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Caterpillar and Ladybird visit to Battram Woods

KS 1 Assessments take place throughout May\*

KS 2 Sats – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May\*

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May PTA Film Night – (details to follow)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Class Photos

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5/6 Girls Cricket @Ibstock Cricket Club 12pm – 5pm (Selected Children)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5/6 Mixed Cricket @Ibstock Cricket Club 12pm – 5pm (Selected Children)\*time/date may change

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Unity Netball Competition @ Woodstone (Selected Children)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Break the Rules PTA Event –details to follow

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 – School closes for half term for all

**Half term Break – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Late Year Seven applicants are notified of school places

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 School opens to pupils

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 13<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Multiplication Check\*

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Dragonfly Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing are brought into school that day)

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June NWLSSP Netball Tournament @ Ashby School 15:30-18:00 (selected children)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonic Screen – take place this week\*

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June Caterpillar Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June Bottle Donations for Wheelbarrow of Booze – to be drawn at Sports Day

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June NWLSSP Year 4-6 Athletics @Saffron Lane 11am – 5:30pm NWLSSP selected children (details to follow)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Bumblebee Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome (please note this date is yet to be confirmed)**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day 1pm start (on the field – all welcome)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Dragonfly alternative sports afternoon PE kits required

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June Bumblebee Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing are brought into school that day)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Ladybird Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing are brought into school that day)

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – M& M productions – The Secret Garden (in school – details to follow)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Ladybird Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – TMBS Open Evening for new Year 7 starters

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July PTA Event – USA Themed Fun on the Field

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 5/6 Leavers' Performance 2pm start for Year 5 families only

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July Year 5/6 Leavers' Performance 6pm for Year 6 families only **N.B. All Dragonfly children must attend**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Year 7 Parents induction meeting at The Ibstock School

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 –School closes for pupils for the summer break

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Heather Primary INSET Day 5 – disaggregated**

**\*PLEASE DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS DURING THESE TIMES**

Dates for 25 – 26 can be found [here](#)