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# Heather Herald

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## Dear Parents/Carers of

It is hard to believe that we are half way through March. It has been a busy few weeks with lots going on in the classes. The children all looked fantastic last week for World Book Day and it was lovely to see them all enjoy lots of book related activities in school.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> February we said a very sad farewell to Mrs Dennis – and even George (Clooney) paid a quick visit into school to say his goodbyes 😊. The children all sang 'Million Dreams' from The Greatest Showman which brought a few tears to some people's eyes – many thanks to Libby who was hot off the mark handing out the tissues! Mrs Dennis had a great last day and wishes to pass her thanks on to everyone for their kind gifts and words that made her last few days at Heather so special.

Just after half term we welcomed Sophia into Year Three in Voyagers - we hope Sophia and her family enjoy their time at Heather. We also welcomed Mrs Kyte to the team. Mrs Kyte is teaching in Adventurers on Thursdays and Fridays and has quickly got to know her class and is planning some very exciting lessons.

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

## Staffing update

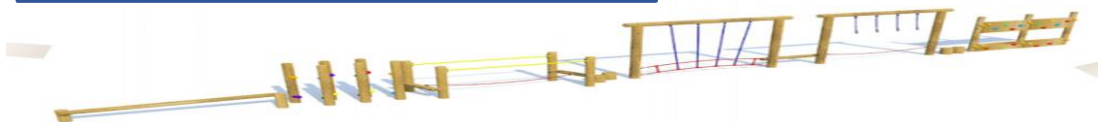
Just after half term we were busy recruiting for the class teacher position and a new Office Manager. I am delighted to tell you that Miss Pippa Barton will be joining us after Easter to teach in Voyagers. Miss Barton is an experienced teacher who currently works in a neighbouring authority and we are hoping to arrange some time before the end of term for her to come in to get to know the children and the rest of the staff. We have also appointed Mrs Sara Riley-Lowndes as our new Office Manager. Mrs Riley-Lowndes will be starting with us just before we break up for Easter and we are really looking forward to welcoming both of these ladies to our team. And thank you to all of you for your support and understanding during this transition process.

## Big Lottery - Playground Grant

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, work will begin on our new Trim Trail - replacing and extending the current Trim Trail that we have. This new Trim Trail will have a change of surface that links directly to the playground and the path to the gate. Children's playtimes and lunchtimes may vary slightly next week whilst the work is being under taken.

## Baby Goode

I am delighted to share with you the good news that on 8<sup>th</sup> March Rowan Thomas James Goode was delivered in safely in to the world. By all accounts mum and baby are doing well and he certainly looks a contented young man. We are looking forward to meeting Rowan soon.



### Drinks In School

As you know, we encourage the children to bring water bottles into school so they can take regular drinks during the day. Just a polite reminder to say that high sugar 'sport' drinks are not suitable for school - nobody in school completes that much physical activity during the day that a high energy drink is needed! Children seen to be drinking out of a high energy drinks bottle will have the drink confiscated and returned to the child's parent/carer at the end of the day - your child will be offered water to drink if they are thirsty.

### Team Heather

There have been a few events this half term. Several children in Year 5/6 took part in the NWLSSP Swimming Gala and thoroughly enjoyed all of their races. Some of the Year 3/4 children took part in the Unity Football Tournament - they played amazing well and won one game and drew two. Many thanks to Freddie's Grandad for stepping in as assistant coach!

On Tuesday some Year 2 went Curling at ICC. We used curling stones to reach targets to get points. We played against other schools. We had lots of fun learning a new sport. **Lilly and Phoebe**

### Dates for the Diary

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
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Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
Throughout May  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Cross Country at Snaresstone 10:30  
Year 3/4 Hockey Tournament for selected children  
Author Neil Griffiths in school to work with children and meet with parents - Parents session begins at 2pm - we look forward to seeing you there  
Pioneers and Discoverers Tree Planting at Ratby  
Leicester Riders Hoops for Health Tournament  
Unity Swimming Gala @Hermitage Swimming Pool for selected Year 5/6 children 5:30pm for a 6pm start.  
Year 5/6 Orienteering @Donisthorpe Woods  
Year 6 Children out at the Easter Journey  
PTA Dress down day - send in some chocolate for the bingo  
PTA Chocolate Bingo - eyes down at 6pm  
School closes for Easter

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays**

**Back to school for staff and children**  
**May Day Bank Holiday**  
Key Stage 1 tests will take place in May  
PTA AGM in school - 7pm  
**May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed**  
KS 2 SATS week  
PTA Event Beetle Drive - details to follow  
Griffydam Cross Country - details to follow  
**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS - INSET DAY**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half Term**

**School open for children and staff**  
Year 5/6 trip to Warning Zone  
Sports Day 1pm start  
PTA Meeting 7pm  
Year 1 Phonic Screen Week  
Summer Fayre  
Discoverers and Pioneers End of Year performance - for parents/carers of year 4 and 5 children only 2pm  
Discoverers and Pioneers End of Year Performance - For Year 6 parents/carers only 6pm start  
**School Closes for Summer Holidays**