



Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year - we hope you all had a lovely restful break over the Christmas holidays.

This term, in comparison to last half term is quite a short one with Easter being so early this year but there is still lots to fit in. This week we welcome Archie, Teddie and their family to our Heather School family - we hope you have enjoyed your first day with your new classes.

Termly newsletters/topic planners will be with you shortly - both paper based and they can be accessed electronically via the school website for future reference. We still have some spaces in our After School clubs - please sign up for these clubs via WEDUC.

Best wishes,
Maxine Michalowski

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New Year Reminders

Just a few reminders for the start of the new term:

Registration - Classroom doors open at 8:45am for the children to go straight into their classroom. Registration begins at 8:55am and the children are expected to be in the classroom ready to learn at this time. Registers close at 9:05am. Any children arriving after this time recorded as late.

Belongings - Please make sure everything - including water bottles/lunch boxes - are labelled. If things are labelled, it makes it a lot easier to return belongings to the right person.

Independence - please encourage your child to pack their own school bags and carry their own bags to school as this helps them be more aware of what they need in school and check that they have the right things in school each day.

Celebration Assembly - all parents/carers are welcome to join us for our Celebration Assembly on a Friday morning - it starts at 9am promptly. We celebrate birthdays, sporting achievements- in and out of school as well as our Star of the Week - (Not items for 'Show and Tell'). Younger siblings are also welcome to join us and watch the assembly - not being entertained/'kept quiet' watching/playing on an electronic device.

Holidays in Term Time - Please remember that the government sets schools strict guidelines regarding holidays in term time. Holidays in term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances, all of which are outlined on the holiday request form. Governors monitor closely holidays that a small number of families have taken in term time and parents may be fined by the Local Authority if they choose to take their child out of school for an unauthorised leave of absence.

Weduc - Please ensure you have notifications enabled so you can keep up to date with what is happening in school. Most documents sent home are also saved in Notices for ease of reference - please refer to this prior to contacting the School Office with further questions.

Key Dates for the Diary (Full set of term dates for 23-24 and 2024-25 can be found on our website and in notices on WEDUC)

Thursday 11 th January	Bumblebee First Swimming Session
Monday 15 th January	PTA Meeting 7:30pm @The Queen's Head- All welcome
Wednesday 17 th January	Year 1 and 5 Fire Safety talk
Wednesday 24 th January	NWLSSP Basketball Tournament 3:30pm-5:30pm @ICC selected Yr 5/6 children
Saturday 27 th January	Unity Cross Country at Woodstone School (Ravenstone) 10:30am Start
Tuesday 30 th January brought into school that day)	Ladybird Class Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing are brought into school that day)
Friday 9 th February	PTA Film night - details to follow
Thursday 15 th February	Ladybird visit to Leicester Botanical Gardens (Details to follow)
Friday 16 th February	School Closes for Half Term
Half term Break - Monday 19th February - Friday 23rd February	
Monday 26 th February	School Open for all
Thursday 29 th February	NWLSSP New Age Kurling @ICC 1pm-3pm Selected children from KS 2
Tuesday 5 th March	Caterpillar Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome
Tuesday 5 th March	NWLSSP Swimming Gala @Whitwick Leisure Centre 9:15-10:45am Selected Year 5/6 children
Tuesday 5 th March	Parents' Evening - 3:30pm-7pm
Wednesday 6 th March	Parents' Evening - 3:30pm-5pm
Saturday 9 th March	Unity Cross Country @ Snarestone 10:30 start
Tuesday 12 th March	Bumblebee Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome
Thursday 14 th March	Year 3/4 NWLSSP Hockey Tournament @Castle Rock 3:30pm-6:pm - selected children
Friday 15 th March	Bumblebee Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing are brought into school that day)
Friday 15 th March	PTA Event - Easter Bingo @Heather Village Hall
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 5/6 NWLSSP Orienteering @ Donisthorpe Woods 9:45am - 2:30pm
Wednesday 20 th March	Dragonfly Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome
Thursday 21 st March	Ladybird Class Assembly 9am start Parents/Carers/Families welcome
Thursday 21 st March	Year 5/6 NWLSSP Hockey Tournament @ Castle Rock 3:30pm-6:pm - selected Children
Friday 22 nd March	Dragonfly Forest School Session - Forest School Session (please ensure appropriate clothing are brought into school that day)
Friday 22 nd March - School Closes for Easter Break	
Easter Break - Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April	
Monday 8 th April - School open for all	
Monday 8 th April	Bumblebee Class Trip to Bosworth Battlefield (Details to follow)
Monday 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday	
KS 1 Assessments take place throughout May*	
KS 2 Sats	Monday 13 th -Thursday 16 th May*
Tuesday 21 st May	Year Group Photos
Friday 24 th May	School closed for Half Term
Half term Break Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	
Monday 3 rd June	School Open for all
Monday 3 rd June - 14 th June	- Year 4 Multiplication Check*
Monday 10 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screen - take place this week*
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day 1pm Start - Parents/Carers/Families welcome
Wednesday 26 th June	MGM Productions - The Little Princess (TBC)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 5/6 Leavers Performance 2pm (Year 5 parents/carers/family only)
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 5/6 Leavers' Performance 6pm (Year 6 parents/carers/family only)
Wednesday 10 th July	End of year Assembly on the Playground - All welcome
Thursday 11 th July	School closes for Summer Break for Children
Friday 12 th July 2024	INSET DAY 5 Disaggregated. - Children/Staff not in school