



Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe this is my first newsletter of 2022 and it is half term next week. This term seems to have been a busy one and the weeks have just flown by. Both Caterpillar and Ladybird have been using inspiration from Noah's Ark to make their own weather-based story set at school with all sorts of extreme weather occurring with a school adult coming to the rescue – I can't wait to read their stories. In Bumble Bee some fascinating science investigations are going on as part of their topic on Teeth using a range of different liquids and observing their effects on the shell of a hen's egg. The vinegar one certainly had staff intrigued. The Dragonflies seem to be very engrossed in their Tudor topic and had a fascinating day at Bosworth Battlefield finding out about the life of a Tudor Soldier.

It has been great doing competitive sport again and I was so proud of the Year 5/6 Basketball team, winning their group and then coming second in NWL. As you will see from dates in the diary, there are more fixtures to look forward to this term.

We have not managed to raise all of the money yet, but have booked in to have the new canopy built over the Easter holidays. Over half term we are going to try and clear the area under the current canopy and give the playground and the covered over area a jet wash – the mud this year has been the worst I have ever known it and once we have got the canopy sorted we are going to explore ways in which we can stop the silt from running off the grass and onto the playground. If landscaping/garden design is your thing and you have any ideas, then please let us know. If you are around and are happy to help with jet washing, I think it is going to be a big job, let us know when you can do.

Thankfully we have been lucky with COVID cases this term and let's hope that continues.

Have a super half term

Maxine Michalowski

Parking Safely at School

It is important that when parking, 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.

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.

PE Kits

Managing their own belongings is an important skill to learn. Being able to 'Manage Self' and dress and undress is part of the Early Years curriculum and we have all noticed that more than ever, this is something the younger children in school are struggling with – this includes being able to identify their own clothes and turn their clothes the right way around if necessary; therefore after half term, **all** children, regardless of their class or if they find getting dressed tricky, will be required to wear their school uniform every day for school. The only exception will be on Forest School Days. Children will need to bring their PE kits into school in a bag and will get changed at some time during the school day.

PE kits will be required in school on the days below.

Monday – PE for all children in Caterpillar and Ladybird. Kits also required if your child does Dodgeball or Football after school

Tuesday – Dragonfly and Bumble Bee PE (Leicester Riders)

Wednesday – Forest School for Reception only – children to come to school in their forest school kit as normal

Wednesday – All children in year 1 and Year 2 PE kit required

Thursday – Year 5/6 Swimming (see separate letter)

Friday – Bumblebee PE – Kits also required if your child does Netball after school

Key Dates for the Diary

Friday 11th February - School Closes for half term

Half Term Break – Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February

Monday 21st February – School open to all pupils

Tuesday 22nd February – PTA Break the Rules Day – the theme is 'All the 2s'

Wednesday 23rd February – Bumble Bee Class to visit Jubilee Wood

Thursday 24th February – Thursday 7th April (7 weeks) Dragonfly Swimming

Friday 25th February 5-year-Old Dental Check

Tuesday 1st March New Age Curling for Selected Children

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day, come dressed as a book character and bring in the book that they are in

Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th Bumble Bee Residential to Beaumanor Hall

Monday 14th March PTA Meeting 7pm start

Wednesday 16th March – Year 3/4 Quick Stick Competition – selected children

Monday 21st March – Possible Basketball Competition at Leicester Riders for selected 3/4 and 5/6 Children

Wednesday 23rd March – Parents' Evening 3:30pm – 7:00pm

Thursday 24th March – Parents' Evening 3:30pm– 5:00pm

Monday 28th March – year 5/6 Swimming Gala for selected pupils – details to follow

Friday 25th March – PTA Dress Down day – please donate an Easter Egg/some Chocolate for our Easter Bingo

Friday 1st April PTA Easter Chocolate Bingo at Heather St John's Football Club

Monday 4th April – PTA Heather Primary School Easter Egg Hunt Maps go on Sale – details to follow

Tuesday 5th April – Year 5/6 Orienteering at Donisthorpe Woods

Friday 8th April – School breaks up for Easter

Easter Break Monday 11th April Friday 22nd April

Monday 25th April – School open for all pupils

Monday 2nd May – School Closed – May Day Bank Holiday

KS 1 Sats take place throughout May*

KS 2 Sats Monday 9th -Thursday 12th May*

Monday 9th May PTA Meeting 7pm Start

Friday 13th May PTA Film Night – Details to follow

Friday 27th May – School Closes for Half Term

Half Term Break Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Monday 6th June – School open to all pupils

Monday 6th June Year 1 Phonic Screen – take place this week*

Monday 6th June – 25th June – Year 4 Multiplication Check*

Friday 1st July – PTA Family Fun on the Field Afternoon and Barbecue

Thursday 7th July – School Closes for the Summer Holidays**** **Change of Date**

Heather Primary INSET 4 – disaggregated staff not in school Monday 11th July 2021

Raring2go

Please see the link below for a copy of the Winter issue of Raring2go – covering the National Forest in Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Leicestershire. There are some great activities for both in and outdoor included and a competition to win some books.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/burtonandashby/winter/>

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE school sports partnership



ABOUT US

The North West Leicestershire School Sports Partnership (NWLSSP) was formed in 2005 as part of the government's plan to create 450 SSPs across England. SSPs work with schools, local authorities, sporting NGBs and other sporting organisations to improve the quality of sports, health initiatives and curriculum PE within school.

WHAT WE DO

Run inter-school competitions & festivals such as:



Year 5/6 Basketball Competition



Year 3/4 & 5/6 Hockey Competition



KS2, KS3 & KS4/5 Swimming Competition



Year 1/2 Multi-Skill Festival

We also run other initiatives such as:



Isolation Games, Lockdown Forest & Among Us Projects



Girls' Football School Partnership (Shooting Stars & Game On)



Primary & Secondary Leadership Courses

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