



# Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers of

As we approach the end of this half term, we are all looking forward to speaking to you about your child/ren's progress at Parents' Evening next week—so please don't forget to make your appointment. As Parents' Evening is on both Tuesday and Thursday next week there will be **No Gym club** or **Running Club** on those evenings.

On Wednesday, I held my first 'Book Bingo' session—thank you to Molly G, Callum, Emelia, Charlie H, Noah and Jake—it was a delight to talk to you about which pieces of work you are most proud of and watch you share your books with each other. How proud you are of all the hard work you have been doing this term!

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

Maxine Michalowski

## Basket Ball Competition

On Tuesday 23rd January, Miss Lawrence took some year 5 and 6 children to a basketball competition at Castle Rock School. We had seven people in our team and it was fun. Despite only winning one game, and losing two, it was still an amazing experience. Thanks to the Castle Rock Team for organising a great event. **James and Frances**

## Cross Country

Even though the weather is a bit windy, there are people that like to run races against other schools and try and win their race. We try really, really hard to beat the position that we came in our last race. Even though it is tiring, when you finish it is really good fun. Everyone cheers you on which makes you run faster at the end. We really recommend Running Club and Cross Country—**Freya and Kitty**

## Toileting Troubles!

We seem to be having a few issues in the toileting department. Mrs Brown seems to be faced most days with the unpleasant task of clearing up a large amount of urine from the toilet floors. Obviously, accidents happen and I know there are times when we don't quite make it to the toilet on time—however this is now happening on a daily basis. We have had some frank discussions in assembly about why we do not urinate over the floor at home, therefore we do not expect it to happen in school either. Generally, this seems to be happening in the boys' toilets, so I would appreciate it if you could chat to your child about the importance of 'aiming' in the right direction when they need to urinate!

## Ashby 20

On Sunday 18th March, Kerry Cooper, mum of Isla and Orla, is running the Ashby 20. Kerry is collecting sponsors for this event and is kindly donating her fund raising to buy equipment for our very popular Running Club which over 30 children attend—nearly a third of the school. If you wish to sponsor Kerry, there is a sponsor form in the office for you to fill in. Good Luck Kerry—20 miles sounds a very long way!

### Safer Internet Day

This year Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 6th February. The theme this year is "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".

We will be having a whole school assembly on this theme and will be planning age related activities for the children in our classes. Lots of advice regarding all aspects of E-safety can be found on the Think U Know website— <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

### Forest School

On Fridays, Explorers have been enjoying their lessons in the forest school area. So far we have taken part in a scavenger hunt to find natural objects, created mud pies and finding pine cones to find with. At the end of each session, the children have a chance to reflect on the session and pick something that reminds them what they have done. - Miss Turner



### Peak Assembly

On Monday 22nd January, Ali came in to our school to talk to Pioneers and Discoverers about drugs. Ali gave us important information about how to keep ourselves safe. Here are some important facts that we learnt: If you take drugs when you are pregnant, it can damage the growing baby in your tummy. If you drink too much alcohol, it can damage your health. We also talked about the difference between illegal and legal drugs and that all legal drugs are dangerous if not used properly. - Kauri and Freya

### Residential Meeting

Please remember to send in your slips and deposits for our residentials - Kingswood (Year 3 and 4 children from Sept 2018) or Marle Hall (Year 5 and 6 children from Sept 2018), please contact Mrs Michalowski or Mrs Thornley if you wish to know any more information about either trip.

### Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 6th February	Parents' Evening—3:30-5:00pm
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8th February	Parents' Evening—3:30-6:50pm
Friday 9th February	Pancake School Lunch
Friday 9th February	Explorers Sharing Assembly
<b>Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February Half Term</b>	
Monday 19th February	School Nurse Drop in—8:30am
Monday 19th February	Whole School Poetry Week
Friday 23rd February	Whole School Celebrating Poetry Assembly
Monday 26th February	Wind Quintet visiting school
Wednesday 28th February	Year 5 and 6 visit Leicestershire Cricket Club
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day (come dressed as your favourite <b>BOOK</b> character)
Friday 2nd March	Pioneers and Discoverers Sharing Assembly
Thursday 8th March	School Nurse Drop in—1:30pm
Friday 9th March	Voyagers and Adventurers Sharing Assembly
Friday 16th March	Explorers and Music Sharing Assembly
Friday 23rd March	Sports Assembly
Friday 23rd March	School Closes for Easter
<b>Monday 26th March—Friday 6th April Easter Holidays</b>	
Saturday 21st April	Cross Country at Griffydham Primary 10:30am start
Monday 7th May	School Closed— May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 14th-Thursday 17th May	KS 2 SATs week