



Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic start to the term we have had. It has been a delight to walk around the classes to see the children so engaged in their learning. There has been lots of map work going on in Adventurers and Voyagers, locating China and finding out about its major cities and rivers. This then seems to have inspired some children to bring globes in for Show and Tell – it is great to see that the children are talking about their learning at home. In Discoverers and Pioneers there has been lots of number investigations going on involving some very large numbers, looking at different ways to represent them. The children in Explorers have continued to settle in well and this week they have all had their first trip down to Forest School. It has also been the first week of our new clubs – I hope the jam tarts were as delicious as they looked.

Last week, we welcomed Larosa, Delilah and Joe-Lewis and both their families to Heather Primary School – we hope you have settled in well and made lots of new friends.

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

Maxine Michalowski

Harvest Festival and Open Afternoon

We would like to invite to Parents, Carers and Families our Harvest on Monday 24th September at St John's Church Heather starting at 1:30pm. As in previous years, we welcome any donations of local produce and other foods which we will donate to the local foodbank. After the Harvest Festival, we would like to invite all parents and carers to our Open Afternoon. This Open Afternoon will be focusing on reading and you will be able to join your child as they complete different reading activities/games in their classes. It will be a great way for you to see how we teach reading and reading skills across the school.

Explorers Stay and Play and Sharing Assembly

On Wednesday 3rd October, Miss Turner, Miss Ralston and the Explorers would like to invite parents, carers and grandparents to a **Stay and Play session starting at 1:15pm until 2:15pm**. Following on from the Stay and Play, the Explorers will be holding their first Sharing Assembly. This will begin at **2:30pm**. All are welcome to join us to see what our Explorer children have been up to.

Parking

Following the recent complaints from two members of the public, our local PCSO will be visiting the school over the next few weeks to assess the parking situation. Please park considerately and be mindful of our neighbours. Not only do we need to park carefully for our own children's safety but we also need to remember that it is essential that emergency vehicles have a clear route through the village.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

On 28th September, we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee afternoon starting at 2:00pm. Please do join us for a cup of tea/coffee and some cakes. Some of the children will be baking cakes for this and we would also welcome any donations of cakes or biscuits for this worthwhile cause.

Play Equipment

Can I remind you that the outdoor play equipment is **not** to be used by **any** child before the school day begins or after it ends. This particularly applies to the time after your children have been dismissed by the class teacher at the end of the day, but also applies to younger children while you're waiting or chatting on the playground. All of the equipment is rigorously checked and maintained, of course, but it is not supervised by school staff at these points in the day and it is not appropriate for it to be used. Please don't be offended if/when any member of staff asks children to come off the school equipment or field because of this.

Forms, Forms and More Forms!

You will find your child has brought home lots of information for you to look through and sign. You should have two copies of the Home School Agreement – one to keep and one to sign and return to school, our IT Acceptable use Agreement and some of you may also have information regarding General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and information regarding WEDUC, our new communication system, which require your immediate attention. All of these forms contain important information, and we would appreciate it if you could return the signed copies as soon as possible.

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 9 th – Wednesday 12 th September	Marle Hall residential
Thursday 20 th September	School nurse visit – contact Mrs Dennis for an appointment
Monday 24 th September	Harvest festival at St John's Church @ 1:30pm
Tuesday 25 th September	Brownlee Foundation Mini Triathlon Year 5/6
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th September	Kingswood Residential
Friday 28 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning – 2:00pm start
Monday 1 st October	Celebrating Black History – whole school theme week
Wednesday 3 rd October	Explorers Stay and Play 1:15pm – 2:15pm
Wednesday 3 rd October	Explorers Sharing assembly 2:30pm All welcome
Friday 12 th October	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN - INSET DAY
Monday 15th October – Friday 19th October Half Term	
Monday 22 nd October	Back to School
Friday 21 st December	Breakup for Christmas
Monday 7 th January	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN - INSET DAY
Tuesday 8 th January	School opens for all children
Friday 15 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February Half Term	