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Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers of «Name»

«Class»

We have had a great start to the beginning of the second half of the Autumn Term. The weather has continued to be on our side and the children are still enjoying a wide range of activities on the school field during play and lunch times. This term, in order to improve lunch times we have welcomed Paul Gibson into school who has been working with lots of children at developing their skills in a range of small team games such as handball and football and Mr Neil Pursglove who is working with our Play Coaches and Sports Leaders to plan a deliver a range of multi-skills activities. We have also welcomed Mrs Deborah Hanks who is working as a Learning Support Assistant, during the mornings, in Discoverers. Some of our Year 6 children were amazing guides last week - showing around prospective parents. They were great ambassadors and it was lovely to hear them talk about school life at Heather. The children are continuing to work hard in their lessons. In Explorers, the children have been finding out about why we wear Poppies and have created some beautiful pictures of poppy fields. The Magic Paintbrush has inspired some lovely story writing in Adventurers. Voyagers continue to work hard to use the bar model to solve maths problems. Discoverers are continuing to be fantastic Eco Warriors and have been writing some fantastic letters telling the Prime Minister that it is very important we are more protective towards orang-utans. In Pioneers they are on the tricky journey of mastering short and long division!! Keep up the hard work everyone.

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



Maxine Michalowski

Achievements Out of School

When I visited my Dad's house, I entered a skateboard competition in Birmingham and I learnt to do 5 new tricks - such as a body aerial and a grab. I competed against 31 older boys and girls. I was the second youngest there and I came 26th. Skateboarding is going to be in the Olympics in 2028 and I really want to enter it. **Melody** - we look forward to watching you Melody!

On the 21st October, we walked 4 miles from Ashby to Measham in aid of the Alzheimer's Society as our Nanny has recently been diagnosed with the condition. We both enjoyed it and we raised £78.50 for the charity. **Alfie and Benny** - well done boys!

Exciting News

We are delighted to share with you the exciting news that Mrs and Mr Goode are expecting a baby next Spring. The governors will be advertising shortly for a teacher to cover Mrs Goode's maternity leave and we will update you in due course. Congratulations Mrs and Mr Goode and we are all looking forward to meeting Baby Goode.

Staying Safe Online - Keeping Track of What Your Children See Online

The NSPCC advises that the best way to keep track of what your children see online is to check out the apps and sites they are using so that they don't come across anything that is distressing or not age-appropriate. You can use www.net-aware.org.uk to check the websites, social networks and games that are suitable for your children to be using.

Text Messages and WEDUC

Thank you to all our parents who have registered and accessed their Weduc accounts. From the 1st December **all** messages from school will be sent through Weduc and we will no longer be using the school mobile phone as a means of communication. If you are still having problems logging in, then please let us know so we can issue you with a new enrolment code.

Cloakrooms

In school, as you know, we are very restricted for space. Lots of children seem to be bringing to school very large bags which our cloakrooms are unable to accommodate. This is resulting in lots of children's belongings ending up on the floor, which not only makes the school look incredibly untidy but is also a tripping hazard. We are in the process of sourcing some containers in which the children can store their PE kits which should help ease some of the problem. Your child only needs to bring into school their reading books and diary - therefore large rucksacks are not necessary. Also PE kits need to be in a draw string bag - these take up minimal space and also prevent things falling out, being strewn all over the floor or becoming lost. Your support in ensuring your child brings into school a bag of an appropriate size is very much appreciated.

Snacks at Playtime

Please ensure that your child's snack at playtime is a healthy choice - for example fruit, vegetable or a rice cake. This snack **must** be nut free. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are provided with a free piece of fruit every day. Children are not to take food such as crisps/chocolate bars from their lunch box to eat at playtime and they will be asked to return them. Snacks need to be kept in their school bag and children will not be allowed to access their lunch boxes at play time. Sweets, such as packets of Haribos, are not suitable for Lunch boxes - they will be kept by a member of staff and returned to you at the end of the day.

A Big Thank You

A very big thank you to the Heather Scarecrow Festival who have kindly donated £2,000 towards our project to revamp the Library. Also, thank you to the PTA for their donation of £1000 towards the library project and £1000 towards some new IT hardware. This means that towards the end of this year we will be able to start work on the Library - beginning with a new carpet and having the Library and the Garden Room painted. It is fantastic to know that we have such great support from our parents and our local community.

Dates for the Diary

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| Tuesday 13 th November | School Nurse Visit @2:30pm - appointments only |
| Tuesday 13 th November | Bronze Ambassador Training for some children in year 5 and 6 |
| Wednesday 14 th November | Voyager's sharing assembly - 2:40pm |
| Thursday 15 th November | NWLSSP Awards Evening 6:30pm |
| Wednesday 21 st November | Flu Immunisation 1pm |
| Monday 26 th November | Year 5/6 Dodgeball Tournament - details to follow |
| Wednesday 5 th December | Explorer's Stay and Play 1:15pm |
| Wednesday 5 th December | Dance Festival 5pm - details to follow |
| Saturday 8 th December | Cross Country @Viscount Beaumont, Coleorton 10:30 start |
| Monday 10 th December | Explorers Christmas Production 1:30pm |
| Tuesday 11 th December | Explorers Christmas Production 10:30am |
| Wednesday 12 th December | Adventurers/Voyagers Christmas Production 1:30pm |
| Thursday 13 th December | Adventurers/Voyagers Christmas Production 4:00pm |
| Monday 17 th December | Year R, 1, 2, 3 to watch Peter Pan @ DeMontfort Hall |
| Tuesday 18 th December | Christmas Dinner Day |
| Wednesday 19 th December | Year 4, 5 and 6 to watch Wizard of Oz at Birmingham Rep - details to follow |
| Thursday 20 th December | Carol Service 1:30pm - All Welcome |
| 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