



Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I have been writing this newsletter for the last two weeks and something has always seemed to come up before I have finished it! There seems to have been a lot of poorly people in the last few weeks, a really nasty flu like virus going around that has affected both children and staff alike across multiple classes. We have sought advice from UK Health Security Agency, who just recommended that we ensure extra cleaning of common touch points. Thankfully so far we have managed to avoid the winter vomiting bug and let's hope it stays that way.

The children have all been working hard and I was so proud of all the classes when attending their class assemblies. It is great to see how we foster the children's confidence at talking in front of groups of people. It was also amazing to hear how much learning they have been doing in school and hopefully dispels the myth that they do nothing in school all day! I am sure after these assemblies and your parents' evenings you feel you have a good knowledge of what your child is up to and how they are doing in all the subjects that we teach.

December has finally arrived and I can now say the 'C' word - although I did say Christmas Brownie in the dinner hall on Friday and had to sit in the 'naughty' corner for a while. Gradually over this week we will be putting up our decorations in school and we hope you are liking the advent windows - lots of children were excited to tell me the pictures they have seen so far! There will be a new window per day until the 20th December - the children who have been involved in making elements of the pictures are certainly excited about seeing their art work up at the windows.

It has been a busy few weeks with class assemblies and numerous sporting events both during and after the school day. The dodgeball competitions have been very popular. I appreciate that some children may be a bit apprehensive when being picked for an event for a first time but it is really important that they have a go as we all know the importance of physical health and keeping active. Next term we have rugby, basketball, archery, New Age Curling, Swimming gala, handball, hockey, personal best, dance and orienteering to look forward to!

The last few weeks before Christmas are always busy with productions, Carol Service, Christmas dinner and the trip to the theatre. Regular reminders will be sent, via Arbor, regarding the logistics so we ask you to please check your messages.

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

Hope to see lots of you at the Christmas Fair on Friday - held in the school hall between 6pm - 8pm. There will be games, a raffle, refreshments and a bottle tombola.

Best wishes,

Maxine Michalowski

Arbor

We politely ask that you ensure you check your Arbor App and your email regularly for messages from school.

Emails – emails are generally used when we have attachments to send as we are unable to send attachments via the App.

In- App Messages – We use these generally for messages without attachments. After talking to a few of you, going forward the first three words will be the 'subject' of the message to help you locate messages in your inbox. We politely ask if you are replying to the message you also start with a three word 'subject' as when you are replying to a message we can't see the original message (bonkers I know!). Often it can take us a while at the moment to work out what you are messaging us about!

I know lots of you are missing the 'Notices' facilities that WEDUC provided so we are trying to (where we can) make sure that what we are sending home is also on the website!

Key Dates for the Diary

Friday 6th December Mrs Thornley's SEN Surgery – please contact the office if you wish to make an appointment

Friday 6th December PTS Christmas Fayre 6pm -8pm (details to follow)

Monday 9th December Seasonal Flu Vaccinations

Monday 9th December – Year 2 the Christmas Journey @Marlborough Church Coalville 1pm

Tuesday 10th December - Caterpillar and Ladybird Christmas Production 2:00pm (details to follow)

Wednesday 11th December - Caterpillar and Ladybird Christmas Production 10:00am (details to follow)

Thursday 12th December - Caterpillar and Ladybird Christmas Production 2:00pm (details to follow)

Friday 13th December – NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Monday 16th December Carol Service @St John's Church 1:30pm (All Welcome – Bumblebee Lead)

Wednesday 18th December Whole School trip the see The Wizard of Oz @The Old Rep Birmingham (early start – children to be in school for 8:15 please)

Thursday 19th - Christmas Lunch AKA Brussel Sprout Day!

Thursday 19th December - Final Assembly of the year including Constant Crew Awards

Friday 20th December 2024 - School closes for pupils for Christmas

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January

Monday 6th January 2025 - School open for staff Heather INSET 4

Tuesday 7th January 2025 School opens for pupils

Wednesday 15th January Fire Safety talk for Year 1 and Year 5

Thursday 16th January – Bumblebee Swimming Starts – (details to follow)

Saturday 18th January NWL Cross Country @ Hugglescote Primary 10am

Saturday 25th January Unity Cross Country @Woodstone School 10:30am

Saturday 1st February NWL Cross Country @Measham 10am

Friday 14th February 2025 School closes for half term

Half Term Break Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025

Monday 24th February 2025 - School opens for pupils

Saturday 1st March - Unity Cross Country @ Packington 10:30am

Saturday 15th March - Unity Cross Country @Snarestone 10:30am

Saturday 5th April - Unity Cross Country @Griffydam 10:30am

School Closes for Easter - Friday 11th April 2025

Easter Break - Monday 14th April to Friday 25th April 2025

Monday 28th April 2025 - School opens for pupils

Monday 28th April – Dragon-fly & Ladybird swimming starts (details to follow)

Monday 5th May 2025 - May Day Bank Holiday

KS 1 Assessments take place throughout May*

KS 2 Sats - Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May*

Thursday 22nd May – Unity Netball Competition @ Woodstone (Selected Children)

Friday 23rd May 2025 - School closes for half term for all

Half term Break - Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025 School opens to pupils

Monday 2nd June – 13th June – Year 4 Multiplication Check*

Monday 9th June - Year 1 Phonic Screen – take place this week*

Thursday 10th July 2025 -School closes for pupils for the summer break

Friday 11th July 2025 - Heather Primary INSET Day 5 – disaggregated