



# Heather Herald

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Dear Parents/Carers,

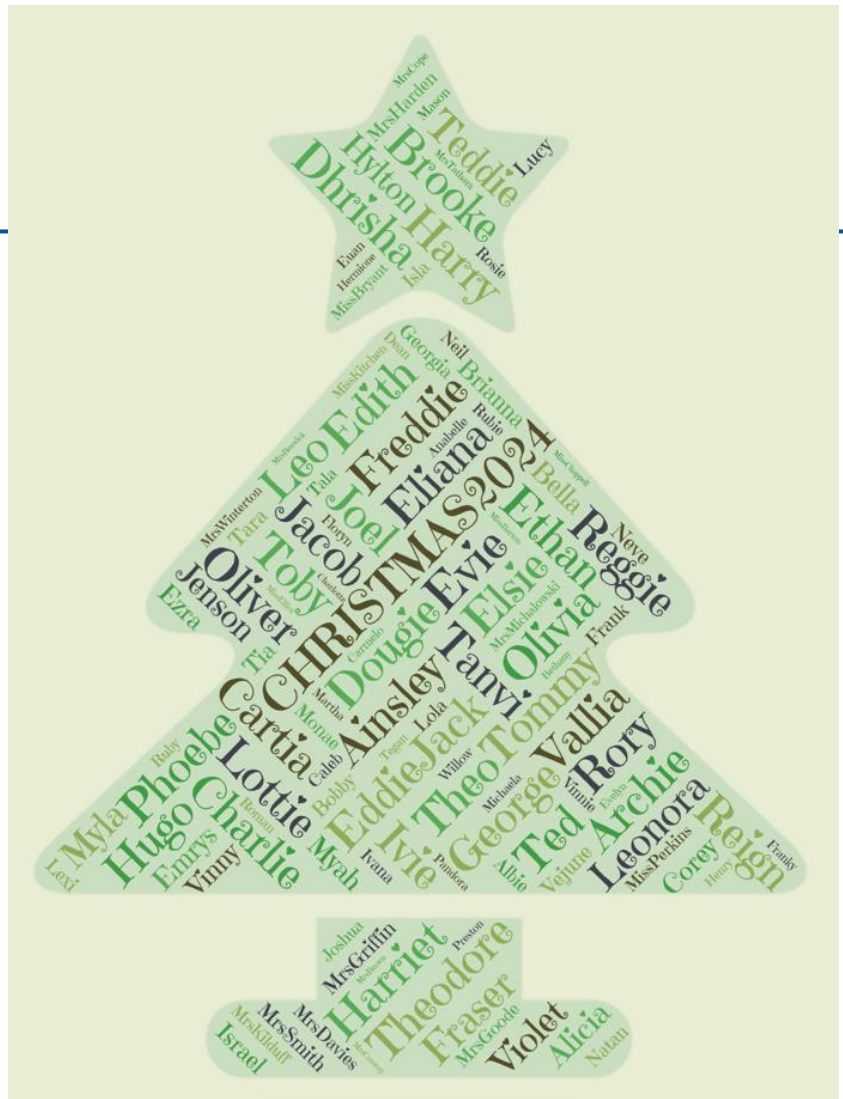
The Christmas holidays are nearly upon us after another fantastic, fun-filled, packed term at Heather. On Monday we were treated to a fantastic Carol Service at the Church all presented by Bumblebee, some important readings reminding us of the true meaning behind Christmas celebrations and a very sassy performance of a different kind of thank you letter by some of the girls! The singing, as always, was fantastic and Rev Andy commented on how beautifully the children sang - next time we just need to get the grown ups to stand up and join in too! 😊

Yesterday, we completed our annual trip to the Theatre to see a pantomime version of the Wizard of Oz. The production was fantastic and enjoyed by both adults and children alike. The children all behaved impeccably and it was lovely to see them join in with the singing at the end.

Have a restful Christmas and a Happy New year. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Best wishes,

Maxine Michalowski



## PE

For next term our PE days will be changing. Below are the PE slots until February half term; we are now delivering our PE slots in 6 week blocks so there will be a further change to PE days after half term. For these days your child/ren will need to have a full PE kit, in a bag, in school – black shorts/trackie bottoms/running tights (not leggings), black school PE T-shirt, jumper – preferably a school hoody and trainers. The weather will start to become chillier – PE still happens outdoors – trackies and a hoody are essential. There are some girls in Dragonfly who are not bringing in a change of bottoms for PE – please can you make sure that your child has a full PE kit in school on their PE days.

As always if you are sending your child into school with PE trainers with laces they are expected to be able to tie their shoe laces. If your child struggles with this, can I please politely ask that you invest time over the holidays to teach your child how to tie their laces – it is really not our job to do it and untied laces are just an accident waiting to happen. Very reasonably priced children's trainers with Velcro fastenings can be purchased from Tesco if your child is finding tying shoe laces challenging.

	Reception	Year 1/2	Bumblebee	Dragonfly
Monday		PE Day		
Tuesday			PE Day	PE Day
Wednesday	PE Day			
Thursday		PE Day	Swimming – see separate letter –	PE Day
Friday	Forest School – children to come to school in their forest school kit			

### Lunchtimes and Playtime Snacks – New Year, New Start

It has come to my attention that quite a few children are not bringing a snack to school at playtime but are choosing to eat something out of their lunch box instead. This week some of our year 5/6 children have completed a litter pick and the amount of litter that was found on the school field and playground was simply quite astounding – yoghurt tubes, peperami wrappers, mini cookie wrappers, fruit winder wrappers, cereal bar wrappers, sausage roll packaging, cheese string wrappers etc. Four carrier bags full.

The decision has been made that for January, break times will be a wrapper free snack time. Children can bring snacks from home in named tubs without any packaging in order to maintain a litter free playground.

Acceptable playtime snacks will be:

- Cheese
- Slices of meat
- Small pita bread with something like humous
- Bread sticks, malt loaf,
- Rice cakes
- Hard-boiled egg
- Banana, apple, satsuma/orange; any fruit (please cut up grapes)
- Raisins
- Carrot sticks, cucumber (any raw vegetables)
- Tomatoes
- Home-made items such as low sugar flapjacks or oatmeal bars with dried fruit are also encouraged

Please do not send in any processed/packaged high sugar/high fat goods and no peanut or nut foods due to allergies. Please do not send in crisps, biscuits, chocolate bars, sweets or sugared cereal bars. Children will be asked to put these away and offered a piece of fruit from school instead. This information will be discussed with the children on the first assembly back in the new year.

There were also a large selection of wrappers such as Haribo packets and lollipop wrappers which are probably a result of sweets brought in for someone's birthday and then discarded on the floor. If this continues, then we will also consider not allowing these birthday treats to be given out. Your support with this is very much appreciated.

### Key Dates for the Diary

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - School closes for pupils for Christmas

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - School open for staff Heather INSET 4**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 School opens for pupils

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January Fire Safety talk for Year 1 and Year 5

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Bumblebee Swimming Starts - (details to follow)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Special Lunch - details to follow

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January NWL Cross Country @ Hugglescote Primary 10am

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - NWLSSP 5/6 Basketball Competition 3:30-5:30 (details to follow)

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January Unity Cross Country @Woodstone School 10:30am

27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> January Around the World Menu - details to follow

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February NWL Cross Country @Measham 10am

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - KS 1 school council event @ST Denys 9:30-11:30am (details to follow)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February NWLSSP KS 2 Archery Event - selected children (details to follow)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 3:15- 5:15pm PTA Movie Night (details to follow)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 School closes for half term

**Half Term Break Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - School opens for pupils

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February - NWLSSP KS2 New Age Curling Event 12:30pm-2:30pm @ICC (details to follow)

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Unity Cross Country @ Packington 10:30am

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March NWLSSP 5/6 Swimming Gala 9:15am - 11:00 @Coalville & Whitwick Leisure Centre - selected children (details to follow)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March - NWLSSP Handball Festival 9:15-11:30am @Ivanhoe - selected children (details to follow)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - NWLSSP 3/4 Quicksticks Hockey 3:15-5:15pm @Ivanhoe - selected children (details to follow)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - NWLSSP KS 2 Personal Best Festival 9am-11am @Ivanhoe

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March - NWLSSP 5/6 Quicksticks Hockey 3:15-5:15pm @Castle Rock - selected children (details to follow)

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Unity Cross Country @Snarestone 10:30am

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Unity Cross Country @Griffydam 10:30am

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April - NWLSSP Year 5/6 Orienteering @Donisthorpe Woods 9:30am-2pm (details to follow)

School Closes for Easter - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Easter Break - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - School opens for pupils

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Dragonfly & Ladybird swimming starts (details to follow)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - May Day Bank Holiday**

KS 1 Assessments take place throughout May\*

KS 2 Sats - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May\*

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Unity Netball Competition @ Woodstone (Selected Children)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 - School closes for half term for all

**Half term Break - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 School opens to pupils

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - 13<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 Multiplication Check\*

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Phonic Screen - take place this week\*

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June NWLSSP Year 4-6 Athletics @Saffron Lane 11am - 5:30pm NWLSSP selected children (details to follow)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day 1pm start ( on the field - all welcome)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 -School closes for pupils for the summer break

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - Heather Primary INSET Day 5 - disaggregated**

**\*PLEASE DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS DURING THESE TIMES**