



Welcome back to school and Happy New Year to all children and their families. Thank you to parents who gave Christmas gifts and cards to the staff at school. It is very kind and thoughtful of you.

Winter Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Winter Fair. We raised an astonishing £1,028 which is a fantastic amount of money for the school. Thank you for all the donations and of course a big thank you to the Friends of Heathmere for organising such a successful event.

Mini Boost

The children in Nursery will be taking part every Thursday morning in physical activities organised by Mytime Active learning about healthy eating and exercise.

KS1 Playground

Thank you for your continued patience with this. The final pieces of fencing don't fit at the moment and we can not open the playground until they have been made and fitted. I really hope that this will be done within the next couple of weeks.

Staffing update

We sadly say goodbye today to Miss Anyiam who has been the teaching assistant in 3R. She is going on to be a Family Support Worker which is a role that she is really looking forward to taking on. We also officially welcome Miss Peres as the new Reception teacher in Ladybird class as she takes over from Mrs Heuer who has started her maternity leave. I will let you know when Mrs Heuer has her baby. Matt Gale has officially started as our new PE coach this week taking over from Mr Lawrence. We also have some new teaching students this term and so welcome Miss Greenway in Reception and Miss Valentine in 3H. Miss Moore has gone to teach at Hotham for 6 weeks as part of her training. She will be back in February.

School Improvement

This week we have held pupil progress meetings for all children in Year 2 and Year 4, where the teachers meet with me, Mr Cooper, Mrs Meyrick and Mrs Kennedy and discuss the progress of every child. In addition, Mrs Kennedy and I have reviewed the whole caseload of children with a Special Educational Need in preparation for the meetings we will be having with parents over the next few weeks.

After School Clubs

There are still a few spaces left in the after school clubs that are run by Mr Meghie, Tim and Matt. If you would like your children to take part, please speak to the school office. Clubs are £2 per week and there are some funded places available if you need help with payment. Please speak to me or Mrs Scopes if you wish to apply for a funded place.

Packed Lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch into school, please can I remind you that these are expected to be healthy. They should contain at least one piece of fruit. Crisps, biscuits, chocolate and sweets are not permitted. Children can however bring a small treat on a Friday. Please can you support us with this as it is very important for children to learn about eating healthily.

Attendance

It was great to see so many children get their 100% attendance certificates for Autumn 2 this morning! Well done!

During Autumn 2, the class with the best attendance was 4T with 96%.

4J had the best punctuality over the last half term
Whole school attendance for the half term was 94%.
Individual attendance winners this week: Kamia (5D)
House points: Saturn

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