

Heathmere Primary School Newsletter



17th December 2021

School Improvement

This week, we have been reflecting on things that have been successful over the autumn term and what we need to work on next term. Successes include:

- Improvements in children using discussion within their learning
- Phonics in KS1
- High quality maths teaching across the whole school
- Teachers having the opportunity to watch other teachers

Our next steps include:

- Improving the quality of our talk tasks in maths
- Ensuring Relationships Education is embedded in our teaching
- Teaching children to use the Zones of Regulation

I would like to wish all parents and children of Heathmere a very Happy Christmas. We are living through very uncertain times and I hope that you are all able to enjoy Christmas celebrations. We are expecting everyone back in school for Tuesday 4th January.

Place2Be

Today we said goodbye to Iffat who has been our School Project Manager at P2B for 6 years. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for everything she has done to help children at families at Heathmere. I have recruited her replacement – a lady called Kathryn. She will be starting in the middle of January and I will keep you updated.

Christmas Shows

Thank you to all parents who have attended the Christmas Shows. We really appreciate your presence at these events. We had to make some last-minute adjustments so thank you for your flexibility with this. Children have also watched online pantomimes and EYFS had a live show called 'The Little Elf'.

Uniform

We almost have all school uniform in place now. We are just waiting for a few items for children who have joined recently. If you wish to order more uniform, here is the website to use:

www.stitchdesign.co.uk

From January, children must not wear their own clothes to school, unless they are still waiting for uniform. They also must not wear old jumpers – these should have been handed in to the office by now.

Clubs

Clubs will start on Monday 10th January. Judy will send out the information when we return to school so parents can sign up. The cost will be £2 per club.

Punctuality

As we return in January, can all parents please make an extra effort to bring children to school on time. They should all be in the classroom for 9am – running through the gate at 9am means they will still be late to class. Children will all tell you that they don't like being late into school.

Swimming

Year 6 will continue to swim for another 6 weeks. After half term, it will then move to Year 5. If you have time, please do take your children swimming during the holidays – it is such an important skill for children to learn.

Ella – Social Worker

Ella (our school-based social worker) is working for some days next week so please contact her if you need anything. Her number is 07866 031572. You can phone or whatsapp her. If you want some information about activities over Christmas, she can help with this.

	Events	Clubs 3.30pm – 4.15pm
Monday 3 rd January		No clubs this week
Tuesday 4 th January		
Wednesday 5 th January	Photographer in school	
Thursday 6 th January		
Friday 7 th January	Y6 swimming	

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