



**Respect Resilience High Expectations**

It's been very busy this week with plays, parties and festive celebrations. Thank you so much to all of the parents who have come along to support their children – it really is a lovely time of year. And a big thank you to Miss Holford and all the parents who helped to organise the Christmas Fair last week. I hope that you all manage to get some rest over the holidays and come back fully re-charged on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

## KS2 Parents

I understand that some parents of children in Y3 and Y4 are still coming into the KS2 corridor in the morning. Please can we now end this as the children are old enough to sort themselves out. If you need to get a message to the teacher then please pass it on through the person who is supervising the door. Teachers are always available in the playground after school to talk to you.

## Reading Week

The first week back after Christmas is going to be really exciting! See the back of the newsletter for further details. There will be workshops for parents in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> January on supporting your children at home with reading and then some maths ones later in the spring term. Details to follow...

## Swimming

Last term Y6 and Y4 went swimming at Ibstock Place School. They either walked or got the bus. After Christmas, Y5 will start swimming every Friday. Y6 will have 2 more weeks (as they missed their last 2 sessions) and then Y4 will continue until Easter. This will give Y4 some additional weeks to help improve their swimming skills.

## Website of the week

[www.heathmereprimary.org/homework1](http://www.heathmereprimary.org/homework1)

You will find lots of links to others sites on here

19<sup>th</sup> December 2014

## School Improvement

This week has been about writing action plans and preparing for Spring Term. The main focuses for the staff will be maths, the outdoor environment in Early Years, Special Educational Needs (as we welcome our new Assistant Head and SENCO Ms Salih in January) and the National Curriculum.

## Coughs and Colds

Please spend some time over the holidays reminding your children about how to sneeze into tissues, cover their mouths with their hands when coughing and wash their hands properly. No one wants to be catching bugs and good personal hygiene will help prevent the spread of germs.

## Strengthening Families

We are hoping to restart the Strengthening Families parent group in the New Year. We tried to get one started last year but we didn't have enough people to sustain it. I really hope that we can have another go at putting a group together. Please speak to Miss Grant (our Family Link Worker) if you are interested in joining.

## Attendance

Highest attendance: 6J, 3S and 2W with 99%  
 Whole school attendance since September: 94.9%  
 Most punctual class: 6P (again!)  
 Individual attendance winners: Harvey (5F), Farid (1H), Masroor (2W), Yaasir (6J) and Tariq (3S)  
 Well done to Neptune for the most house points.  
 Smartest Class: 6J

Attendance has really dropped over the last 2 weeks. Please can we have another big effort in January!

	Events	Clubs
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Author visit to Nursery, Reception Year 1 and Year 2 Y3 to the library Author book sale after school	Y1/2 football club
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	9am Mini Boost for parents of Early Years children	There will be a letter sent out in the first week about other clubs
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Story teller in Nursery and Reception Author visit to Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Y1 and Y5 to the library Author book sale after school	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	After school book swap	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 and Y6 swimming Y2, Y4 and Y6 to the library	