



It feels like a very late finish to the term this year so I think that everyone is really ready for the break! Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year and to wish you all a restful and happy Christmas.

Winter Fair

What a great day we had last Friday! Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Winter Fair. I think you will agree that it was an amazing event that was enjoyed by everyone. A special thanks to Mr Yeoman for his saxophone playing and the ladies who ran the kitchen – the music was brilliant and the food was delicious. Thank you to all the staff who stayed to help and a special thanks to Miss Agypong and Miss Green who led the organisation. There were also lots of other people who helped along the way.

Well done to the raffle winners:

Xhyriel * Lena * Albin * Masheed * Iziah
Pawel * Ruby W * Jayden * Antoni * Natalia *
Kayson * Riley OB * Niketh * Alfie.U * Harsh *
Tyrell * Lawk * Oliver.J * Bazil * Liban * Maeda *

Overall the Fair raised £800

Visit to Parliament

I had the great honour of being asked to take some Y6 children to talk at a Parliamentary event about how we use PATHS at Heathmere. Brynee, Roland and Isla were fantastic representatives of Heathmere. Apparently it is very rare for children to be asked to contribute at Parliamentary events so well done to the three children for speaking so well.

Parliament was lots of fun even though we all got nervous.) Brynee (G+)

It was an honour to meet the people who were there (Roland G+)

It was once in a life time experience (Isla G+)

Clubs

Letters will come out at the start of the first week back with the information about clubs. Please do encourage the children to attend and talk to either Matt of the office if you have any queries.

	Events	Clubs
Monday 7 th January	9am school starts	No clubs this week – letters will come out this week to start on 14 th January
Tuesday 8 th January		
Wednesday 9 th January	Some children to an athletics event	
Thursday 10 th January		
Friday 11 th January		

School Improvement

Mr Burton, Mr Howland, Mr Cooper and I met on Monday to look at the progress of all the Y6 children. I am sure you all know that they have SATS tests in May and it is important that we carefully track every child's progress to make sure they are doing as well as they possibly can. Lots of children are working hard so we need to keep pushing forward with his momentum.

Staffing Update

Miss White (Reception teacher and KS1 leader) will be getting married over the Christmas holidays. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her all the best on her special day. She will then be starting her maternity leave at the end of January. I will let the Ladybird class parents know once I have secured her replacement. Miss Hussein (1H teacher) will be taking over as KS1 leader while Miss White is on maternity leave. Also, Mrs Lipinska and Mr Burton are going to be taking on some additional responsibilities around leading parts of Literacy

Mrs Kennedy and I have interviewed this week to for a Learning Mentor to replace Mr Meghie. Unfortunately, we have not been successful in appointing anyone so we will re-advertise in 2019.

Reading

Please make sure that your children are reading books over the Christmas Holidays. Encouraging your children to read and enjoy books is the most important thing that you can do for their education – please make sure your children are supported with this.

Attendance

I really hope we have managed to keep up our attendance this week. Overall, our attendance is improving but we need to keep it as a focus. We will be holding School Attendance Panel meetings for parents of children whose attendance is causing a concern so please look out for the letters and speak to Tracey Green if you have any queries.