



Please come along and support our Winter Fair next Friday. School finishes at 3pm so the Fair can get underway. The Friends of Heathmere have been working hard to put it together so please come and support them.

P2B Being is Believing

We held a showcase event here on Thursday on behalf of Place2Be. Its purpose was to share with a wider audience what Place2Be represents and how important it is to have organisations such as this working in primary schools. Y1 and Y2 sang beautifully to open the event and a group of children also spoke. There were 35 people who attended and the feedback was very positive.

Lantern Parade

Thank you to those parents who came along and joined the last-minute lantern parade! The lanterns and the samba band were definitely the highlights!

Lost Property

Please put your children's names in everything and make sure you return any items that come home which don't belong to you. There is a River Island coat aged 10-11 that is currently missing – please look out for it. Lost property is held at the front desk.

Staff Changes

Sadly, we have some staff changes in the new year. Miss Hammond (1H teacher) is leaving to go travelling before taking up a teaching position in Thailand in September. She will be replaced by Miss Tharmabalan who is a new teacher to our school. Mrs Chapman (6C teacher) will start her maternity leave some time in January. Miss Simonelli (office receptionist) is leaving to work in a secondary school. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best in their future.

School Improvement

This week, we have met to discuss the learning and progress of all children in Year 1. Many children are making very good progress but I was surprised at the number of children who are not reading regularly at home. Learning to read is one of the most important things your children will ever learn to do so please make reading a priority at home. We also visited Hotham School on Tuesday evening to share our literacy books and moderate together to ensure both schools are setting high expectations in writing.

Governors

I would like to formally welcome Farouk Abdi (father of Yaacob 6C, Ali 4T, Amira 1M and Adam 1H) as a new parent governor. As you know, we were struggling to recruit new parent governors and Mr Abdi kindly stepped into the role. We have several other new co-opted governors who have joined the committee. If you are interested, please look at the governors' page on the school website or come and speak to me. I will be writing to you again in the new year about the final vacancy for parent governor.

Attendance

Attendance was not good last week – it needs to be at least 95%. Please come to school every day on time.

	Attendance	Lates		Attendance	Lates
RL	93.3% ↓	3 ↔	RB	94.2%	4 ↓
1H	94.0% ↓	4 ↓	1M	95.6% ↓	4 ↓
2L	93.5% ↓	5 ↓			
3M	94.5% ↓	6 ↓	3H	97.6% ↑	3 ↓
4R	87.1% ↓	5 ↑	4T	93.9% ↓	4 ↑
5D	96.7% ↓	4 ↑	5B	95.5% ↓	9 ↓
6C	95.0% ↑	7 ↓	6B	93.3% ↑	8 ↓

Overall attendance for 27th Nov – 4th Dec: 93.5%

Individual attendance winners: Mahid 2L and Aleena 6B

	Events	Clubs
Monday 11 th December	4T to Roehampton Library Y6 to Ibstock to watch Christmas Show	Y4/5/6 Ninja Fit – Mr Meghie
Tuesday 12 th December	Nursery visiting the Post Box	Y1/2/3/4/5/6 Performing Arts – Mr Meghie Y1/2/3 Football – Matt
Wednesday 13 th December	2.30pm Zippy's show for Y1 and Y2 parents	Y1/2/3 Ninja Fit – Mr Meghie Y5/6 American Football – Mr Burton
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch	Y4/5/6 Football Team Training – Matt Y1/2/3/4/5/6 Yoga – Mr Meghie Y5/6 Cooking – Mrs McNamara
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Winter Fair – school closes at 3pm	