



**Respect Resilience High Expectations**

6<sup>th</sup> February 2015

This week saw the first snow of the year – thank you for making sure that your children still came to school! You know how much we value your child’s attendance.

## UNICEF Day for Change

Thank you to everyone who came in dressed in blue on Thursday to support UNICEF Day for Change. The children found out about the work of UNICEF and looked at how children have been helped in the Philippines after the typhoon last year.

## West African cooking

This week Reception classes have been reading 'The Leopard's Drum' by Jessica Souhami, an Asante tale from West Africa. Karim's mum Eugenia came in to Reception for us to taste her home-cooked Ghanaian Jollof Rice. We learned about the ingredients and the process of cooking Jollof rice, then we baked and ate West African Benne Wafers!

## Parent Governor

Sadly Uzma Butt has decided to step down from her position as parent governor. This means that there is a vacancy for a parent on the Governing Body. There is a letter coming out that has all the details. Our current parent governors are Karen Abbott (Chanie’s mum in 3S) and Gona Amin (Honey’s mum in 3S) so please feel free to talk to either of them about the role if you are interested. Alternatively, Mr Cooper and I are available most mornings on the gate (I stand on the Alton Road gate) or in the KS2 playground at the end of the day.

## Website of the week

For lots of links and ideas for learning times tables go to: [www.mathsisfun.com/tables](http://www.mathsisfun.com/tables)

## School Improvement

On Tuesday, the Governing Body attended training to examine ways that it can support the school on its journey to Outstanding over the next few years. It is an important part of school improvement for the Governors to hold the school to account and support the school to become even better.

Meanwhile, all the teachers have been planning the curriculum for when we come back after half term. There will be more new topics and exciting learning opportunities!

## ‘Bug Club’ books

Please could you return any school ‘Bug Club’ books that your child has taken home - there are lots missing!

## School Library

We are in the process of designing a library for the school. We don’t have one at the moment and so we are looking forward to getting one set up. It will be in the room that is currently used for breakfast club and after school club. Some initial designs are up in the main reception area so please do pop in to have a look!

## Attendance

Well done to 5F and 6P who both achieved their class mufti days but getting their HEATHMERE SCHOOL letters for punctuality and attendance. Remember you get one letter for every day that all children in the class are in school and on time.

Highest attendance: 6J, 6P and 3S with 99%  
 Most punctual class: 6P and 6J (with no lates again!)  
 Whole school attendance since September: 94.4%  
 Individual attendance winners: Ryu, Ozgur, Muhammed (all year 6) Elyas and Alvin (both year 4).  
 Smartest class: well done Ladybird!

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